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EXT. WEBSTER HOUSE -- GARDEN -- SIMULTANEOUS

Judith is tending to her perfect rose garden. Behind her, Victoria Conlin, Judith's sister, appears. She looks around to see if anyone is watching. She's nervous and upset.

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VICTORIA

Judith.

Judith, startled, accidentally snips off a rose bloom.

JUDITH

Victoria! Don't sneak up on me like that. Look at my Marchesa Bocella. That was a prize-winning bloom.

VICTORIA

Judith. I have to talk to Daniel.

JUDITH

He's golfing with Roger Northrup.

VICTORIA

Oh, God.

JUDITH

You're perspiring. What's wrong?

VICTORIA

(breaking down)

Charlie's gone. I think he left me.

JUDITH

Oh, Victoria, don't be dramatic. Honestly. Why would Charles leave you? You just lost all that weight.

VICTORIA

(in tears)

I... I think he took the money.

JUDITH

Money? What money? The family money?

VICTORIA

The church money. For the renovation.

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VICTORIA₂

The blood drains out of Judith's face. She looks around, and sees a gardener in the distance. Just to be on the safe side, she begins to herd Victoria towards the house.

JUDITH

Come inside. I'm certain you're wrong.

(then)

You haven't said anything to anyone?

Victoria shakes her head. Judith is somewhat relieved.

JUDITH (CONT'D)

I'll make tea. Everything will be fine.

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