

- 1 **ROLAND:** So what are we going to fix next, Ernie? Huh? What are we going to fix?
- ERNIE:** I already told you! We're going to rewire the light fixture in the dining room.
- 5 **ROLAND:** Ooh, can I strip the wires? Huh? Can I, Ernie? Please, please, please! I want to strip the wires!
- ERNIE:** No, Roland. The last time you did that, you almost shorted out the entire fuse box.
- ROLAND:** Oh, I'll be more careful this time, Ernie! I promise I will.
- 10 Cross my heart and hope to... well, you know! (*ERNIE chuckles and EXITS UP RIGHT, followed OFF by a pleading ROLAND.*)
- SOPHIE:** All right, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby. I've got you all checked in. Here are your keys. (*Slides two keys to GEORGE and MARION.*)
- GEORGE:** Thank you very much.
- 15 **MARION:** Oh, George! Don't you just love the creepy ambience of this place? And all these ghosts! It's like we've stepped into a Stephen King novel!
- GEORGE:** I just hope we don't get murdered in our sleep.
- MARION:** Oh, George! Stop worrying. I'm sure they'll take very good
- 20 care of us!
- GEORGE:** If only there was a bellhop to carry our bags...
- MARION:** (*To SOPHIE.*) Say, you wouldn't happen to have one of those lying about, would you?
- SOPHIE:** A bellhop? Why, certainly we do, but—
- 25 **BARNEY:** (*Pops UP from behind the sofa and rushes over.*) You called?
- MARION:** My, my! What attentive service!
- GEORGE:** They really do know how to take care of us, don't they?
- SOPHIE:** Barney, would you please take Mr. and Mrs. Kirby's bags to the Hawthorne Suite? (*Beat.*) Carefully now.
- 30 **BARNEY:** But of course!
- SOPHIE:** And I do mean carefully!
- BARNEY:** (*Picks up the suitcases and starts OFF UP RIGHT. As he reaches the EXIT, he swings the suitcases back and forth.*) Hawthorne Suite, here we come!
- 35 **SOPHIE:** Barney! (*BARNEY tosses the suitcases OFF UP RIGHT. SOUND EFFECT: GLASS BREAKS.*)
- MARION:** (*Screams.*) Ahh!
- GEORGE:** Our bags! (*Rushes past BARNEY with MARION, and they run OFF UP RIGHT.*)