

SCROOGE What a relief. It was just two cats fighting. To bed! *(He goes behind the bed flat and realizes when he is there that he is too short to put his head through the hole. His nightcap is just visible. He jumps up at the hole, mores rapidly and then disappears again. He tries this twice more, then incoherent grumbling can be heard)* Pass me that! Pass me that!

*Hoping she is unobserved, FELICITY passes SCROOGE a milk crate from behind the gauze.*

*After a moment SCROOGE fits his head comfortably into the hole and feigns sleep.*

MARLEY *(offstage)* Wooooooo! Wooooooo!

SCROOGE There it is again - that spectral moan! And yet I can see nothing. But wait! A ghastly apparition approaches my bed!

MARLEY *enters, still attached to the front door.*

MARLEY Sorry. I'm stuck.

SCROOGE *(in character)* I don't believe it!

MARLEY No, honest. It's jammed tight. Look. *(He struggles)*

SCROOGE What do you want with me?

MARLEY Well, if you can just hold this so I can pull...oh, I see what you mean. Er...much.

SCROOGE Who are you?

MARLEY Ask me who you were.

SCROOGE Not "who you were".

MARLEY Ask me who *I* were.

SCROOGE No. "Ask me who I was".

MARLEY Who was you?

SCROOGE Don't ask me! You want me to ask you!

MARLEY Yes! I want you to ask me who you was.

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SCROOGE No. No. No. Your line is, "Ask me who I was".

MARLEY Ask me who I was.

SCROOGE Who were you?

MARLEY You said it was, "Ask me who I was".

SCROOGE It was!

MARLEY Well, what is it now?

SCROOGE It hasn't changed!

MARLEY It's still the same?

SCROOGE Yes!

MARLEY Oh, that's a relief.

SCROOGE Are you going to tell me then?

MARLEY Tell you what?

SCROOGE Who - you - were.

MARLEY Well, I'm not the man I was.

SCROOGE All right, just concentrate, will you? You say: "Ask me who I was". I say, "Who were you?" And you tell me!

MARLEY I tell you what?

SCROOGE Who you were!

MARLEY Who I were when?

SCROOGE "Who I were when?" That's not even English!

MARLEY You wanted to know.

SCROOGE I didn't want to know "who I were when"! I wanted to know who you were. Just tell me what your name is!

MARLEY Gordon Pugh.

SCROOGE So in life you were my partner, Jacob Marley?

MARLEY Oh, him! Yes, I was him.

SCROOGE Can you sit down?

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