

Entr'acte

there. Gordon, dear, did I ask you if you were giving Audrey a lift back to (name of inaccessible town)?

Gordon Not now.

Mrs Reece No, not now. After the play.

Gordon nods

Because my car's absolutely chock-a-bloc what with (names of two local celebrities).

Gordon Yes, all right.

Mrs Reece That's such a help.

Felicity appears on stage

Felicity Gordon, could you hurry up with the bucket? Mrs Gillhooley's feeling a bit queasy.

Felicity exits

Gordon hurriedly collects remaining slips

Mrs Reece Well, answers later on, but right now I leave you to enjoy the second half of our play.

Felicity appears

Felicity Gordon.

Gordon Yes?

Felicity It's too late.

All exit

The House Lights go down

ENTR'ACTE

At the end of the interval Mrs Reece shoos everyone back into the auditorium and then mounts the stage. She has a paper containing the Quiz questions

Mrs Reece (if alternative ending has been used) Now did you all enjoy our rocket at the end of Act One? Wasn't it magnificent? I know you'll find this hard to believe, but it used to be my immersion heater. (Otherwise) Right now! It's Quiz time. Time to get your thinking caps on. We're going to give away a prize, I think. Are we? Yes. Yes, we are. I wasn't quite sure because Woolworth's was closed this afternoon. But we managed to find a bijou nouveauté, so I hope you've still got those little slips that were inside your programmes. Have you? They're for your answers, you see. So if you've lost them we shall be in a bit of a pickle. As we were last night. Oh, you've got yours. Everyone else equipped with a slip? Could I see them waving in the air just to make sure? Oh, yes, that's quite a satisfactory turnout, isn't it? So off we go. There are three questions and each one has got a choice of three answers: (a), (b), or (c). And you just ring what you think is the correct one. All right? So here's the first question, and I think the ladies are going to make light work of this one: in the recipe for lemon soufflé, how many eggs were used? Was it (a) two, (b) four, or (c) ten? Oh, look at these frowns on the gentlemen's faces! This is a complete mystery to you, isn't it? Never mind, we've got a gentleman's question coming up next. I want you to describe the butler's tool. He had it in his hand when he was over here. Do you remember? It wasn't that funny, was it? Well, anyway, question two is: was the butler's tool (a) a fork, (b) a spade, or (c) a chainsaw? Don't you go telling him, that lady there! There's no satisfaction in cribbing, is there? Everyone ready for question three? Very well, this is question three: which of the characters—and this is a tricky one so think carefully—which of the characters has made a deliberate mistake? Was it (a) Pawn the butler, (b) Lady Doreen Bishop, or (c) Gladys Knight? That's quite a poser, isn't it? But I expect we've got one or two brainboxes here tonight. I must say I saw some frightfully studious folk earlier on. I thought, "Good heavens, what are they doing here?" Anyway do write your name where it says "name" and then pass all the billet-doux along to this end of the rows, and with any luck there should be somebody coming in with a receptacle for them.

Gordon enters the auditorium and passes down the aisle with a bucket, collecting slips

Oh, yes, there he is. It's Gordon. Isn't he a busy bee? Pass them along