

## ACT TWO

## SCENE 4

SIDES  
LORD ADALBERT  
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LADY EUGENIA

*The Great Hall, Highhurst Castle. The rather grand LADY EUGENIA D'YSQUITH [50's] straightens the medals on the jacket of her husband, LORD ADALBERT. MUSIC fades out.*

START

LORD ADALBERT

I'm famished. What are we eating?

LADY EUGENIA

Everything to drive you to an early grave.

LORD ADALBERT

It can't be soon enough, as long as you're living.

LADY EUGENIA

You'd better hope I die before you. Otherwise, I shall feed your remains to the hounds.

LORD ADALBERT

I'm counting on you having a prolonged illness, every inch of you covered with leeches. And I shall savor the act of applying each of them myself. Speaking of leeches, who the devil have you invited to sponge off us *this* weekend?

(MR. GORBY, a butler, announces the guests.)

MR. GORBY

Miss Phoebe D'Ysquith and Mr. Montague D'Ysquith Navarro.

(MONTY enters, with PHOEBE on his arm, looking spectacular. It's a rather different entrance than the one HE made as a tourist.)

LADY EUGENIA

Adalbert, you remember Miss D'Ysquith, of course.

(PHOEBE curtsies to LORD and LADY D'YSQUITH.)

LORD ADALBERT

Which one are you?

PHOEBE

Phoebe, sister of the late Henry D'Ysquith.

LORD ADALBERT

They're all named Henry!

LADY EUGENIA

It's been far too long, my dear. I trust your trip was tolerable?

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LORD ADALBERT

Half the family's named Henry! Lack of imagination.

PHOEBE

Oh, quite, Ma'am. With Mr. Navarro as my companion, it seemed to take no time at all. Mr. Navarro, I don't believe you've yet met the Earl and his Countess, Lady D'Ysquith.

LORD ADALBERT

So you're the young ragger they're all talking about. I suppose your name is Henry, too!

LADY EUGENIA

It's Montague.

LORD ADALBERT

Oh, that's a first.

(MONTY bows respectfully.)

MONTY

An honour to meet you, at last.

END

#18 - Final Warning

(Two ANCESTRAL BUSTS come alive and sing to MONTY)

ANCESTRAL BUST 1

MONTY NAVARRO!

YOU'RE HERE BY INVITATION!

MONTY

(To LADY EUGENIA:)

DELIGHTED, COUNTESS.

ANCESTRAL BUST 2

MONTY NAVARRO!

YOU'VE WORMED YOUR WAY BACK IN!

LADY EUGENIA

CHARMED.

BOTH ANCESTRAL BUSTS

BUT PLEASE RESIST THE SLIGHTEST INCLINATION  
TO FEEL AT HOME!