

CLIFF
SALLY

ERNST

(to CLIFF)

~~Such a to-do! I will see you Friday for the next lesson. But I am telling you something: I think I am taking from you the wrong kind of lessons!~~

(ERNST exits)

START

CLIFF

Sally -- what the hell do you think you're doing?

SALLY

Would you guess I was terrified?

CLIFF

Are you?

SALLY

(nods)

What if you'd thrown me out? Can you imagine how that would feel -- being thrown out twice in one day?

CLIFF

You mean --- Max?

SALLY

Dear Max. And you know whose fault it was, don't you? If you hadn't come to the Kit Kat Klub -- and been so dreadfully attractive -- and recited poetry -- and forced your way into my dressing-room ...

CLIFF

Sally -- about your staying here

SALLY

You know what I'd love, darling? A spot of gin.

CLIFF

Gin?

SALLY

You've got some? I mean -- I think one must.

CLIFF

No, I don't have any gin.

SALLY

Oh, well -- Prairie Oysters, then.

CLIFF

Prairie Oysters?

SALLY

I practically live on them. It's just raw egg whooshed around in some Worcestershire Sauce. It's heaven for a hangover.

CLIFF

I haven't got a hangover.

(SALLY takes a container of eggs out of her large bag)
You carry eggs around with you?

SALLY

Of course! One never knows when one will have a desperate craving for an omelette -- does one? Actually -- I salvaged these from my previous digs.

(She takes a bottle of Worcestershire out of her coat pocket)

CLIFF

That's quite a coat.

SALLY

It should be. It cost me all I had. Little did I realize how soon I'd be unemployed.

CLIFF

I gather -- your friend Max runs the Kit Kat Klub ...?

SALLY

Oh, you're divinely intuitive! I do hope I'm not going to fall madly in love with you. Are you in the movie business in any way?

(CLIFF shakes his head)

Then you're safe -- more or less. Though I do believe a woman can't be a truly great actress till she's had several passionate affairs -- and had her heart broken.

(She breaks the egg for the Prairie Oyster)

Damn. I should have let Ernst pay my cab fare. He's got all that money from Paris.

CLIFF

From Paris?

SALLY

He smuggles it in for some political party.

CLIFF

Ernst is in politics?