

ACT TWO

SCENE ONE

#13 – Entr'acte/Opening Act II

(In the darkness a light picks out a hand. The fingers snap and the lights come up on Christine's Hotel Suite, as we were just moments before the end of Act One. FREDDY sits in the wheelchair; CHRISTINE stands at the door.)

ENSEMBLE

OO OO OO OO WONDERFUL!
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CHRISTINE

(with fanfare)

Presenting Dr. Emil Shüffhausen!

(The door slowly opens to reveal LAWRENCE smiling and confident with a Viennese accent.)

LAWRENCE

Good evening, Sergeant Benson.

FREDDY

Whoa, whoa, whoa; hold on. Didn't we do this part already?

LAWRENCE

I know, but I enjoyed it so much the first time...

FREDDY

Aw, geez.

LAWRENCE

As I told Miss Colgate, I am here on vacation from my clinic.

(leans in to FREDDY and gives him a slightly dangerous smile)

Small world, yes?

CHRISTINE

It's like a miracle.

FREDDY

(beat, then cheerfully for her benefit)

Hallelujah.

LAWRENCE

Now let's have a look at those legs, shall we? I understand you are completely numb from the waist down, is that correct?

FREDDY

Yes, sir.

LAWRENCE

No feeling whatsoever?

FREDDY

That's right.

LAWRENCE

Hm.

(pulls up FREDDY'S pants leg)

Hosen.

(removes FREDDY'S shoe)

Shoe.

(removes FREDDY'S sock)

Zocka.

(sniffs it)

Shmutzig.

(takes out feather)

Mein fedder... See if you feel this –

(tickles FREDDY'S foot)

Tickle, tickle, tickle.

(FREDDY tries to keep from laughing.)

FREDDY

...No.

LAWRENCE

I see. So...

#14 – Rüffhousin' Mit Shüffhausen

(wiggles FREDDY'S bare big toe.)

THIS LITTLE PIGGY SAYS –

FREDDY

–N OTHING.