

D: PATSY, MAVIS, JOSH, PECK

[Mavis and Peck are the parents of Josh and Patsy; Patsy is a teenager, Josh 6 years older. Skelly Mannor is the town derelict; Patsy thinks he was looking in her window. The teenage boys in town haze Skelly by "baaaing" like sheep at him (that's what "give him a baa" refers to). Driver Junior was an older friend of Josh's who died a few years ago.]

PATSY: (Patsy screams very loud, running onstage.)

PECK: What in God's name?

PATSY: Oh god, oh god, oh god, oh god, oh god. In there.

MAVIS: What's wrong, baby?

PATSY: I saw him. I saw him. Oh, god, he was looking in the window. His face--

PECK: Who was? Answer me.

MAVIS: Skelly?

PATSY: Skelly. Skelly. Skelly was. Oh, god, you should have seen his eyes. And I was only in my pants. You should have seen him.

JOSH: I don't know what he could have seen.

MAVIS: That's enough out of you now.

PECK: Where was he?

PATSY: At my bedroom window; where do you think?

MAVIS: You're imagining things; you're dreaming.

PATSY: I wasn't asleep, I tell you; I was just getting ready for bed.

PECK: It's okay now, I'll go out.

PATSY: No, he's gone now, my god, I screamed and he ran away.

PECK: (With some humor) Well, I'd think he would.

JOSH: Wake the dead, what's he gonna see?

MAVIS: (to Josh) Don't you start. (to Patsy) Go on; it's okay now; he's gone, whoever it was.

PATSY: Well, it was Skelly Mannor, I guess I know who it was, I saw him.

MAVIS: Something ought to be done about him.

JOSH: He hasn't hurt anyone--not yet.

MAVIS: I suppose you call scaring an innocent girl out of her wits doing nothing. And the whole family too. Everyone knows what he does.

JOSH: Well, what could he do but look? He must be over a hundred if he's a day.

MAVIS: Just looking is doing; who knows what he might do?

JOSH: He's eighty years old.

PATSY: He is not. How can you tell how old he is, through all that filth?

PECK: Well, I know when I was a young man like Josh or younger we used to give old Skelly a Baa sometimes--

MAVIS: Peck, now--

PECK: Well, and he looked the same then as he does now, and all the men then said he'd been looking like that for as long as they could remember so he's getting on.

JOSH: He's just a curiosity.

PATSY: Oh, that's very funny. A curiosity. You're just bright as the sun; you ought to hide your head under a barrel.

JOSH: He's not hurt anybody. Except Warren Peabody. He hit Warren in the back of the head with a rock, threw it, I'll bet thirty feet, caught Warren running, knocked him out cold.

PECK: He's got good aim, I can vouch for that.