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I'll tell you what ghosts know. They know what they did wrong in life. It's all they can think about. That and a second chance -- which never comes. Right, dad? (*POLONIUS shrugs*) Dad talked too much in life. You see where that got him. Now he's afraid to open his mouth. It's really the only good thing I can say about being dead. Hey, dad I think I'm still in love with Hamlet. What should I do? (*POLONIUS tries to advise her*) Do you really want to know what he's been yearning to say when he comes to see you? The truth -- that's all. About anything. When he was alive, he couldn't tell the truth even when he tried. Now he won't say anything until he can be absolutely sure it's true. Which, of course, is never. Isn't that right, Dad? (*POLONIUS exits*) I was the fool in life. Now it's him.