

Dr. Wei Wei and The Fake Brain

SYNOPSIS

ACT I:

Thousands of Screaming Fans. Fake Brain plays yet another depressing gig to an empty bar. Upon returning to their rehearsal space, the *Fortress of Smallitude*, the band is confronted by their landlord, *The Anti-Vibe*, for putting thumbtacks in the wall. He goes on to threaten Fake Brain's upstairs neighbor, a three-nostrilled mad scientist named *Dr. Wei Wei*, with eviction. Furious and insane, Wei Wei plots to murder the landlord with his new poisonous invention, *Black Goo*. He places tainted cupcakes in front of the landlord's door.

Fed up with toiling in obscurity, Fake Brain's guitar player, Andrew, auditions for *The Fonkay Cashgrabbaz*, a highly marketable rap metal band with a collective IQ of 42. Andrew passes the audition, much to the delight of the Cashgrabbaz's manager, Marty, who explains the *Deal*. Psyched to be on the verge of fame and fortune, Andrew nonetheless feels guilty about leaving Fake Brain (*Andrew's Lament*) and struggles with how to tell his band mates that he is quitting. But it's time to Rehearse. Just as Andrew works up the courage, James arrives with *Cupcakes* that he found in the hall! The band devours them and dies a hideous death.

Evicted and *Heartbroken in Hoboken*, Wei Wei attempts to bring the band back to life using his latest invention, *Shingain 5000™*. Impatient and unable to wait for the results, Wei Wei flees his lab in search of a drink. In his absence, the experiment continues to unfold: *Shins Ablaze*.

ACT II:

Marty's boss, the evil cyborg IronClad Retardo, tells Marty that if he doesn't find the missing guitar player there will be hell to pay. Distraught, Marty goes on a drunken binge and ends up at the same New Jersey dive bar as Dr. Wei Wei. In the midst of their *Drink-Drank-Drunk* despair, Wei Wei confesses that he destroyed Fake Brain, but assures Marty that the guitar player is alive (sort of).

They return to the lab, but it's a mess and Fake Brain is gone. A mysterious creature that seems eerily familiar appears to be "growing" in a corner of the room. *IronClad Retardo* (who showed up to collect his "property" – the guitar player) is furious and beats Dr. Wei Wei to within an inch of his life. As he slowly begins to stir, Dr. Wei Wei makes a startling discovery (*Did You Hear That?*): The mysterious creature produces a strange yet beautiful sound that lands him a huge record deal!

Back in Manhattan, on the roof of a luxury condominium, James is asleep. Below him, his bandmates are hanging off the ledge – tiny, naked, and covered in mayonnaise: *What the Fuck is Going On?* A rich, perverted Wall Street banker sees them from his balcony and welcomes them into his penthouse, *Pervert's Paradise*.

Countless hours (years?) of perversion and partying have soured, and Gideon wonders if there is a point to all the *Ass-Biting*. The situation grows even more dire when cops arrive. Again facing death, the band is visited by the spirit of blues man, *Dead Willie No-Hands* who brings them back to life, and books them a gig: *FB@MSG*. However, events yet again conspire (*Get off the Stage*) to crush their hopes (*I Give Up*) and force them to reevaluate what it is they want out of music (*Friends & Family*).