

- * This is a 2 person scene between Old Joe and Mrs. Dilber. You have 2 options for your audition.
- * Option 1 - have someone off screen reading the lines for Old Joe
- * Option 2 - simply leave short pauses where Old Joe's lines should be.
- * Remember, Mrs. Dilber is a lower class British woman who speaks with a thick cockney accent.

OLD JOE

Ah, Mrs. Dilber! Back again, I see. And what have you got to show me this time?

MRS. DILBER

Only the finest for you, Old Joe.

OLD JOE

Let's see then! Let's see!

Mrs. Dilber rummages through her bag to present her wares to Old Joe.

MRS. DILBER

Cufflinks. Found 'em on his dressing table. Mother of pearl, wouldn't you say?

OLD JOE

Hmmm, I would, indeed. Alright, what else have you got?

MRS. DILBER

His pocket watch. And very fine silver, I might add.

OLD JOE

Very fine. And still ticking ... unlike the old dog you nicked it from!

Old Joe and Mrs. Dilber share a laugh.

MRS. DILBER

Look at these - I saved the best for last.

OLD JOE

Curtains?

MRS. DILBER

Not just any curtains. These is bed curtains. Still got the brass rings on 'em too.

OLD JOE

You don't mean to say you took 'em down, rings and all, with him lying there?

MRS. DILBER

Yes I do! And why not? He won't need 'em to keep warm now, will he? Not that he ever had any warmth to begin with!

They share another laugh.

OLD JOE

Well, you were born to make your fortune, Mrs. Dilber, and you'll certainly do it.

MRS. DILBER

I thought you'd be pleased. So ... how much are we talking?

OLD JOE

Well, there's just one thing that troubles me.

MRS. DILBER

And what's that, pray tell?

OLD JOE

What say someone were to recognize these items? I wouldn't want to get mixed up in any trouble.

MRS. DILBER

That's a laugh! Comin' from the likes of you!

OLD JOE *(with a smile)*

I do have my reputation to uphold.

MRS. DILBER

Who's gonna recognize his bed curtains? If you think anyone other than me and the housekeeper's been in that bedroom for the last ten years, well then, you've got another think comin'!

OLD JOE

Aright then, let's say the housekeeper notices they're missing? What if she talks?

MRS. DILBER

She'd never give me away.

OLD JOE

And how do you know that?

MRS. DILBER

Because while I was pulling down these curtains, she was in the kitchen swipin' all his china!

Mrs. Dilber and Old Joe cackle with delight as they fade into the distance.