

ACT ONE**Scene 8**

The Town Square. The following evening.

The VILLAGERS are on hand.

VILLAGER #1

Inspector Kemp, I can feel it in my bones! There's something very wrong going on up there in that castle.

VILLAGER #3

They're up to no good, I tell you.

VILLAGER #2

Inspector, we're frightened. They may be making another monster up there.

VILLAGER #6

Those Frankensteins are dangerous.

KEMP

You're telling me? I'll never forget, when I was a young man, one of Frankenstein's creatures came rampaging through our village. I tried to stop him, but I couldn't. He tore off my left leg and my right arm.

VILLAGERS

Oooh!

KEMP

I had to go all the way to Vienna to find a top surgeon who could put me back together again.

FELIX

A top surgeon in Vienna? That must have been expensive.

KEMP

Expensive? Are you kidding? It cost me an arm and a leg. But that was then and this is now.

VILLAGER #2

Yes, Inspector, but what if our now turns into your then?

VILLAGERS

(overlapping one another)

Yes, yes! We must all go up there! Light the torches! Grab the pitchforks! We'll show those monster makers what an angry mob looks like! Yes! Let us storm the castle! Storm the castle! Storm the castle!

FELIX

(a more rational VILLAGER)
Wait, wait! Wait. Why is it that in every low-budget monster picture, there's always angry villagers shouting, "Storm the castle, storm the castle!" It's such a tired cliché!

KEMP

Felix is right. We'll save the storming for later.

#8 - Hang Him 'Til He's Dead

Meanwhile we'll pay a friendly visit on the good doctor. Pretend to be welcoming him to Transylvania while we're in fact doing some serious world-class snooping.

VILLAGERS

Ja!

KEMP

(as a Teutonic beat begins under)
Because if he's as dangerous as his crazy grandfather, believe you me, no way we're gonna go easy on "Young Frankenstein!"

IF HE MAKES A THING OF DREAD
THAT COULD KILL US IN OUR BED
LET THIS JUDGMENT NOW BE SAID
HANG HIM TILL HE'S DEAD!

VILLAGERS

HANG HIM TILL HE'S DEAD!

KEMP

IF HE TURNS A MONSTER
IT WILL SORELY COOK OUR GOOSE
WE SHOULD FIT HIM FOR A NOOSE
AND HANG HIM TILL HE'S DEAD!

VILLAGERS

HANG HIM TILL HE'S DEAD!

KEMP

EVERYONE'S ENTITLED TO A FAIR AND HONEST TRIAL

VILLAGERS

JA!

KEMP

WE SHOULD HEAR THE EVIDENCE, DELIBERATE A WHILE