

GOLDEN APPLE 2

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For
the
Fairest





What do you mean?

Wh...



You bet... My life represents series of misfortunes...

Right, Sharon?

It means she had experienced bitters of life!

No angel had smiled upon you...?



I don't consider her a daughter of mine ...

Oh, come on... I know you're proud of her.



Far different from my daughter Chris... Without a trouble she became a successful actress on my coattails...



My parents died in the fire on the day of my hard-won screen debut... And my husband passed away of illness the day after I won the Oscar...



Don't you think it is sick even for a joke?

...in a perfect disguise as my husband...

Can you believe it? When I was laying flowers on my husband's grave, she was standing behind...

Eh?



I haven't seen her since for almost 10 years... All I know is she was hanging out with bad crowd...

Oh now I remember... You once told me you taught Chris the disguising techniques because she begged for them...



Besides, those patrons are getting to notice that there is no camera running...

Anyways, let's go park the car and get to the dressing room already...



But now that it is right before the curtain time...



Silly... Then they would have been just regular people...



But why an hour before the show? If we were here even earlier, we would've been able to talk to the actors in the dressing room without disturbing them.

I'm so thrilled!!

(^{かんげき}感激~~~~!!)



Rose Hewitt
Stage Actress (28)

You really came!!

(^{ほんとう}本当に来て
くれたのね!)



Akane Nielson
Stage Actress (27)

Oh Sharon!

(まあ、シャロン!)



Lila Sanchez
Stage Actress (32)

I see... If it's just
before the curtain
time, they have
looks of professional
actresses with
makeup
on...



Yes. She is...
(ええ、そうよ...)



Hey, isn't she...

(あら、もしかして彼女...)



Uh-huh... Sharon is
close to the chairman
of this theatre troupe.
When she said
she'd come visit
the actors,
he got her the
tickets just
like that.

Wow...
They are
all
Sharon's
fans...



...the lady detective on the air...
(お茶の間で大人気の女探偵...)



Oh, Night Baroness!!
ナイトバロニス
(闇の男爵夫人!!)

イエース
Yes!

There, all the deductions she made led to the arrest of the criminal. That's how she became famous as a lady detective...

As a wife of a mystery writer, Mom once appeared on an investigating TV show as a guest.

That's her nickname here in the states! See, she is a wife of Kudo Yusaku, the author of "Night Baron"!

Night Baron-ess?

The fact is, she must have said whatever Dad mumbled every morning as he read papers...

Wow ...

How nice!!
(まあステキ!)

...could be my daughter in law in the future...
(「未来の」がつくかも
しれないけどね...)

Yes he is...
But she isn't...
(彼はそうだけど
彼女は娘じゃ
ないわ...)

So are they your children?
(じゃあその二人は
あなたの子供?)

Now, she is just dropping in
with two kids...

(子連れで楽屋に冷やかに
来ただけなんて...)

It's disappointing...
(がっかりだわ...)

Iberis Hamilton
Stage Actress (30)

Oh, No. I expected
Night Baroness to tell us what
the weird gift would mean...

あらあら、てっきり例の奇妙な
贈り物の謎を解くために
闇の男爵夫人が来てくれたと
思ったのに...

Three days ago,
a gift
addressed to
the troupe
was
delivered!

Weird
gift?

With a message
"For the Fairest"
inscribed in
animal
blood...

For the
Fairest

An apple
decorated
with golden
spray
paint...

Easy, easy, my goddesses...
(まあまあ落ち着いて僕の女神達...)

It's just a nasty joke...
(どうせただの悪戯さ...)

Heath Flockhart
Stage Actor (33)

So that's why...
I sensed gloomy mood
when I entered this
dressing room...

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Smile! Let's show these guests around the back...

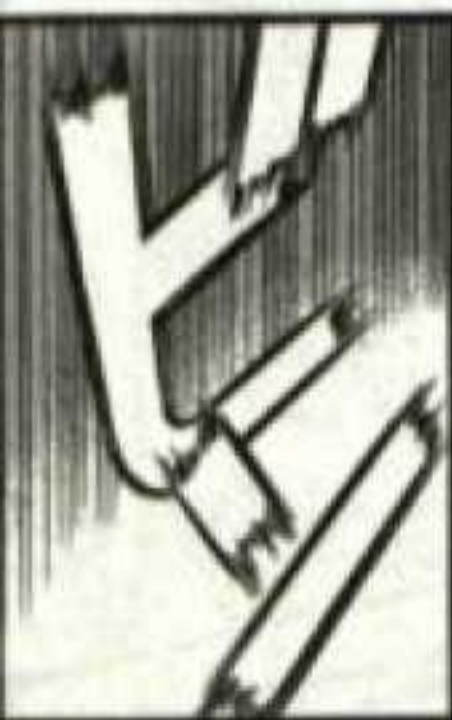
（さあ、^き気を取り直して^と直して^おシャロンの友人達を^ま舞台裏に案内しようじゃないか...



