

STORYMATIC, WEEK ONE

Groom stands in a small priest's office in a church, in his tuxedo but without shoes on. There is a desk and various bookcases. He paces back and forth, fixing his pants, shirt, bow tie, etc. Servant enters, holding a black pair of dress shoes.

SERVANT

I'm sorry it took so long, sir. I had to deal with other matters. One of the bridesmaids is missing and every one of your groomsmen is drunk. But here are your shoes, nice and polished.

GROOM

Thank you, Jeeves.

SERVANT

You're quite welcome. The ... stain on them was quite interesting. Might I ask what it was?

GROOM

I don't know. I think it was bird shit.

SERVANT

Ah. Of course.

Servant starts to leave.

GROOM

Wait! Hold on a minute.

SERVANT

Yes, sir?

GROOM

You said a bridesmaid was missing?

SERVANT

Yes.

GROOM

Which one?

SERVANT

I believe her name is Patricia. No one can find her. Your fiancée suspects cold feet.

GROOM

Why would a bridesmaid get cold feet?

SERVANT

I don't know, sir. Improper circulation?

GROOM

Well, I'm sure she'll show up.

SERVANT

Of course, sir.

GROOM

Could you help me with my bowtie?

SERVANT

Of course, sir.

Servant steps up to Groom, starts adjusting his bow tie. Then, Servant notices a spider walking across Groom's jacket. Servant flips out, screams, and leaps backward.

In response, a scream issues from underneath the desk behind them. Then, the sound of someone hitting their head. Groom and Servant look at the desk.

GROOM

Did you hear that?

SERVANT

(unable to speak)

I ... there's ...

GROOM

You heard it, didn't you. God damn it, Jeeves, you just can't keep a secret from you.

(towards desk)

Patricia, stay behind the desk. I'll take care of this.

(to Servant)

You didn't see anything, understand?

Groom takes a step toward Servant, who shrinks back.

GROOM

Yeah, that's Patty back there. Yeah, we fucked. My fiancée doesn't need to know a thing. Understand?

Groom takes another step. Servant's back is against the door. He puts his hand on the doorknob, which makes Groom step even closer.

GROOM

Don't you even think about leaving right now, you hear me?
*(puts his hands on Servant's
shoulders)*

YOU HEAR ME?!

Servant is screaming as Groom grabs him. The spider leaps from Groom's coat onto Servant. Servant violently flips out, waving his arms all around, dancing like a maniac. He inadvertently punches Groom, who falls to the ground with a thud.

Bridesmaid, who was hiding under the desk, gets out. She sees Groom lying on the floor and screams. Servant pays her no notice, still flailing about. She starts to run out, but Servant accidentally smacks her too, and she falls onto the floor, next to the Groom.

Servant starts to slow down, constantly checking himself. Then he notices Groom and Bridesmaid on the floor. When he does, the door opens behind him, and the Bride steps into the scene. She looks at Servant, screams, and shouts:

BRIDE

SPIDER!

Bride freaks out and runs away. Servant freaks out and starts dancing and flailing again.

Lights fade to black.