

**KANUTE.** Great merciful crap, it's cold out there. *(Taking his coat off, he sees AARVID.)* Hey, Gunner, looks like ya got a customer, there. Big day, huh? *(Gangs his coat up and goes over to AARVID, extending his hand.)* Kanute Gunderson. Gunderson Outfitters.

**AARVID.** Aarvid Gisselsen. Lifestyle Systems. *(Recognizing KANUTE)* Oh, yah, you're the, ah, the camping canoeing, fishing guy, aren't ya? I've seen your store.

**KANUTE.** Stores. I got five locations.

**GUNNER.** He inherited 'em.

**KANUTE.** Here, I'll give ya my card. *(Hands him a card.)* It'll get ya 5 percent off on selected store items.

**BERNICE.** He's got a special on powdered turkey.

**AARVID.** Great. Thanks.

**GUNNER.** Aarvid sells karaoke machines.

**AARVID.** Lifestyle Systems.

**KANUTE.** Really? Where's your store?

**AARVID.** Oh, yah. I'm a, ah...a manufacture's rep. I work outta my garage. Less overhead, ya know.

**KANUTE.** Oh, yah, I know about that overhead. I got 5 stores. "Tano tano." That's "five" in Swahili. I told ya about the stores, didn't I?

**GUNNER.** Ya sure did.

**KANUTE.** *(To BERNICE)* Hey, cutey. Come here.

**BERNICE.** Hey, Kanute.

*(BERNICE goes to KANUTE. He sort of half hugs her, patting her shoulders.)*

**KANUTE.** How's my fiance doin' today?

**BERNICE.** Oh, I'm fine.

**AARVID.** *(Disappointed.)* You're ... engaged?

**KANUTE.** You betcha. Gonna be married in June. It's comin' right up, there, isn't it honey?

**BERNICE.** It sure is.

**AARVID.** Well, that's great. Congratulations.

**KANUTE.** Thanks...So, is this the karaoke machine? *(Goes over to it.)*

**AARVID.** Lifestyle System.

**KANUTE.** Yah, whatever. *(Looks at the machine.)* Ya know, I used to be in theatre in high school. I was the “go to” guy when ever they needed a a lead. Did ya know that, honey?

**BERNICE.** I sure did.

**KANUTE.** Put on my own variety show once. I got first place.

**AARVID.** In your own variety show?

**KANUTE.** There was a judge.

**GUNNER.** His Mom.

**KANUTE.** Here. I'll sing one for ya. *(He picks up a song menu and looks at it.)*

**GUNNER.** That's okay, Kanute.

**KANUTE.** No, I don't mind. Really.

**GUNNER.** I'm sure ya don't.

**AARVID.** *(Pointing to a song title.)* Ya know, this might be a good one for ya.

**KANUTE.** *(Looking at the title.)* Oh, yah, I know this one. Sven Yorgensen wrote it during the Gilbert and Sullivan phase.

**GUNNER.** Good lord!

*(AARVID hands KANUTE the microphone. KANUTE holds his hand up, doesn't take it.)*

**KANUTE.** Don't need it. I came from the school of musical Theatre. *(Pronounced “thee-ay-tray.”)*