

ACT I

SCENE 4

The following morning.
Sun has risen, Renfield is
holding his Master's bloody
shirt.

RENFIELD

The sun has risen and sleep has begun. Sweet dreams, Master.
May you have sweet pleasant fucking dreams.

(He caresses the bloody
shirt against his face.)

I have dreams too Master. I dream about love but I can't have it
because you won't let me. You keep putting these nightmares in
my head. All those people you killed. You didn't even care who
they were. I live with your guilt inside my head every day and I
can't take it anymore. I can't. I can't even read the paper
because I already know who's missing or dead. For twenty years I
waited for you to keep your promise. Twenty years!

(He throws off the bloody
shirt to reveal a stake.)

Twenty years of devotion; cleaning up the blood, digging the
graves, packing you away from place to place, hiding you from the
rest of the world. Twenty years of my life for you and still you
won't give it to me. And now, I can't have Otto. I like him,
Master. He makes me smile. I feel normal with him so the only
way to have Otto is to get rid of you.

(He caresses the stake.)

So peaceful. So trusting. Yes, Master, you saved me. I remember.
I always remember.

(A teenage Renfield steps
into a spotlight, he has a
gun.)

I remember the bad names, the pushing and punching and... Please
Master I don't want to remember it again.

Master steps behind the
boy.

MASTER

Now why do you want to die?

TEENAGE RENFIELD

They spit on me. They laugh right in my face. They push me.
They kick. They punch because they don't want to see my ugly
face alive.

RENFIELD

Please, no more.

TEENAGE RENFIELD

I just want them to stop but they don't. I ask for help and they tell me to toughen up. I try but I just can't do it any more.

RENFIELD & TEENAGE RENFIELD

I hate them!

TEENAGE RENFIELD

I hate me. I found my dad's gun in the closet. I figure if I die, people won't have to look at my shame and humiliation.

MASTER

Such a beautiful tortured creature you are. An outcast by everyone even your self. So emotionally fragile yet so intense with emotion. Renfield, my son, death is not the answer.

RENFIELD

Yes it is.

TEENAGE RENFIELD

Then what is the answer? Because I've run out of them.

MASTER

Everlasting life. You can live forever and watch all your enemies die before you. You could even visit them on their deathbed. You could even kill them and get away with it. You come with me and I promise to give you that, all you have to do is serve under me until the time comes. I need you Renfield. I need your life to survive. We need each other. Serve me, please.

TEENAGE RENFIELD & RENFIELD

I will serve.

MASTER

Then come with me.

Master opens his arms, the
teenage boy hugs him and
they exit.

RENFIELD

You saved me. You are my protector. You are my life. I only serve you Master. Only you. I will let Otto go.
(He quietly whispers.)

For now.

Renfield exits as lights
change.