

Unforeseen Disgrace

Father Bridaine

HOW WERE MY PRIDE AND HONOR ABLE
TO REMOVE ME FROM THAT TABLE
ALL I HAD TO DO WAS EAT AND GET FAT
WHAT DID IT MATTER WHERE I SAT?

(From the opposite side enter Master Blazius, unseen by Bridaine)

Master Blazius

WRETCHED FATE CAME TO ME
WHEN I SUCCUMBED TO MY CURIOSITY
ALL I DID WAS TELL THE BARON WHAT I HEARD
NOW I'M LEFT DREAMING
OF EATING A SUCCULENT BIRD!

Both

OH, UNFORSEEN DISGRACE
TO BE BANISHED FROM THAT NOBLE PLACE
HOW I MISS THOSE JUICY DISHES

Father Bridaine

WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?
IT'S TWELVE O'CLOCK, THEY'RE LIKELY AT THE TABLE
A TRAVESTY!
TWO HONEYED HAMS
A LEG OF LAMB
ALL ROASTED TO PERFECTION ON THE HEARTH!

Master Blazius

BANISHED FROM THE BARON'S PLACE
HOW CAN I FACE
A LIFE OUTSIDE THE DINING HALL FOR ALL TIME?
I DID SOMETHING WRONG
AND NOW I LONG
TO DRINK ALL THAT DELICIOUS BOTTLED WINE!

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(The two see each other for the first time. The following

Master Blazius

Father Bridaine!

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Master Blazius! What are you doing here?

Master Blazius

Alas, Father! The Baron has dismissed me!

Father Bridaine

Can it be true?

Master Blazius

I mistakenly accused Miss Camille of having a secret correspondence, and yet, I swear, I saw, or thought I saw Dame Pluche jumping in the clover!

Father Bridaine

What are you saying?

Master Blazius

The truth! I am in disgrace for stealing a bottle of wine!

Father Bridaine

What does all this talk of stolen bottles have to do with secret letters and jumps in the clover?!

Master Blazius

Help me, I beg of you! I am an honorable man!

FATHER BRIDAINÉ, PLEASE INTERCEDE
I AM IN NEED
OF AN INTERMEDIARY

Father Bridaine

(Aside)

IT'S THE ANSWER TO MY PRAYERS
THE LORD SAW FIT TO SEAT ME IN THAT BLESSED CHAIR!

Master Blazius

I'D BE GRATEFUL IF YOU'D TAKE THE TIME
AND LISTEN TO MY STORY

Father Bridaine

I'M IN A RUSH
AND BESIDES
IT'S NEVER WISE
TO BE CONSORTING IN BROAD DAYLIGHT WITH A LUSH!

(Exiting)

Fly to the feast! Swell my stomach!