I heard tonight is going to be his last stage since he got a leading part in a film...

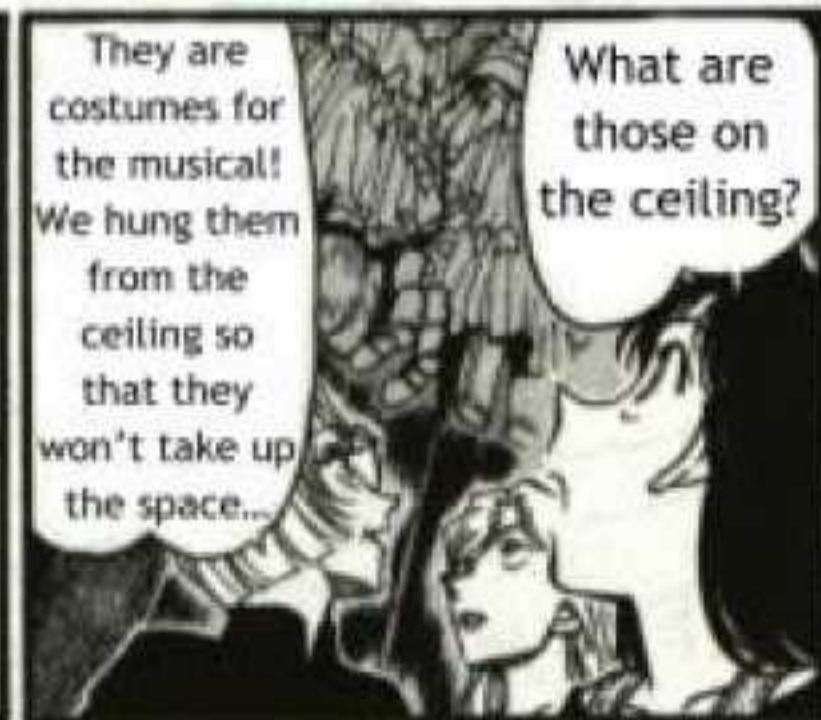
Heath is the top star of this troupe

Who's he?



They are costumes for the musical! We hung them from the ceiling so that they won't take up the space...

What are those on the ceiling?



No problem! A narrator will talk for the first 20 minutes explaining the original Greek myth in a comical way...

Are you sure it's okay for us to be on the backstage? The show begins in 40 minutes...



Huh?



Oh!!

NO
SMOKING

Now!!



Somebody is trying to kill me!!

(誰かが私の命を狙ってるんだわ!!)

It's me!!

(やっぱり私よ...)



Y, yeah ...

Are you all right, Ran!?

Who hang such a heavy armor?
(誰よ? こんな重く吊り上げたのは...)

The rope broke from ageing...
(ロープが古くなって切れただけさ...)



You don't owe any thanks to God nor the mirror...

(感謝するのは鏡でも神でもないわ...)

Sure, it's our lucky-charm...

(ええ...私達の守り神ですもの...)



Thank God! The great mirror was safe...

(でも不幸中の幸いね... 側にあったあの鏡が割れなかったんだから...)





No problem...
...

Thank you for saving me!
(ありがとう!)
(助かったわ!)



Ahhh...

...but to this girl, don't you?
(この娘にでしょ?)



See you!
(じゃあね!)

Oops!
We've got to go now...
(おっと、そろそろ
スタンバらないと...)



Um, where's a Band-Aid...?

Oh, I scraped my arm...



Aw!



There's no God indeed...



Eh?

If there were,
He wouldn't
allow such
cruel thing
to happen...



Now I've got
something to
take care
of and...

I was
going
to
but...



Huh? Weren't
you going to
watch the show
with
us?

Well,
Yukiko,
I'm
leaving
now...



it seems
there's going
to be a storm
tonight.



I'll
pass
on
it...

You can't see a gorgeous ball like this in Japan!

Isn't it?

Incred-ible!

Yawns

...and here's a baby who doesn't appreciate it...

It's the Golden Apple...

So? What's the original myth about?

What's so exciting about this show? It's just a cheap love comedy based on a Greek myth...


Come on! Why don't you focus a bit more!

Yeah... The three goddesses agreed to have a Trojan prince to decide on who deserves the apple the most... each goddess proposed an appealing reward for choosing her...

