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Natalie nudges Monk. He reluctantly rises.

KEVIN DORFMAN (CONT'D)

Hello. I like that jacket. Did somebody famous have a yard sale?
(chuckles)
Little joke. Seriously. Have we ever met?

MONK

Kevin. I'm not getting into that box.

KEVIN DORFMAN

Just for a second.

MONK

Kevin, I was buried alive once. There is no way on God's earth I'm climbing into that box.

Dorfman abandons the trick.

KEVIN DORFMAN

Let's give him a big hand.

Dorfman applauds. As he does, a BIRD- a live bird!- flies out of his sleeve! The BIRD flaps around the room!

ARRRGH! Everyone cowers and covers their faces! Monk freaks out! Natalie reassures Dorfman...

NATALIE

You're gonna be great.

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A few nights later. It's show night! In the lobby. AUDIENCE MEMBERS are arriving.

A POSTER-BOARD says: ONE NIGHT ONLY - ILLUSIONIST KEVIN DORFMAN!

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INT. MAGIC CASTLE - BACKSTAGE AREA -- SAME TIME

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Backstage. STAGEHANDS and CREW MEMBERS are busily preparing for the show.

Kevin Dorfman is in his tuxedo. He's pacing. He's very nervous. He's clinking and pulling on some "interlocking links", but can't seem to get them to separate.

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"MONK" - STAGE MANAGER

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STAGE MANAGER

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STAGE MANAGER
Dorfman. Ten minutes. Are you okay?

Dorfman nods, anxiously. During this, a WALL PHONE RINGS.
The STAGE MANAGER answers.

STAGE MANAGER (CONT'D)
Magic Castle.
(listens)
Sure. Hold on.

The Stage Manager presses SPEAKERPHONE, and announces-

STAGE MANAGER (CONT'D)
Hey everybody. It's Merlini. He's
calling from Nevada. He says he has
some big news.

Everyone- Dorfman and the Crew- gather around the phone.

THE GREAT MERLINI'S VOICE
Am I on speakerphone?

STAGE MANAGER
Yes sir. We're all here.

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THE GREAT MERLINI'S VOICE
Tanya and I have some great news.
We wanted everyone to know. You
want to tell them...?

TANYA'S VOICE
(in background,
giggling)
No. You go ahead.

THE GREAT MERLINI'S VOICE
I just asked Tanya to marry me. And
for some reason, she said yes. How
about that?

Dorfman and the Crew CHEER! And AD LIB "Congratulations".

KEVIN DORFMAN
(loudly, to phone)
Hi. Mr. Merlini. This is Kevin
Dorfman. I just want you to know:
I'm dedicating tonight's show to you
and Tanya.

THE GREAT MERLINI'S VOICE
Thank you, Kevin. That's the icing
on the cake.

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