

Scene 2 Front Desk of the Inn with Rabin family (*biblical times*)

Shabot	I cannot believe this hotel. How in the world...Hey you kids run along. Go play somewhere else. How in the world can I run out of oil for my lamp? <i>Walks up to front desk and rings bell several times.</i> Where is everyone? Hello? Helllooo? Anyone here? <i>Looks down at counter, does not see Omar walk in.</i>
Omar	<i>Right in the face of guest</i> You rang.
Shabot	<i>Startled</i> Wow! Oh rang. Yes yes I rang. Ya woo I almost did more than that! Would have needed a servant with a mop if you know what I mean. <i>Laughs nervously.</i>
Omar	<i>Just stares and smiles at him</i>
Shabot	Anyway. I'm staying in room six and I am completely out of oil for one of the lamps.
Omar	Room six – ah yes – Mr. Shabot. We can certainly help you with that. <i>Shouts.</i> Aaron can you get up here?
Aaron	Yes Father?
Omar	This gentleman, a Mr. Shabot, is in room six and needs some more oil. Can you get him some?
Aaron	Sure follow me sir.
Shabot	Thank you.
Omar	<i>Talking to no one.</i> Why are we always short on oil in the lamps? Aren't the servants filling them up each morning? <i>Yells.</i> Beulah? Where are those linens for I asked for?
Beulah	Right here my son and don't be so grumpy you'll scare the guests away.
Omar	Ah mother. This inn is running at maximum capacity because of the great census. I'm not too worried about our guests. They're just lucky to have a place to stay. I've heard there's no room hardly anywhere in the city.

Beulah	That's no excuse son. I brought you up better than that – and don't think your too big to go over my knee young man.
Omar	Settle down now mother, settle down. Did you get the linens all delivered?
Beulah	Already done master. <i>bows</i>
Omar	Good. Then could you check who we have on for servants tonight?
Beulah	Ok ok. <i>exits</i>
Leah	<i>Walks in.</i> Your treating your mother nice I hope?
Omar	Leah. How's that backroom coming?
Leah	Honestly Omar. I don't understand why are you trying to make that back storage room into another guest room?
Omar	Leah it's all about making money. This inn is fairly slow much of the time. When these events and festivals roll around we've got to squeeze every bit of money we can from them.
Leah	Oh I suppose your right. It's all set to go just need to get some linen down there. I hope you're not going to charge as much for that spot are you?
Omar	Why not?
Leah	Well it doesn't face the city. It faces the stables and caves for one thing. And it only has a partial window of glass. A window that looks right out into the stable yard.
Omar	<i>Reluctantly.</i> Ok. We'll rent it for 1/2 shekel less the other rooms.
Kish	<i>Walks up.</i> Shalom.
Omar	Shalom to you. Mr. ...ah...
Kish	Kish. Levi Kish room three. Just wondering if you can tell me what my bill is as of today? I want to make sure I'm staying on budget. Gotta have money for taxes.

Omar	Oh ya taxes. Gotta keep Rome happy. <i>Pulls up abacus.</i> Well let me see here...ah...darn thing struggles <i>with abacus</i> . Ah I'm sorry Mr Kish but it appears my abacus is down.
Aaron	<i>Walks in.</i> Having trouble there father?
Omar	This blasted thing never works right.
Aaron	Here let me see it Father. <i>Takes abacus and swings it around behind him and raps it on his heel, hands it back to Omar.</i> Try it now. It should work.
Omar	Ah there we go. What did you do son?
Aaron	Oh just rebooted it.
Omar	All this technology's gunna do me in. Ok let's see here Mr. Kish it appears you are at 12 shekels as of today.
Kish	12 shekels, ok. Thank you sir. Good day.
Omar	And a good day to you Mr. Kish.
Micah	<i>Gershon family approaching front desk.</i> Miriam, Miriam, look! There's the inn we've been talking about. Let's see what they have for rooms.
Miriam	Micah we have been traveling all day long. We have been just about every place there is. There's not going to be any room here either.
Micah	We need to try Miriam. It will soon be sunset. We need a place to stay.
Miriam	I suppose you're right Micah. Let's try it.
Sarah	How many more cubits till we get there? I'm hungry and I'm tired.
Toby	Why don't you just be quiet Sarah? You're always complaining.
Miriam	Tobias Goliath Gershon! Please this is your sister don't talk to her like that. Do you hear me?
Toby	Yes ma'am.
Micah	We are here right now. Let me see if they have any rooms. <i>Walks up to front desk.</i> Shalom.

Omar	Shalom. And how may we assist you today?
Micah	Looking for a room. Do you have any available?
Aaron	I don't mean to sound like a salesman but – sir this is your lucky day! We just happen to have one room left. Although it is a bit different from our standard rooms.
Micah	Oh? Is that a problem?
Aaron	Not for me. <i>Laughs</i> Actually it's just that it doesn't face the city but instead has a grand view of our courtyard!
Beulah	Courtyard! Aaron Rabin - you explain to this man what you mean.
Leah	I'll tell him. You see Mr. Gershon this room faces the stables and caves. Which apparently Aaron sees fit to identify as the courtyard.
Micah	I see.
Leah	We have glass windows in all our rooms but the one facing the stables only has partial glass. So there may be some noises at times as well as possibly some...well let's just say less desirable odors if you know what I mean.
Sarah	You're kidding?