

SCENE 4 - ELWOOD, BETTY, CHUMLEY, SANDERSON, KELLY

ELWOOD

A cocktail party at 12th and Montview.

BETTY

We're driving there in a few minutes. We could give your friend a lift into town.

ELWOOD

I hate to impose on you--but I would certainly appreciate that.

BETTY

No trouble at all. Dr. McClure is having this party for his sister from Wichita.

ELWOOD

I didn't know that Dr. McClure had a sister in Wichita.

BETTY

Oh--you *know* Dr. McClure?

ELWOOD

No.

BETTY

But--

ELWOOD

You're quite sure you haven't time to come into town with me and have a drink?

BETTY

I really couldn't--but thank you just the same.

ELWOOD

Some other time, perhaps?

BETTY

Thank you.

ELWOOD

It's been very pleasant to meet you, and I hope to see you again,

BETTY

Yes, so do I.

ELWOOD

Good night, my dear.

(tips hat, bows, goes to door. Turns)

You can't miss Harvey. He's very tall--

(shows with hands)

Like that.

(Exits)

CHUMLEY

That Simmons woman is uncooperative, Doctor. She refused to admit to me that she has this big rabbit. Insists it's her brother. Give her two of these at nine--another at ten--if she continues to be so restless. Another trip to the hydro-room at eight, and one in the morning at seven. Then we'll see if she won't cooperate tomorrow, won't we, Doctor?

SANDERSON

Yes, Doctor.

CHUMLEY

You know where to call me if you need me. Ready, pet?

BETTY

Yes, Willie--and oh, Willie--

CHUMLEY

Yes--

BETTY

There was a man in here--a man named--let me see--Oh, here's his card--Dowd--Elwood P. Dowd.

SANDERSON

That's Mrs. Simmons' brother, Doctor. I told him he could look around, and I gave him full visiting privileges.

CHUMLEY

She mustn't see anyone tonight. Not anyone at all. Tell him that.

SANDERSON

Yes, Doctor.

BETTY

He didn't ask to see her? He was looking for someone--some friend of his.

CHUMLEY

Who could that be, Dr. Sanderson?

SANDERSON

I don't know, Doctor.

BETTY

He said it was someone he came out here with this afternoon.

SANDERSON

Was there anyone with Dowd when you saw him, Miss Kelly?

KELLY

No, Doctor--not when I saw him.

BETTY

Well, he said there was. He said he last saw his friend sitting right in that chair there with his hat and coat. He seemed quite disappointed.

KELLY

Dr. Sanderson--

BETTY

I told him if we located his friend we'd give him a lift into town. He could ride in the back seat. Was that all right, Wille?

CHUMLEY

Of course--of course--

BETTY

Oh here it is. I wrote it down on the back of this card. His friend's name was Harvey.

KELLY

Harvey!

BETTY

He didn't give me his last name. He mentioned something else about him--pooka--but I didn't quite get what that was.

SANDERSON AND CHUMLEY

Harvey!

BETTY

He said his friend was very tall--. Well, why are you looking like that, Willie? This man was a very nice, polite man, and he merely asked that we give his friend a lift into town, and if we can't do a favor for someone, why are we living?

SANDERSON

Where--where did he go, Mrs. Chumley? How long ago was he in here?

CHUMLEY

Get me that hat! By George, we'll find out about this!