

## SCENE 6

*JOSEPH RÖCKEL enters with newspaper and music score.*

JOSEPH

(calling out)

Hello? Where is everyone?

*ANNA and JAKOB enter.*

JAKOB

You're late.

JOSEPH

Forgive my tardiness.

JAKOB

Joseph, you need to know I've been asked to understudy the role of Sartagones.

JOSEPH

Jakob, Sartagones is a strong and fearless warrior. The only way you could play the part is if we took away all the opera glasses and extinguished the lights. By the way, you have something on the side of your mouth. What did I miss?

JAKOB wipes away chocolate.

ANNA

The Baron accused Herr Direktor of poisoning Mozart.

JOSEPH

Mozart died of dropsy.

JAKOB

That is merely a symptom and not an actual cause.

JOSEPH

It's a condition. He died of a condition.

JAKOB

He was poisoned.

JOSEPH

No he wasn't.

JAKOB

Wanna bet?

JOSEPH

How would we settle such a wager?

JAKOB

You can ask a family member and then pay me my money.

ANNA

Stop bickering you two. Did you get lost?

JOSEPH

I was looking for a penumbra.

ANNA

A what?

JOSEPH

According to the paper there's a solar eclipse today.

JAKOB

Eclipses are bad omens.

(ANNA takes newspaper)

JOSEPH

We should be safe. It's only a partial one. *Ein Teil der Sonne wird von der Erde verdeckt.*

*Das ist ein gutes Zeichen.*

*THEY stop and face out to audience place hand over hearts and sing a cappella to the tune of Haydn's Gott erhalte Franz den Kaiser.*