

BARBARA

No! That book is dangerous.

LYDIA

(taking the book)

I thought you were on my side.

BARBARA

We are! But you can't live all alone in a haunted house.

LYDIA

I've been ALONE since my mother died! Please?

(She holds the book out to BARBARA.)

BARBARA

Lydia, we're scared for you.

LYDIA

Then I'll find a way to do it myself.

(#34 – A VERY DEETZ RETURN begins. LYDIA exits.)

(CHARLES and DELIA enter.)

SCENE 10: THE LIVING ROOM

Start

CHARLES

Where's the exorcist!?

DELIA

I got someone better. My Guru Otho!

CHARLES

Otho?

DELIA

Because Otho always says, "If you don't take a chance... you don't have a chance. Because you didn't take it."

(#35 – OTHO begins. The front door opens to reveal OTHO.)

OTHO

I do always say that.

DELIA

Otho!

OTHO

Delia! My disciple. Spirit hug!

(As they "hug" without touching, CHARLES crosses in.)

(OTHO)

Okay! I have the perfect weapon to vanquish your ghost. I call it... The Soul Box.

DELIA

Wow.

OTHO

I'm going to trap your ghost there. Forever. Now all we have to do is—

OTHO, DELIA, CHARLES

Find that ghost!

(CHARLES and DELIA begin to follow OTHO offstage as the scene shifts to LYDIA, ADAM, and BARBARA in the attic.)

DELIA

Here, ghosty-ghosty-ghosty.

End

(CHARLES, DELIA, and OTHO exit, as LYDIA enters and encounters BEETLEJUICE.)

BEETLEJUICE

So! Your dad wants to trap me in that fancy box. When he turns it on, what if your mom shows up instead?

LYDIA

You can do that?

BEETLEJUICE

No. But you can. Let's get that book open!

LYDIA

I thought you couldn't open it?

BEETLEJUICE

Oh, I can. I just didn't want to.

(#36 – THE HANDBOOK 3 begins.)

(BEETLEJUICE)

(He opens the Handbook; flips to a specific page—)

Let me see here... Yes! This is the one. Let 'em think they're in control, then spring the trap.

LYDIA

(grinning)

Classic bait and switch.

(BEETLEJUICE turns to the audience.)