

Scene 2: Party/Rudi's death

Characters: Amy, Dora, Edmund, Jonathan, Julia, Mitzi, Patrick, Phillipa, Rudi

(The Auditorium is set up in Ballroom fashion. We see Julia setting up flowers on a cabinet and Bunny is sitting on a sofa knitting. Mitzi is running around busily in the background.)

Mitzi: I really think this breeds evil. The raven I saw this morning, this omen, it is all showing that death is at our door!

Julia: Just calm down Mitzi, it'll all be fine.

Mitzi: You young English, never understanding the gravity of the situation!

Jonathan: Thank you very much Mitzi. (Mitzi leaves) Don't worry about him Julia, with my niece and nephew being here, he's already busy enough as it is.

Julia: Understood uncle, my apologies. Oh hey, Patrick, do you know who's coming tonight?

(Patrick comes in and sits on the couch)

Patrick: No, I didn't really speak to anyone.

Dora: Julia, Patrick, I want you guys fully dressed up and on your best behavior for tonight's event. I'm sure that your parents raised the two of you well, but just to emphasize, we have to make the best impression in our household. Now go help us all out with the preparations!

Jonathan: Let's not overwork them, we only recently just met them, we don't want to cause resentment towards us. Besides, I am feeling quite nervous for tonight

Dora: You're not letting Mitzi's words get to you, Jin, are you? Whatever he's blabbing about is all nonsense. It's clearly only meant to scare us. I'm sure the prankster will reveal themselves tonight.

Julia: I sure hope so, a murder is nothing to joke about.

Patrick: (Stands up) Lighten up, everyone, lets just enjoy ourselves tonight.

(The doorbell rings. Dora goes to open the door and it's Amy. Everyone greets Amy and she enters the room)

Amy: Oh my, look at how the preparation for tomorrow's birthday party is going! Now what is all this stupid murder nonsense about? Is it one of those old fashioned crime dinners that boring people like you two organize?

Jonathan: Actually, we are as clueless about this matter as you are.

Amy: What do you mean?

(The doorbell rings again. Patrick opens the door as Phillipa enters, quickly followed by Edmund)

Julia: Philippa! You've made it!

Edmund: Yes, we're here to find the killer

Amy: (Laughs) As if you could solve a murder mystery

Patrick: There is no killer, because this isn't some murder mystery event. I'm sorry to disappoint you. None of us made the advertisement in the newspaper.

Philippa: What? Hmm... Now that is strange indeed.

Dora: *Oh whatever... if God gives us an opportunity to party, we party!*

(Mitzi enters)

Mitzi: Cocktails are served (Stands into the background)

(Everyone starts speaking and talking, maybe even interacting with the audience. At one point, ball music starts and everyone starts dancing together a little bit.)

(Clock hits 7)

Amy: It's 7 PM. What happens now?

(lights suddenly turn off. Everyone screams and yells)

Philippa: What the hell! What just happened!

Julia: The light's must've cut off

Edmund: It's okay Philippa! I'll protect you!

Amy: How about you help me find a way to get the light back on instead?

(The door creaks open and shut. A torch is shown into the audience, blinding everyone.)

Rudi: Guys! Hands in the air! Everyone! I said! Hands in the Air!

(Make sure nobody gets seen by the audience in the dark)

(Three gunshots are heard followed by screaming and the closing of the torch, then followed up with silence)

Amy: What the hell was that. Is everyone ok?

Jonathan: I think I'm okay, but there's something with my ear

Dora: What the hell is going on! Someone find a way to get light back in! This was like that movie we watched during the Summer holiday...

Julia: (Interrupts with scream) There's something on the floor

Patrick: I found the electric box. Can someone help?

Philippa: I'll help!

(The lights turn back on. Patrick & Philippa standing by the switch. Screams as everyone points at Jonathan)

Dora: Jin! Your ear, it's bleeding!

Jonathan: A bullet must've grazed it.

Julia: Look at the floor! There's a body on the floor!

(Everyone huddles around and turns Rudi around)

Dora: That's the man who was asking you for money today! He's the Swiss man!

Edmund: We met him as well, such a strange fellow...

Mitzi: The omen, it came true! I told you all, you all should've listened to me! Stupid ignorant people, you don't understand. Especially you, you would've died, if that bullet flew a bit more to the left!

(Mitzi storms off)

Edmund: He has a point, you were the one being aimed at. He was... he was trying to kill you!

Jonathan: And then he shot himself? Don't be silly.

Dora: He has a point Jin.

Jonathan: John.

Dora: John, you're not safe.

Philippa: I can't stay here anymore, I have to go home.

Amy: Me too, I must go now. I didn't think this place could get any creepier, but you guys did it again!

(Philippa, Amy and Edmund leave)