



Squire Hectare

A Shady Landowner

AUDITION SCRIPT EXTRACT

Scene 1: Page 4. Outside the Big Top



Enter Squire Hectare [MSL]

- SQUIRE:** Clarissa Clutterbuck, I want a word with you!
- CLARISSA:** Squire Hectare, what can I do for you?
- SQUIRE:** It's about your ground rent.
- CLARISSA:** What about it?
- SQUIRE:** I want it!
- CLARISSA:** Well, you can want.
- SQUIRE:** Now look here...
- CLARISSA:** Where?
- SQUIRE:** What?
- CLARISSA:** Don't say what, say pardon!
- SQUIRE:** Pardon?
- CLARISSA:** Granted.
- SQUIRE:** I've had enough of this nonsense.
- CLARISSA:** You're not alone.
- SQUIRE:** I only want what's mine!
- CLARISSA:** Fine, you can keep it.
- SQUIRE:** I've never heard such gibberish.
- CLARISSA:** Stick around.
- SQUIRE:** You have large arrears.
- CLARISSA:** **[grabs her bum]** My arrears are no bigger than anybody else's!
- SQUIRE:** You owe me £500, and I want it now.

CLARISSA: I'll see what I've got on me. **[retrieves a coin]** Here you are, one Euro.

SQUIRE: One Euro won't go very far will it.

CLARISSA: Hang on. **[grabs coin and draws on it]** There, it'll go much further now.

SQUIRE: You've just drawn a star on it.

CLARISSA: Yes, and a Eurostar goes a very long way. **[laughs]**

SQUIRE: I'm glad you can laugh in the face of adversity.

CLARISSA: What adversity?

SQUIRE: Your big top's coming down.

CLARISSA: **[hoists bosom]** I really must get one with more support.

SQUIRE: I meant your circus big top.

CLARISSA: On what grounds?

SQUIRE: On the grounds that you haven't paid any ground rent.

CLARISSA: I left it on account.

SQUIRE: On account of what?

CLARISSA: On account of I'm skint.

SQUIRE: Then I'll confiscate your big top and sell it off.

CLARISSA: You can't do that!

SQUIRE: The law says I can.

CLARISSA: And my fist says you can't!

SQUIRE: I could land you with a court action.

CLARISSA: And I could land you in hospital traction.

SQUIRE: Listen Clarissa, I'm a fair man.

CLARISSA: You could've fooled me.

SQUIRE: I'll make a deal with you.

CLARISSA: **[walking fingers up his arm]** Does it involve making payment in kind?

SQUIRE: Certainly not!

MUSIC

1: "I'm A Believer" **Music Cue 29 - Page 54, Ensemble** (from Shrek the Musical version)

[Sing Silly Billy Part]

And then I saw her face,
Now I'm a believer.(with Chorus)
And there's not a trace
Of doubt in my mind.(with Chorus)
I'm in love.....
(Chorus BIG ooooo) (BIG Ahhhh)
I'm a believer, (oooo ooooh) I couldn't leave her if I tried

Then I saw her face, now I'm a believer.
Ohh oh not a trace, of doubt in my mind

Im in lo...ve....
I'm a believer..
Vamp to end.....

I Believe ALL

2: THE WALKDOWN

"All I Want For Christmas Is You" **Music Cue 31 - Page 56, Ensemble** (Mariah Carey)

Cue: B. BEAR: " *Now dance off and we'll see you next year...*"

I don't want a lot for Christmas
There is just one thing I need
I don't care about the presents
Underneath the Christmas tree