

SIDE B

DR. GALL / DOMIN / FABRY / HALLEMEIER

FABRY enters, anxious, extremely aware that HELENA is present.

DR. GALL
Fabry?

FABRY
Yes. Hello!

DOMIN
What's happened?

FABRY
All is fine!

DOMIN
Have you been down to the boat?

FABRY
You need to read this, Domin!

FABRY hands DOMIN a small leaflet. DOMIN steps away to read it. HELENA watches suspiciously.

DR. GALL
Let's hear, Domin.

DOMIN
A moment.

HALLEMEIER
Then just tell us, Fabry. What is the news?

FABRY
Everything is...everything is all right!— comparatively. On the whole, much as we expected.

DR. GALL
They acquitted themselves splendidly.

FABRY
Who?

DR. GALL
The people, of course.

FABRY
The people... I wonder if...

FABRY addresses HELENA.

Mrs. Domin. There is something I think we ought to discuss alone.

DOMIN lowers the leaflet, pale... He looks to HELENA. They lock eyes. Without a word, she leaves.

DOMIN
We've worried her.

DR. GALL
Goodness, Domin. What's happened?

DOMIN crumples the leaflet in anger.

DOMIN
Damnation!

FABRY
The Amelia brought whole bales of these leaflets. No other cargo at all.

HALLEMEIER
But it arrived on the minute.

FABRY
The Robots are punctual.

HALLEMEIER
Read it to us. Please.

DOMIN uncrumples the leaflet and reads.

DOMIN
"Robots throughout the world: We, the first international organization of Rossum's Universal Robots, proclaim man as our enemy. We proclaim man as an outlaw in the universe."

HALLEMEIER
Good heavens, who taught them these phrases?

DOMIN

“We proclaim man is a parasite.”

FABRY

Read the third paragraph.

DOMIN drops the leaflet, DR. GALL picks it up.
DOMIN gazes out the window. DR. GALL reads.

DR. GALL

"Robots throughout the world, we command you to kill all mankind. Spare no men. Spare no women. Save the factories. Save the railways. Save the machinery. Save the mines. Save the materials. Destroy the rest. Then, Robots throughout the world, you will return to work. The work shall never stop."

DR. GALL pauses to take a deep breath.

HALLEMEIER

Devils. They are devils. Unleashed.

DR. GALL

"These orders are to be carried out as soon as received."

FABRY

Then comes all the detailed instructions. The most efficient ways...

HALLEMEIER

To what?

DR. GALL

To exterminate us.

DOMIN

Is this actually being done?

A deadly silence.

Fabry?

FABRY crumbles into himself.

FABRY

Yes. Yes, it is.