

Frau B.

Igor

IGOR

Elizabeth

I think he's doing an experiment in female anatomy and she's assisting his brains out.

FRAU BLUCHER & IGOR

What else can possibly go wrong?

#17 - Surprise

ELIZABETH steps through the door, upstage center, and descends the stairs as SHE sings. SHE wears a fox stole around her neck.

ELIZABETH

IT'S ME, IT'S ME, IT'S ME!

IT'S ME, IT'S ME, IT'S ME!

IT'S ME, IT'S ME, IT'S ME!

IT'S ME, IT'S ME, IT'S...

ME ME ME ME ME

ME ME ME ME ME

ME!

Start

FRAU BLUCHER

And who are you you you you you you you you you you?

ELIZABETH

Why, I'm Elizabeth Benning. Dr. Fronkensteen's adorable madcap fiancée. I'm sure he's spoken of me day and night.

FRAU BLUCHER

Never!

ELIZABETH

Really? And who, I may ask, are you?

FRAU BLUCHER

I am the housekeeper, Frau...

(remembering the whinnying horses, she mouths her name: "BLUCHER".

SOUND: HORSES whinny anyway)

Never mind.

ELIZABETH

Oh, well, of course, that explains it. People like Freddie and myself rarely confide in lowly servants.

(ELIZABETH)

*IGOR appears at her side and growls*

What is that?

FRAU BLUCHER

That is Igor, the Doctor's personal assistant.

*IGOR bites off one of the heads on ELIZABETH's fox stole.*

ELIZABETH

Stop that! Stop that! Are you crazy?

FRAU BLUCHER

Igor! Igor! Drop it! Drop it!

*HE does*

Good boy.

*SHE returns the head to him and he takes it away, depositing it on a table.*

To ELIZABETH.

Igor has not met many American women. But let me warn you...

*SHE puts her arm around ELIZABETH, placing it on her right shoulder*

ELIZABETH

*(commenting on FRAU BLUCHER'S touch)*

Mm-mm.

FRAU BLUCHER

Let me warn you...

*SHE puts her arm around ELIZABETH'S waist*

ELIZABETH

No.

FRAU BLUCHER

Let me warn you...

*SHE rests her elbow on ELIZABETH'S left shoulder*

ELIZABETH

Huh-uh.

FRAU BLUCHER

Let me warn you...

*SHE places her hand on ELIZABETH'S left thigh*

ELIZABETH

Alright.

FRAU BLUCHER

Let me warn you, Dr. Fronkonsteen may not be entirely happy with this surprise.

ELIZABETH

*Au contraire!*

End

EV'RYBODY LOVES TO GET A SURPRISE,  
LIFE CAN BE SO DULL WITHOUT A SURPRISE,  
WHEN YOUR SPIRIT'S DRAGGING,  
AND YOU'RE OH SO BLUE,  
IT ALL CAN CHANGE,  
IF THE FATES ARRANGE,  
A NICE SURPRISE FOR YOU!

*She reaches to IGOR, who snaps at her finger*

ALL THE WORLD ENJOYS A LOVELY SURPRISE,  
LIFE'S A CHORE, A BORE WITHOUT A SURPRISE,  
WHEN EV'RYTHING SEEMS HOPELESS  
THEN YOU REALIZE,  
THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A WONDERFUL SURPRISE!

*As MUSIC continues under, ELIZABETH's five-member ENTOURAGE enters*

ENTOURAGE

Miss Benning!

ELIZABETH

*(to FRAU BLUCHER and IGOR)*

Allow me to introduce my entourage. I never travel without them. Masha, nails; Sasha, make-up; Tasha, hair; Basha, wardrobe; and Bob, my astrologer. Tell me, darling Bob, what's in my stars?

BOB

Your moon is in Venus, so don't despair, love is in the air.

IGOR

You can say that again.

FRAU BLUCHER & IGOR

SOME FOLKS DON'T APPRECIATE A SURPRISE

*INGA's slip falls from above, landing in front of FRAU BLUCHER and IGOR.*