

PAMELA

Stanley strikes me as one of the few clear voices in the present age. But I'm sure that's not telling you anything you don't already know. Your husband is a very great man.

KATHERINE

Is he.

PAMELA

I think so.

KATHERINE

You mean, because he can write?

PAMELA

I think it's more that he knows how to live. His ability to write simply allows him to convey that knowledge to the rest of us.

KATHERINE

(after a moment, measured)

My husband is a human being, Miss Avery.

PAMELA

(puzzled)

Why did you feel compelled to tell me that?

KATHERINE

I thought it needed saying.

PAMELA

What did you suppose I thought him to be?

KATHERINE

A super-human being.

PAMELA

Your husband...

(Beat)

KATHERINE

Yes?

PAMELA

(after a moment, carefully)

I'm not sure we share the same understanding of what it means to be human.

KATHERINE

I'm inclined to agree.