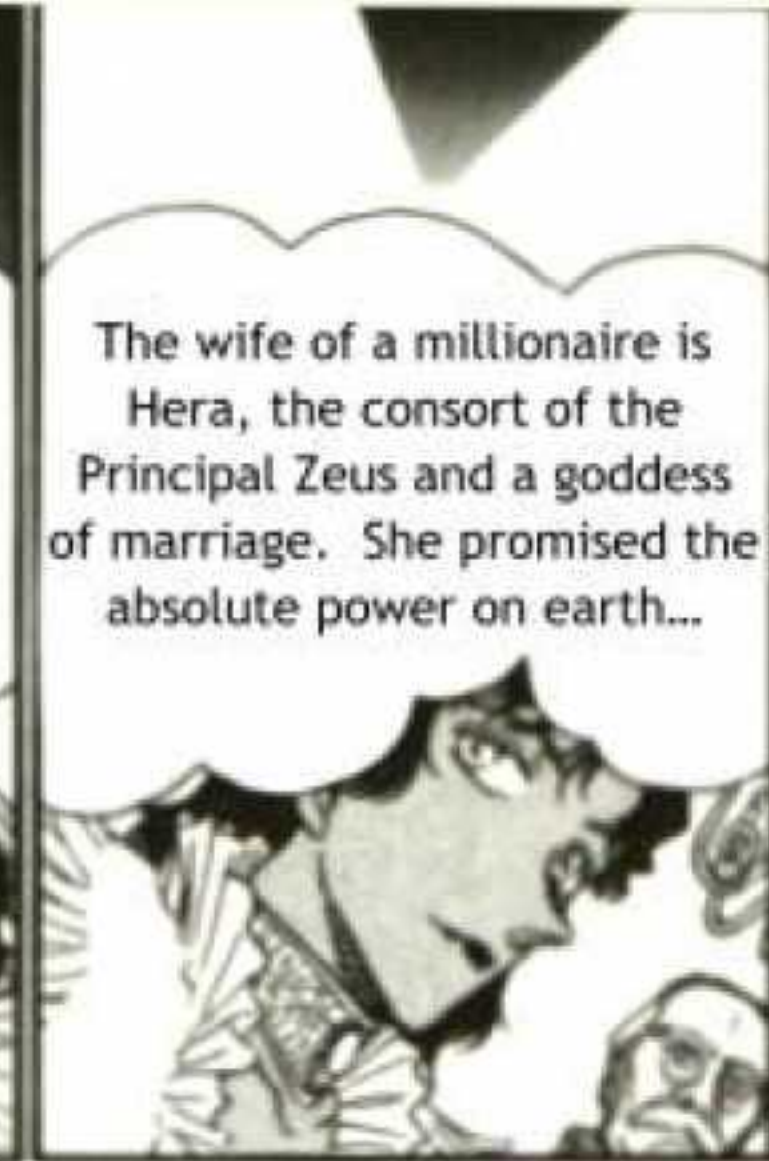
Isn't it...

There were three goddesses called Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite. One day all Olympian Gods were invited to the festivities except for another goddess named Eris. Driven by jealousy, Eris tossed a golden apple into the crowd... an apple with an inscription "For the Fairest"!


For the Fairest




That aggressive looking Japanese descent is... The goddess of wisdom, Athena, who promised victories in battles...




The wife of a millionaire is Hera, the consort of the Principal Zeus and a goddess of marriage. She promised the absolute power on earth...



Look. That impecunious aristocrat the actor is playing is the prince...

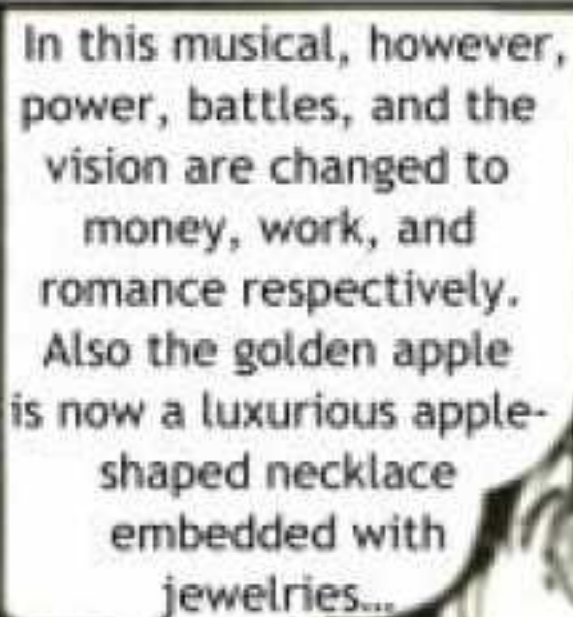


That sultry actress is the one who promised a vision, the goddess of love and beauty Aphrodite...




Aphrodite! But that decision caused the Trojan War...

And? Who was chosen?




In this musical, however, power, battles, and the vision are changed to money, work, and romance respectively. Also the golden apple is now a luxurious apple-shaped necklace embedded with jewelries...

Lastly, that gloomy actress who was jealous of the three actresses in the previous scene is the goddess of discord Eris, the one who sent the golden apple... Her name rhymes with Iberis...



the true identity of that shabby-looking aristocrat ...

You'll be surprised when you learn ...



This musical is different...

That's the Greek myth...



Behold! mortals...
(見よ！哀れな人間達よ...)



That's sooo cheap...

M,
Michael
the
archangel...!?



My name is Michael...
(我が名はミカエル...)



I'll tell you my answer...
(私の答えを聞くがしい...)



A laser sight!?

Could, could it be...

What's that red ray of light...?

Hmm?



What
!?

Wh...