

The Ghoul Next Door – Scene 11 – Th/Tr (Phan/Pin at Th’s door)

Accompanied Scene

Tr: (w/ Th entering from Simo’s house to R, Tr initially on Th’s L) How do you feel about the real estate deal? **Th:** Ecstatic! (Phan and Pin fiddling with door, go in alley to look for back entrance)

Tr: Doesn’t seem too expensive? **Th:** God no, never have I seen till now 905

a house just given away. **Tr:** What about the women’s wing? The portico? **Th:** This deal’s INSANE.

I think there’s not a public portico bigger. **Tr:** In fact, Philolaches and I went all over 910

Measuring the public porticoes. **Th:** And? **Tr:** Turns out ours is by and large the largest.

Th: By god, I wouldn’t sell this house *out* of hand to a guy with 3 times the price *in* hand.

Tr: (matter of factly, presumptuous) And even if you wanted to accept, I wouldn’t allow it.

(Th grimace @ Tr’s comment, xing Th to R)

I’ll take full *credit* as pusher and squasher-in-chief for getting your son

To go in hock to that loan shark to get down...make the down payment. **Th:** You kept our boat afloat.

So the balance due is, let’s see, (calculating in the air complicated) 8000 drachmas.

Tr: (swooning at thought of money, obvious con job arm around Th)

You could hand me the cash for the payoff. **Th:** If I hand off to you, no doubt there’s a catch for me.

Tr: In my time as your slave, have I *ever* deceived you or given you the flim-flam? 925

Th: (pointing to nose, creates mixed metaphor) No cause I watch you closely. Thank the gods for my superior brain power.

It’s smart of me to keep an eye on you! **Tr:** I have that same feeling. (Th’s line below is cue for Phan and Pin to come back through central alleyway and go around L of doorway to look on that side – must be there before Tr turns up C to exit up the alley, he can’t see you)

Th: Now head for the country house, inform my son I’m back in town.

Get him back here in the city with you lickety split. **Tr:** No problem. 930

(Th turn to look over house happily, Tr move off stage R, then sneaking back across to C)

Now I’ll gather with the gang through the back door;

I’ll tell them things are settled and I’ve managed his removal. (goes off up center and back of Th’s house as Th turns around happy and moves downstage)