

ACT TWO — SCENE 11

The Wizard's chamber (humbug).

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Magic Smoke Chords

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(Orchestra)

The flames are billowing as DOROTHY, TINMAN, LION and SCARECROW enter with more confidence than previously.

OZ. Step forward if you dare. (DOROTHY *advances with the broom*)
Can I believe my eyes? Why have you come back?

DOROTHY. Please, sir. We've done what you told us. We've brought you the broomstick of the Wicked Witch of the West. We melted her.

OZ. Oh, you liquidated her, eh? (*Laughs at his own joke*) Very resourceful!

DOROTHY. Yes, sir. So we'd like you to keep your promise to us, — if you please, sir.

OZ. Not so fast! Not so fast! I'll have to give the matter a little thought!
Go away, and come back tomorrow!

DOROTHY. Tomorrow? Oh, but I want to go home now!

TINMAN. You've had plenty of time already!

LION. Yeah!

The WIZARD'S machine roars.

OZ. Do not arouse the wrath of the Great and Powerful Oz!
I said come back tomorrow!

DOROTHY. If you were really great and powerful, you'd keep your promises!

OZ. Do you presume to criticize the Great Oz? (*Machine roars*)
You ungrateful creatures! (*Machine roars*)
Think yourselves lucky that I'm giving you an
audience tomorrow, instead of twenty years from now!

The machine roars again. From behind the curtained booth, there is movement and the sound of TOTO barking.

DOROTHY. Toto?

DOROTHY *moves towards the booth. The barking and movement continue.*

OZ. The Great Oz has spoken! Now go!

DOROTHY. Toto, come out of there!

OZ. I said go!

DOROTHY *draws back the curtain and we discover a small man (MARVEL) manipulating levers and speaking into a microphone.*

OZ. Oh! *(Tries to close the curtains again.)*

Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain.

The Great and Powerful Oz — *(Gives up)* — has spoken —

DOROTHY. Who are you?

OZ. Well, I-I — I am the Great and Powerful — Wizard of Oz.

DOROTHY. You are?

OZ. Uh —

DOROTHY. I don't believe you!

OZ. No, I'm afraid it's true. There's no other Wizard except me.

SCARECROW. You humbug!

LION. Yeah!

OZ. Yes — that's exactly so — I'm a humbug.

DOROTHY. Oh ... you're a very bad man!

OZ. Oh, no, my dear. I-I'm a very good man. I'm just a very bad wizard.

SCARECROW. What about the heart you promised Tinman?

OZ. Well, I —

TINMAN & LION. And Scarecrow's brain?

OZ. Why, anybody can have a brain. That's a very mediocre commodity. Back where I come from we have Universities — where men go to become great thinkers. And when they come out, they think