

***STAR ACTING* at ESPA**  
**MONOLOGUES FOR MEN**  
**by Charles Busch**

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*RED SCARE ON SUNSET*, MALCOLM, Page 85 Samuel French, Page 255 CB anthology

1950's Hollywood. Malcolm, former beautician and then butler to the film star, Mary Dale Taggart, was a misguided member of the Communist Party. Hounded out because of his homosexuality, he ends up at Mary's hospital bed, where she's recovering from a suicide attempt.

MALCOLM

I've been many places, but they follow me everywhere. The party. I thought I could break away but they were right. There's no dark corner to hide in. Mrs. Taggart, you were the only one who was ever nice to me in this whole stinkin' town. I came here from Secaucus, New Jersey, an idealistic young cosmetologist with a dream. Hungry to change the world and invent a new form of hair weave. The party promised to fight for tolerance for my people and supply me with human hair. It was all a sham. People tell me I have my whole life ahead of me. I gave that up the day I walked into that building on Sunset. I just wanted to say goodbye. (*Slightly mad*) This is a lovely hospital room, so high above the ground. The fifth floor, isn't it? I guess I finally made it to the top.

(He jumps out the window.)