

Schneider/Schultz Audition Side

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

Such a magnificent lie to preserve my reputation!

SCHULTZ

But why did I say three weeks? Why not three months? Three years? This way she will find out the truth so quickly. .... Unless .....

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

Unless?

SCHULTZ

But it is foolish! I mean -- after all -- who would have me? An elderly widower -- balding -- with heartburn -- and a little fruit . .

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

Am I such a bargain then? A spinster with some rooms to let -poorly furnished.

SCHULTZ

I work fourteen hours a day.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

I do my own scrubbing.

SCHULTZ

My right leg bothers me.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

I have such palpitations.

SCHULTZ

I'm not a well man.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

Am I a well woman?

SCHULTZ

What are we talking about? We're alive! And what good is it -- alone? So if you would even consider -- marriage .... ?

*(A long pause)*

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

I will consider it.

SCHULTZ

But take your time, by all means. No hurry.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

We should discuss it. We must not marry merely to humiliate Fraulein Kost.

SCHULTZ

I assure you, Fraulein Schneider. This is not the case.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

But let us be honest. Had she not seen us -- you would not have proposed today.

SCHULTZ

Then tomorrow.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

You mean this?

SCHULTZ

*(nods)*

I had it in my mind.

FRAULEIN SCHNEIDER

It is all so impulsive.

SCHULTZ

*(shakes his head)*

You hesitate because you have never been married. It frightens you. But believe me, it can work wonders ...