

Dr. ACULA M.D.

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Cast

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| Jonathan Seward | | Mrs. Miggins | Removal Man1 |
| Hertz Van Rental | Hans | | Peasant 1 |
| Dr. Acula | Neece | Mr. Miggins | Peasant 2 |
| Avis Van Rental | Boomsendaisy | Nurse Robin | Peasant 3 |

Removal Man2 to be played by STAGE MANAGER
(or Removal Man1 by Dr.Acula and Removal Man2 by Seward)

General

Dr. Acula runs a research clinic, at Castle Dracula in Transylvania, The clinic is trying to find a cure for High Blood Pressure using a serum developed from Vampire Bats. Nurse Robin helps him run the clinic. He also has three servants; Hans, Neece and Boomsendaisy.

Jonathan Seward is a student at Carfax University in Essex where he studies under Professor Hertz Van Rental . He is also engaged to the Professor's daughter, Avis.

Scene 1

A Village near Castle Dracula, Transylvania

[*Spooky music. Mist. Thunder and lightning. Enter SEWARD with trunk*]

SEWARD: [to audience] Cor ! It's a bit cold out here, isn't it ... and wet ... and spooky. I'm sure you all wish you were somewhere else. I know, I do. [gets embarrassed] I mean me being somewhere else, not you. I mean I hardly know you and I'd never be so rude as to ... Sorry ! Oh, I'm Jonathan Seward Dr. Jonathan Seward, as a matter of fact... Actually, I haven't been a doctor very long, so I'm still getting used to the idea. I've come here to meet another very famous doctor..... Not that I'm famous, you understand, he is. His name is Dr. Acula. He runs a clinic near here, in Castle Dracula. It's that spooky castle over there. It looks a bit scary but I'm sure it'll be fine. I heard about his work from my teacher, Professor Hertz Van Rental and he thought it would be a good idea for me to visit the clinic and study Dr. Acula's methods. You see, he's working on a cure for High Blood Pressure, it's a bit hush-hush... So here I am in Transylvania. I just wish it wasn't so scary. Are you scared? [if Audience says Yes then say Me, too. Perhaps we can keep each other company and then we won't be so frightened] [Audience: No] No ? Oh good then perhaps you can help me not to be frightened. Will you do that for me? [Aud: Yes] That's great. Now, I'm supposed to be met here by some people who will take me up to the castle. I have their names somewhere.

[*SEWARD looks for the letter with the names on. Enter 3 PEASANTS who creep up behind SEWARD and tap him on the shoulder. He jumps. They prod him about, while talking about him. SEWARD tries to interject with "but's" and "excuse me's"*]

PEAS1: I think he's a stranger.

PEAS2: Yes ! He doesn't look like he comes from round here.

PEAS3: He's dressed funny.

PEAS1: Definitely, a stranger.

PEAS2: What shall we do with him ?

PEAS3: Are you sure it's a him ?

PEAS1: Difficult to tell. They all look the same to me. Strangers !

PEAS2: I know how you can tell if it's a him or a her?

PEAS3: Do you ?

PEAS1: How ?

PEAS2: Ah ! Well that's easy. You count their teeth.

PEAS3: Count their teeth ? I thought that was goats.

PEAS2: Yes, Goats and Strangers.

PEAS3: Oh!

PEAS1: Are you sure ?

PEAS2: Positive.

PEAS1: OK. Let's give it a go.

[*They all grab at SEWARD and start to try to count his teeth. SEWARD manages to push them off*]

SEWARD: Excuse me. Do you mind ?

PEAS1: It talks.

SEWARD: Of course it talks... Of course, I talk.

PEAS3: I suppose we could ask it if it's a him, then. if it talks.

PEAS1: Go on then.

PEAS3: Are you a him or a her ?

SEWARD: Good people,

PEAS1: Oh! Don't you come this, hoity-toity, good people with us.

PEAS2: You're as bad as him that lives in that there castle.

SEWARD: You mean, Dr. Acula.

[*At the name of Dr. Acula the peasants cower and make the sign of the cross*]

PEAS1: Lord save us !

PEAS3: Mercy !

PEAS2: Are you one of his servants ?

SEWARD: Good Lord, no ! But I have come to visit him. I don't suppose you've been sent to take me there have you ?

PEAS1: Take our advice, stranger. Leave here, now !

SEWARD: Sorry ?

PEAS2: You will be !

PEAS3: Yes ! You mustn't go up there.

PEAS2: People who go up there never comes back.

SEWARD: Surely, you must be mistaken.

PEAS2: We ain't mistaken. And don't call me, Shirley.

PEAS1: There's terrible things happens up there.

PEAS3: At night, you hear screams that would make your blood run cold.

PEAS1: Take our advice, stranger. Leave here now and never come back.

SEWARD: No, I must see Dr. Acula.

ALL: No, you mustn't. No. No. And thrice no !

[*The 3 PEASANTS exit but PEAS3 returns*]

PEAS3: If you insist on going up to that terrible place, please take this. [*PEAS3 gives SEWARD a crucifix*]

SEWARD: Thank you..... But

PEAS3: No. You must. Do you know what day it is ?

SEWARD: Yes, it's [*day of the week*].....

PEAS3: No, it's Halloween. Tonight, when the clock strikes midnight, all the evil things in the world will have full sway ? For your mother's sake take the crucifix and wear it always.

[*SEWARD puts crucifix on and PEAS3 exits*]