

SIDE

~~MONK (BUD).~~

~~NOW IT IS THE DEVIL'S TURN!
I SEE A BOOK - I'LL HAVE IT BURNED!
I'LL ALWAYS TREASURE WHAT I LEARNED
IN THAT HAUNTED GERMAN~~

*(MONK throws the pencil at YOUNG MONK.
It embeds itself in his chest like an arrow. He
screams and falls, injured.)*

MONK (BUD). Yah!

← START

YOUNG MONK (DOUG). Owww!

MONK & YOUNG MONK (BUD & DOUG).

WOOD!

*(NOTE: The pencil stabbing is accomplished
through a simple stage trick. BUD pretends
to throw a pencil. DOUG has a pencil hidden
in his pocket and pulls it out and holds it to
his chest to make it look like MONK's pencil
has flown across the room and stabbed him
in the chest.)*

*(After applause, BUD and DOUG address the
audience:)*

DOUG. Now that is a bad monk!

BUD. In his defense, he was tricked by the devil.

DOUG. Yes. A lot of us get tricked by the devil.

BUD. My dad got tricked by the devil. He cheated on my
mom with a bank teller.

DOUG. A very pretty bank teller.

BUD. Yes. My parents are still together though!

DOUG. Marriage! Now - we hate Monk. And we hope you
do too. But we want you to hate him for a reason.

BUD. Yes! You can't just say a character is evil. You've got to know why he's evil.

DOUG. That's why we had him worship Satan.

BUD. It's called character development. Now - I think I heard the Monk saying something about how he doesn't want a person to make a machine that prints books.

DOUG. Uh-oh! 'Cause guess who's about to make a machine that prints books!! (*Stage direction.*) Scene Four:

[MUSIC NO. 5 - THE PRESS]

BUD. (*Stage direction.*) Gutenberg's Wine Press Shop. It is very late at night. The clock on the wall says, like, two a.m. probably. Gutenberg is working at his press.

GUTENBERG (DOUG). Ah! I need a break! **-STOP!**

~~WHEN I'M AT MY PRESS
I LIKE TO LEAVE MY BODY
LET MY MIND BOAM FREE
AND THINK ABOUT MY DAY~~

~~SOMEBODY DIED
SOMEBODY CRIED
SOMEBODY LIED
I ATE STEW~~

~~AND YET
THERE'S THE PAIN OF SOMETHING
TIGGLING AT MY HEAD
I CAN'T FORGET
AND YET I CAN'T REMEMBER
WHAT THE PEOPLE OF SCHLIMMER SAID~~

BOOTBLACK (BUD).
I CANNOT READ!

DAUGHTER (BUD).
I CANNOT READ!