

SCENE 3 – THE DISSECTION ROOM

(Benches and a desk. STUDENTS in various places, chatting, waiting for the lecture to start.)

STUDENT 1

No cadaver today, then.

STUDENT 2

Must be a slow week for the grave-robbers!

(The students chuckle as FRASER enters. He wears spectacles and is holding a notebook. STUDENT 1 holds up the ends of his neck-tie)

STUDENT 1

Fraser... what is that?

STUDENT 2

It's called "last year's fashion."

(A ripple of quiet laughter. KNOX enters briskly.)

KNOX

Gentlemen.

(The students settle down. KNOX reaches the desk – realises something is missing. Before irritation forms, SINCLAIR appears with the specimen jar, crosses and hands it over)

Thank you. Mr Sinclair.

(Sinclair steps back, ready to assist.)

Today we consider the liver.

(He holds up the jar, then hands it to the nearest student.)

Pass it carefully and observe it closely.

(The jar moves hand to hand.)

Note its shape, colour and texture. Estimate it's weight.

STUDENT 1

Is there no cadaver, sir?

KNOX

No. We will have to make do with the living today.