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**SCENE 17: OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG CONSUL**

Fix talks with the Hong Kong Consul in the familiar British consul hat.

HONG KONG CONSUL

Your warrant, Inspector, from London via Bombay.

FIX

Finally!

Fix examines the warrant.

FIX (CONT'D)

It's expired!!

HONG KONG CONSUL

Oh. Hmm. I could send for another one, if you like.

FIX

Yes! Right away! But Fogg is about to leave Hong Kong and British soil. Once he does, I will have no authority over him at all! He must not leave Hong Kong!

Passepartout steps into the office with the passports. Fix tries to hide.

PASSEPARTOUT

Excuse me, would you stamp these passports, please?

HONG KONG CONSUL

Absolutely.

Passepartout hands the consul the passports who stamps them.

PASSEPARTOUT

(Seeing Fix hiding badly)

Monsieur Fix!

FIX

Oh, Mr. Passepartout! Getting your passport stamped, eh?

PASSEPARTOUT

Oui, Monsieur. What are you doing here?

FIX

I'm just making some arrangements for my journey home.

PASSEPARTOUT

You haven't decided to go with us to America?

FIX

No. No.

The consul hands Passepartout his  
passport.

HONG KONG CONSUL

Here you are, sir. Enjoy your trip!

PASSEPARTOUT

Thank you. Well, good-bye, Mr. Fix. It's been a pleasure.

Passepartout shakes Fix's hand.

FIX

Have you time to see Hong Kong?

PASSEPARTOUT

No! Our schedule has changed -- the Carnatic is leaving  
tonight not tomorrow!

FIX

Leaving *tonight*, eh?

PASSEPARTOUT

Oui. I'm off to tell Mr. Fogg.

FIX

Of course! We can't have Mr. Fogg miss the boat! But before  
you go, wouldn't you like to stop in and see a local wonder?  
On me, of course, Mr. Passepartout?

PASSEPARTOUT

Very kind of you, Fix, but I've seen enough wonders in my  
time. And I must tell Mr. Fogg about the Carnatic--

FIX

But they make the most wonderfully soft mattresses here -  
made of pure layered cotton. You can't pass through Hong Kong  
without having rested your head on one!

PASSEPARTOUT

(After looking at his watch)

There is time for a quick look, I suppose.

**SCENE 18: MATTRESS SHOP**

Fix and Passepartout walk into the mattress shop. They are approached by a clerk

MATTRESS CLERK

May I help you?

Fix gestures to one of the mattresses for sale.

FIX

My friend would like to see if your mattresses are really the most comfortable in the world.

CLERK

Be my guest. But be careful. If you close your eyes even for a moment, you may nap for hours.

The Clerk walks away as Passepartout hops on the bed.

PASSEPARTOUT

Not I. I am a master of self discipline.

He closes his eyes.

PASSEPARTOUT (CONT'D)

If I say I will not sleep, I will not...

A beat. Then Passepartout SNORES VERY LOUDLY.

FIX

At last! I have Fogg once and for all!!

Fix leaves the shop. By sheer force of will, Passepartout raises his head.

PASSEPARTOUT

(Out of it, trying to focus)  
The Carnatic! Can't miss the boat!  
Can't miss the Carnatic!

Passepartout stumbles out of the shop.