

Scrooge

Counting coins

One hundred forty two, one hundred forty three...

Cratchit

It's only a few hours to closing time sir

Scrooge loses his place

Scrooge

Seventy two...wait...What did you say Cratchit? You've made me lose my place. It better be important.

Cratchit

I was just saying a few more hours until closing time, sir.

Scrooge

You interrupted my counting of money, to tell me that a few more hours until I have to stop making money until the morning when I can open up and make money again.

Cratchit

I guess that's one way to look at it.

Scrooge

That's the only way to look at it!

Cratchit

I mean, technically, there are two ways...

Scrooge

Shut up, Cratchit. It's cold in here. Put on the fire.

Cratchit

Will do, sir.

The actor looks around and does not see a fireplace. He grabs one of the other actors sitting on stage, drops his character, and says

Be the fire.

Actor #4

What?

Cratchit

Be the fire. There's no fire. We need fire.

The actor puts up both his hands and starts to wiggle his fingers as to signify fire. The actor playing Cratchit returns to his character.

There you go, sir.

Scrooge

Ah, good. I can feel the warmth already.

Scrooge goes and warms his hands on the "fire" and the actor gets ticklish.

Cratchit peers out the window.

Cratchit

Ah, it looks like a customer is coming, sir.

Scrooge

Look busy, Cratchit!

Cratchit mimes an over the top looking busy routine.

Ok, maybe, slightly less busy.

Cratchit mimes barely working at all.

Somewhere in between the two, if you would.

Cratchit mimes a reasonable amount of work.

Perfect!

We see Willy & Linda Loman enter.

Scrooge

Crachit! Who are these people?

Cratchit

Nervous that the wrong characters have come on stage.

They appear to be Willy & Linda Loman.

Scrooge

Oh...

Cratchit

From an entirely different....part of town....

Scrooge

Well, what do you want?

Linda

We are behind in our payments, Sir.

Scrooge

Why are you behind on your payments?

Willy

That goddman refrigerator!

Scrooge & Cratchit don't know what a refrigerator is.

Linda

It's old dear, it's ok.

Willy

I told you we should have bought one of those General Electric's like Charley has.

Scrooge

Why have you come to see me?

Cratchit

Trying to save the scene

They are behind on their mortgage payments!

Linda

Yes, our mortgage sir.

Willy

Twenty Five years we've been paying off that goddamn house.

Linda

Just a few payments more.

Scrooge

So you've come to tell me that you can't pay me.

Linda

Yes, sir.

Scrooge

Will you escort these people out?

Cratchit

Yes, sir

Cratchit begins to usher them out.

Willy

Wait...please listen sir.