

JEFFREY

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AT THE RISE

The uncorking of a dozen or so of the world's finest red wines and champagnes. Both seen and heard.

Interspersed among an elegant array of meat and fish, spread along a buffet table covered by luxurious linens running the width of the stage (entirely under a white satin canopy).

Lavish surroundings, from marble floors, Persian rugs, lit silver candelabras, fine china and silverware, exquisitely arranged orchids, stunningly-placed standing mirrors, and more.

The scene should be beyond anything any of the audience members can be assumed ever to have experienced.

On the table rests one ostentatiously expensive serving of meat and fish after another:

A 2000 vintage cote de boeuf Blonde Aquitane rib steak.

Wagyu beef tenderloin.

Filet mignons.

New York strips.

Veal marsella.

Assorted cuts of Iberico ham.

Wild boar.

Grilled racks of New Zealand lamb.

Antelope.

South African kudu.

Chinese donkey.

Australian kangaroo.

Ground bison.

Yak.

Oxtail.

Roasted porcupine skin from Botswana.

Braised rabbit.

Highgate ostrich.

Cornish game hens.

Pheasant Kiev.

Beijing duck.

Norwegian whale.

Singapore turtle soup.

Chilean seabass.
Fugu blowfish.
Rainbow trout.
Bristol Bay salmon.
Lobster.
Faroe Islands crayfish.
Crab legs.
Giant scallops.
Deep-fried alligator.
Frogs legs.
Rattlesnake meat.

CHARACTER

Jeffrey, in his 60s, but could easily be mistaken for being in his 40s or 50s.

SCENE

Jeffrey enters, attired in the wealth that is his.

Armed with a steak knife and fork, he proceeds slowly down the table, from one end to the other, cutting off pieces of meat and fish and eating them.

Along the way he takes a short drink directly from each of the opened wine/champagne bottles:

- a 14-year-old Château Lafite Rothschild.
- a 14-year-old Château Latour.
- a 14-year-old Château Margaux.
- a 14-year-old Château Haut-Brion.
- a 14-year-old Château Mouton Rothschild.
- a 14-year-old Romanée-Conti.

- a 14-year-old Musigny Grand Cru.
- a 14-year-old Montrachet Grand Cru.
- a 14-year-old Chambertin.
- a 14-year-old Richebourg Grand Cru.
- a 14-year-old Moët Chandon.
- a 14-year-old Roederer.
- a 14-year-old Krug.
- a 14-year-old Dom Pérignon.
- a 14-year-old Veuve Clicquot.

When he reaches the end of the table, he exits. His shadow is cast over the end of the table, stepping up, onto a chair, and hanging himself.

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