

Fagin

A career criminal that takes in runaways
and teaches them to pick pockets

Principal vocal

Adult

Male

Good boys! Good Boys! FAGIN
What have you got dodger?

A couple of wallets. DODGER

(Weighing the wallets) FAGIN
Not as heavy as they might be. But very nicely made! Ingenious
workman, ain't he, Oliver?

(Examining the wallets) OLIVER
Very ingenious, sir.

(CHARLEY roars with laughter)

(To CHARLEY) FAGIN
And what have you got, my dear?

Nose-rags. CHARLEY

(HE Produces two large silk handker-
chiefs - one red, one purple)

FAGIN
Well, they're very good ones, very! - yellow and green! You
haven't embroidered 'em too well tho' Charley - so we'll have to
pick the initials out with a needle. You'll need to learn how to
do this too, Oliver my dear. Won't he boys?

(BOYS shriek with laughter)

BOYS
Yeah, but not 'alf.

FAGIN
But in the meantime, you'll have to learn how to make wallets
like Dodger and Charley here. You'd like that, wouldn't you, my
dear?

OLIVER
Ooh yes, Mister Fagin, if you'll teach me.

FAGIN
Certainly my boy, no fee! Just do everything that Dodger and
Charley do. Make 'em your models, my dear - especially Dodger -
he's going to be a regular little Bill Sykes! Now then, is my
handkerchief protruding from my pocket?

Fagin- Song 'Reviewing the Situation'

A MAN'S GOT A HEART, HASN'T HE?
JOKING APART - HASN'T HE?
AND THO' I'D BE THE FIRST ONE TO SAY THAT I WASN'T A
SAINT -
I'M FINDING IT HARD TO BE REALLY AS BLACK AS THEY PAINT.

I'M REVIEWING THE SITUATION
CAN A FELLOW BE A VILLAIN ALL HIS LIFE?
ALL THE TRAILS AND TRIBULATION!
BETTER SETTLE DOWN AND GET MYSELF A WIFE.
AND A WIFE WOULD COOK AND SEW FOR ME,
AND COME FOR ME, AND GO FOR ME.
(AND GO FOR ME), AND NAG AT ME,
THE FINGERS SHE WILL WAG AT ME,
THE MONEY SHE WILL TAKE FROM ME,
A MISERY, SHE'LL MAKE FROM ME -
I THINK I'D BETTER THINK IT OUT AGAIN.

A WIFE YOU CAN KEEP, ANYWAY,
I'D RATHER SLEEP, ANYWAY.
LEFT WITHOUT ANYONE IN THE WORLD, AND I'M STARTING FROM
NOW -
SO HOW TO WIN FRIENDS AND TO INFLUENCE PEOPLE, SO HOW?

I'M REVIEWING THE SITUATION,
I MUST QUICKLY LOOK UP EV'RYONE I KNOW.
TITLED PEOPLE WITH A STATION
WHO CAN HELP ME MAKE A REAL IMPRESSIVE SHOW!
I WILL OWN A SUITE AT CLARIDGES,
AND RUN A FLEET OF CARRIAGES,
AND WAVE AT ALL THE DUCHESSSES
WITH FRIENDLINESS, AS MUCH AS IS
BEFITTING OF MY NEW ESTATE.
(HE waves graciously)
"GOOD MORNING TO YOU, MAGISTRATE!"
I THINK I'D BETTER THINK IT OUT AGAIN.