Scene & Song: Loose Cannon

A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE (KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD) emerges from the crowd. He is wearing a cap and he has come rehearsed.

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD
Oh, wow, look at that mysterious and alluring empty stall. It looks like whoever runs that place could run circles around this joker.

He is ignored. Speaking louder:

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD (CONT’D)
I heard it’s an avant-garde genius biological artist all the way from Germany, here to share his musings with you, the British public.

MARY KATHERINE
What is an avant-garde biological artist?

RUBY
Oh god. I know this weirdo.

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD
He was deemed too REAL and too IN YOUR FACE for the uptight audiences of his town.

ALDINI
Should we do something about this-

MARY KATHERINE
Shuh shuh I wanna see how this plays out.

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD
He was born in the woods of Germany and raised by beautiful German wolves and the majestic German eagles. KAW! KAW!

RUBY
This is an awful lot of build up.

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD
How do I know all this, you might be asking. How do I know these details of this prophet so esteemed?! How?! How?

RUBY
Let’s speed this along:

Is it because you are Karl// August
"Loose Cannon"  

**KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD**  
// IT'S BECAUSE I AM KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD!  
KAW KAW KAW!.

**MARY KATHERINE**

Oh good.

**KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD**

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD  
KAW KAW KAW!  
I'M A LOOSE CANNON,  
YOU BABY BRAINED FOOLS.  
I'M A LOOSE CANNON,  
I'M BREAKING ALL THE RULES.  
THE GREATEST GIFT TO HUMANKIND,  
I'M HERE TO BLOW YA FREAKIN’ MIND.  
BETTER DUCK FOR COVER,  
BECAUSE YOU WILL SOON DISCOVER  
THAT THERE'S A SHORT FUSED CANNON ON THE LOOSE  
YEAH  
YEAH  
YEAH!

**KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD**

What’s my name, man?

**AUDIENCE CHORUS**

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD  
KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD

**RUBY**

Wait is he a bird or a cannon?

**MARY KATHERINE**

Obviously he's both.

**AUDIENCE CHORUS**

KAW KAW KAW!

**KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD**

AND I'M A-
AUDIENCE CHORUS
LOOSE CANNON!

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD
I’M READY TO BLOW.
I’M A-

AUDIENCE CHORUS
LOOSE CANNON!

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD
HERE TO PUT ON A SHOW.
YOU THINK YOU SEEN RAW SHIT BEFORE,
BUT I CAN SHOW YOU SO MUCH MORE!
BETTER DROP THE ZERO,
BETTER GET WITH THIS HERO.
‘CUZ THERE’S A SHORT FUSED CANNON ON THE LOOSE.
YEAH!

AUDIENCE CHORUS
YEAH!

RUBY
This is idiotic. Get back to crowd control.

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD
Is this idiotic? Or is it your FACE THAT IS IDIOTIC.

LIDIA
YOU’VE BEEN KARL AUGUST WEINBURNT!

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD
WHAT I’M ABOUT TO SHOW YOU IS NOT FOR THE FAINT OF
HEART.

CHARLOTTE
OH MY!

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD
BUT I OFFER IT TO YOU AS MY FIENDISH WORK OF ART.
YOU THOUGHT THOSE FROGS WERE ROWDY?

LIAM
OH YES!
KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD
YOU THOUGHT THOSE FROGS A FRIGHT?

BEATRICE
UH HUH!

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD
BUT I BET YOU NEVER EVER SEEN
WHAT YOU’RE ABOUT TO SEE TONIGHT.
MOST PEOPLE THINK I’M CRAZY,
SO SENSUAL, SO ODD.
BUT YOU’RE ABOUT TO REALIZE
I’M A DAMN ELECTRIC GOD!

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD (CONT’D)
Get a load of this Aldini, you ancient nerd.

ALDINI
Why am I being harassed?

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD reveals a stage with six dead cats all lined in a row.

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD
WHAT ONCE WAS DEAD,
I WILL REVIVE.
YES I WILL MAKE THESE CATS ALIVE!
ARE YOU READY?

AUDIENCE CHORUS
YEAH!

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD
I SAID ARE YOU READY?

AUDIENCE CHORUS
YEAH!

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD
COUNT ME DOWN YOU FREAKS!

AUDIENCE CHORUS
Five! Four! Three! Two! One!

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD pulls the lever.
ZAP CHORUS

ZZZ
ZAP.

The dead cats come back to life.

RE-ANIMATED CATS
MEOW MEOW MEOW MEOW,
HARDCORE CATS
MEOW MEOW MEOW MEOW,
WE EAT BATS
MEOW MEOW MEOW
MEOW MEOW MEOW MEOW!

Members of the audience pass out. Others erupt into applause.

AUDIENCE CHORUS

KAW KAW KAW KAW!

KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD

Oh yeah.

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KARL AUGUST WEINHOLD once again pulls the lever, effectively letting the cats be dead again. Rapturous applause.

ALDINI

This is not good.

RUBY + MARY KATHERINE

Mm-mm.

Blackout.