

INNKEEPER(MORDKA), LAZAR WOLF, TEVYE SCENE

LAZAR: REB MORDCHA

INNKEEPER (MORDCHA): YES, LAZAR WOLF.

LAZAR: PLEASE BRING ME A BOTTLE OF YOUR BEST BRANDY AND TWO GLASSES.

INNKEEPER: WHAT'S THE OCCASION, A PARTY?

LAZAR: MAYBE A PARTY. MAYBE EVEN A WEDDING.

INNKEEPER: WELL...RIGHT AWAY!

TEVYE: (ENTERING) GOOD EVENING.

INNKEEPER: GOOD EVENING, TEVYE.

TEVYE: (POINTING TO LAZAR) HE WANTS TO BUY MY NEW MILK COW. GOOD EVENING, REB LAZAR.

LAZAR: AH, TEVYE--SIT DOWN. HAVE A DRINK. TEVYE--I SUPPOSE YOU KNOW WHY I WANTED TO SEE YOU.

TEVYE: (DRINKS) YES, I DO REB LAZAR, BUT THERE IS NO USE TALKING ABOUT IT.

LAZAR (UPSET): WHY NOT?

TEVYE: WHY YES? WHY SHOULD I GET RID OF HER?

LAZAR: WELL, YOU HAVE A FEW MORE WITHOUT HER.

TEVYE: I SEE! TODAY YOU WANT ONE. TOMORROW YOU MIGHT WANT TWO.

LAZAR: TWO? WHAT WOULD I DO WITH TWO?

TEVYE: THE SAME AS YOU DO WITH ONE!

LAZAR: I WAS TALKING ABOUT YOUR DAUGHTER. YOUR DAUGHTER, TZEITEL!

TEVYE: MY DAUGHTER TZEITEL?

LAZAR: OF COURSE, YOUR DAUGHTER TZEITEL! I SEE HER IN MY BUTCHER SHOP EVERY THURSDAY. SHE'S MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION ON ME...I LIKE HER AND I WILL BE GOOD TO HER, TEVYE. I LIKE HER...WHAT DO YOU THINK?

TEVYE: (TO AUDIENCE) WHAT DO I THINK? YOU CAN HAVE A FINE CONVERSATION WITH HIM IF YOU TALK ABOUT KIDNEYS AND LIVERS...ON THE OTHER HAND, NOT EVERYBODY HAS TO BE A SCHOLAR? MAYBE I MISJUDGED HIM. HE IS A GOOD MAN, HE LIKES HER, HE WILL TRY TO MAKE HER HAPPY. (TURNS TO LAZAR) WHAT DO I THINK? IT'S A MATCH.