

Scene 5 Side (script pages 25-27)

Grub, Rot, The Human

GRUB: (*Noticing that THE HUMAN is starting to stir*) Quiet, I think s/he's waking up. (*Bends down and slowly speaks to THE HUMAN*) Hello, hello?

THE HUMAN opens his/her eyes and, seeing GRUB, begins to panic.

GRUB: It's okay, it's okay. I'm not going to hurt you. You're fine. Calm down.

GRUB continues to calm THE HUMAN. Eventually THE HUMAN realizes that s/he may actually be relatively safe, or at least that there is no point in trying to get out of the cage. S/he stops moving and stares at GRUB, breathing heavily.

GRUB: There you go. Deep breaths. See, we aren't trying to hurt you. It's going to be okay.

ROT: You know it can't understand you, right?

GRUB: (*Holding up a hand to silence ROT*) I know you can't understand me, but you'll get there. I know this is scary and sucks right now, but someday this will all be worth it. My name is Grub. Can you say Grub? Gruuub. (*THE HUMAN is silent*) Grub. Try to say it. Grub. Come on, you can do it. Guuuurrrruuubbbbbb.

ROT: (*Becoming impatient*) Well, Gruuuuuuub, it doesn't seem to be working.

THE HUMAN: *Pleadingly speaks in gibberish.*

GRUB: Quite! Listen s/he's saying something!

THE HUMAN: *Gibberish, her/his inflection makes it clear s/he is saying something along the lines of "where am I, please let me go, etc..."*

ROT: It's just speaking gibberish.

GRUB: Quiet! (*Leaning in towards THE HUMAN and listening intently*) What? Say that again?

THE HUMAN: *Repeats gibberish.*

GRUB does his/her best to imitate the nonsense phrase that the human is saying. THE HUMAN abruptly stops speaking, completely shocked by the fact that GRUB is mimicking her/him.

THE HUMAN: *Repeats gibberish.*

GRUB: *Repeats gibberish.*

THE HUMAN: *Repeats gibberish.*

GRUB: *Repeats gibberish.*

ROT: Great! Now neither of you makes any sense! What is the point of this, Grub?