

Monkey Dance

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INT. CIRCUS RING - NIGHT

A bustling and lively crowd fills rows of bleachers surrounding a ring of smoothed sand. Various hoops and pedestals fill the ring, with a tiny wooden box positioned in the middle of it all.

The lights dim, and the crowd cheers wildly, then grows silent.

Beat.

ANNOUNCER

And for the moment you have all
been waiting for, behold the
amazing... Dancing Monkey.

A spotlight appears at an entrance to the ring, and out walks an orangutan in a red dress. A wrangler leads her in a fitted tux. They shimmy with the spotlight to the tiny box.

The wrangler leads the monkey up the box where the monkey stands. The wrangler walks away, and the orangutan watch's them walk in anxiety. She stands there observing the crowd.

ORANGUTAN

(to self)

Ohhh...ohhhh

Then the monkey stands tall on the box and lifts its skinny arms to the sky.

The score for Gianni Schicci: " O Mio Bbbino Carro" begins and the monkey sings in the most elegant of ways. She also begins to sway on the box.

The crowd sits in Awe. One man leans toward the other.

MAN #1

Well, I'll be; she sure can sing.

The other man approves.

MAN #2

Mmm. Yes, I've heard she's just
returned from her tour around the
Americas. Golly, what a brave soul,
a bit ugly though, shame.

Man #1 gawks at the response.

MAN #1

Pardon yourself, sir; I find myself
unreasonably drawn to her.

Man #1 looks on in appreciation while Man 2 stares in shock.

The monkey continues to sway but then leaps to the rings above and swings wildly around. Still maintains pitch and vocals while swinging.

MAN #1 (CONT'D)

Truly a marvel...

He sighs deeply as the monkey dismounts from the hoops and finishes the song.

A standing ovation from the crowd and man #1 stands pitching a heavy tent in his trousers. Man #2 not standing observes this camping and blushes, turning his head away but looking back.

MAN #2

(to himself)

Golly gee!

The wrangler walks out in the tux and leads the giddy orangutan out of the rings

ANNOUNCER

Give it up one more time for the
Dancing monkey

A burst of cheers and applause.

ANNOUNCER (CONT'D)

And to continue on with our show
tonight we have a presentation from
Albert Einstein himself on his
fascinating concepts about space or
whatever...

There is silence amongst the crowd with light clapping.

Einstein walks out into the ring.

HECKLER

NERD!

He throws a tomato and splats onto Einsteins head. A roaring chuckle from the audience.

EINSTEIN

Would you allow me a second to
return in a red dress.

END