

Chris and Dennis Audition Scene

A forward slash / denotes the next line beginning midway through the current line.

CHRIS. How are you feeling, Perkins?

DENNIS. A little shaken, sir. But I'll be fine.

CHRIS. You and Charles Haversham, you were close?

DENNIS. Yes, sir, very close. He was such a kindly, charming man.

CHRIS. It's true.

DENNIS. You met him?

CHRIS. Once at the local police station. He was a consultant on a fraud case I was working on.

DENNIS. I see.

CHRIS. How long have you been working at Haversham Manor?

DENNIS. Eighty years

CHRIS. Eighty / years?

DENNIS. (*Corrects himself.*) Eight years! Eight / years

CHRIS. Eight years. And have you enjoyed your time here?

DENNIS. My time with Mr. Haversham has been nothing but a joy. I feel that since I've come here I have been seen not only as a butler but also as a friend and a confidant. If you need me I'll be in my quarters. Exits.

Chris stares at him furiously.

Exits!

Dennis realises and turns to go.