

**Fink:** And I found this inside the clock. (*hands over a large key*)

**Katz:** Wonder what this could be for. (*puts them in box – to Haw.*) And you?

**Hawthorne:** I did find something very interesting, but I prefer to keep it to myself – for now.

**Katz:** That is fine – (*pointedly*) for now. Let us take everything back to the cave and see . . . (*voices of Hugo and Mirella outside the door*) Quick – hide!

*Fire drill. They hide in the clock, behind the bookcase, under the desk, on the steps DL.*

*Mirella and Hugo enter door UR.*

**Mirella:** (*enters first*) Thank you so much for being there.

**Hugo:** My pleasure, Miss. (*takes off cape, hangs it on hook above umbrella stand, turns up sconces*)

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**Mirella:** I – I’m awfully embarrassed really. Crying like that.

**Hugo:** No need to be embarrassed. It happens.

**Mirella:** But I’m usually not like that. I mean, I don’t cry.

**Hugo:** But you should. My sister says she always feels better after a good cry.

**Mirella:** (*bitter*) Your sister.

**Hugo:** Yes, my sister. What’s wrong.

**Mirella:** I’m not sure anymore. I thought I hated her because – because . . .

**Hugo:** Maybe because my friend Leander pays attention to her – and not you?

**Mirella:** Y- yes. Maybe. But now I’m not so sure.

**Hugo:** Maybe because now – you know me?

**Mirella:** (*suddenly shy*) Maybe.

## **Music #21 Song: Maybe – Hugo, Mirella**

*Verse – Hugo:*

*Life can be an unkind thing.*

*No one has found the reason why*

*People do cruel and heartless things.*

*Things that will make you cry.*