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Tamara leans on the banister watching the riot of rush hour traffic down below. Spider, in his wheelchair, kneads the rubber ball.

TAMARA

When I was little I thought I could see the whole world from here...and that I must be the luckiest person.

SPIDER

Ain't the pretty toy land it looks like from up here.

TAMARA

How do you stand it? The noise. The smell.

SPIDER

That's where it's at, baby. That's where it lives.

TAMARA

Don't you ever want to get away?

SPIDER

Well, sometimes I do... There's a train, runs behind my digs. Sits there all night as they load it with freight. In the morning it heads for the coast. San Francisco, I think. Sometimes I wanna jump on the roof, you know. Ride it all the way across America and back. Wouldn't that be the end?

He bounces the ball off the wall.

TAMARA

I wish...things didn't have to change.

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SPIDER

Didi's very sick, isn't he?
(off her nod)
What are you gonna do when he...?

TAMARA

Don't know. Stay here, probably.

SPIDER

Don't know what you're missing.

She smiles the smallest of smiles. The wind stirs her dress, her hair. Then dies. Lights twinkle.

SPIDER

When I was a kid I never thought I'd make 18.

TAMARA

Why not?

SPIDER

Skinny kid. Tough neighborhood. Not that I had the glooms or anything. Just figured I'd have a bender, then snuff it in the best outlaw tradition. My mom always said: "That's just the way the little ball bounces". She said that about everything.

TAMARA

When do you turn 18?

SPIDER

Coupla months.

TAMARA

Looks like you're going to make it.

SPIDER

I don't know. Only takes a second to get knifed down there. Even less to catch a bullet.

TAMARA

You're safe up here.

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SPIDER

Yeah, but you don't think I'm hanging around here much longer, do you?

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TAMARA

Any last wishes...in case you don't make it?

SPIDER

Just one...

He could ravish her with those eyes. She draws back a little, flushing. The kiss that never was hangs between them.

SPIDER

...a cigarette.

She socks him in the shoulder.

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