

Swan Song Retrofit Trailer

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Based on the stage play  
By the Way, Meet Ver Stark  
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INT. WINGS OF A THEATER

HENRIETTA SWAN, a middle aged actress and MEG VAN DER WAL, a much younger actress are standing in the wings of a theater. HENRIETTA looks dramatically away from MEG.

HENRIETTA

I can't take it any longer.

SUPER: A thrilling SECRET!

INT. A DRESSING ROOM - NIGHT

MEG, sitting away from a dressing-room mirror talks almost in tears to ELIAS WHITE, an innocent-looking young man.

MEG

But you don't understand, I owe her everything! I wouldn't even have met you if it weren't for her! What ever am I going to do now?

ELIAS

No matter what you choose, I know you'll do the right thing.

SUPER: An agonizing DILEMMA!

INT. A LAVISH LIVING ROOM - DAY

THURSTON VAN DER WAL is standing next to HENRIETTA. Both look very dignified.

THURSTON

I would like to apologize for my daughter's recent behavior. This is all very unlike her. She's usually so... so mild.

SUPER: A STORY about PASSION ITSELF!

INT. WINGS OF A THEATER

HENRIETTA is now looking at MEG.

HENRIETTA

Every night they look at me and I'm afraid that one day, they'll see the truth.

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MEG  
You didn't do anything wrong! It  
was all me!

INT. A LAVISH LIVING ROOM - DAY

MEG is sitting on the floor, her head in the lap of CLARA, a colored woman in a maid's uniform, crying.

MEG  
Oh, Clara, I just don't know what  
to do any more! You're the only one  
I can still trust! Tell me! What  
should I do?

CLARA  
Your heart already knows the  
answer. Just open yourself to it.

MEG buries herself in tears the maid's lap. Violins play passionately.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)  
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present...

INT. WINGS OF A THEATER

HENRIETTA, ready to walk onto the stage in radiant.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)  
Angela Cartwright, as Henrietta  
Swan, an actress ready to do  
anything for her art.

INT. A DRESSING ROOM

MEG is about to walk out of the room and ELIAS is gently holding her back by the hand.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)  
Chad Johnson as Elias White, a  
caring but misled lover.

ELIAS  
You need to know that whatever  
happens out there, I'll always love  
you.

INT. A LAVISH LIVING ROOM - DAY

THURSTON is looking away from CLARA, the maid.

THURSTON

I just don't want to see my  
daughter get hurt!

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Jerome Perry as overbearing father  
Thurston Van Der Wal.

The focus shifts on the maid, CLARA.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Vera Stark as Clara, the reluctant  
keeper of many secrets.

INT. WINGS OF A THEATER

MEG is looking towards the stage, glowing in its light.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

And introducing, Julie Miller as  
young Meg, the rising star of the  
stage.

INT. A DRESSING ROOM

HENRIETTA and MEG are facing each other. HENRIETTA is  
holding MEG's hands.

HENRIETTA

It can't be changed now. Tonight  
will be the very last performance  
for one of us.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

A story of love true to the human  
heart, about people who will stop  
at nothing for what they believe  
in.

MEG

I'm ready.

SUPER: SWAN SONG

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

This summer, whatever you do, don't  
miss "Swan Song"!