

MAE/ALI SIDE

MAE

I'm so sorry... our last night...

MAE

Should I just call them and say I changed my mind?

ALI

Don't be silly.

MAE

...Ladders?

ALI

Mae,

MAE

Please?

ALI

How many rungs?

MAE

Five.

He takes a deep breath, thinks for a moment.

ALI

We live in Paris.

MAE

Our apartment is tiny... but it sits right over a bakery.

ALI

I get us a fresh baguette every Sunday.

MAE

We share it with our neighbors, Marguerite and Pierre, who we love dearly.

ALI

We never get tired. We get sleepy. We still sleep. But we never get tired.

Their eyes are lost in a far-away vision.

MAE

I can see it.

Me too. ALI

Beat.

Mae, ALI

Not yet. MAE

It's time to climb down. ALI

I know. MAE