

The Judges Table: Eaglevision 2020

A Play in One Act

The Setting

Scene 1: Eaglevision Sound Stage 12, The Netherlands

Scene 2: The Same

Scene 3: The Same

Scene 4: The Same

The Cast of Characters

Draco Malfoy.....The star of our show.

Theodore Nott.....Just happy to have been remembered.

Severus Snape.....Mandated to supervise, against his wishes.

Pansy Parkinson.....Sour-faced and sullen.

Blaise Zabini.....Here for the costumes.

A Background Slytherin.....Finally, their big moment!

All roles are non-speaking except for Draco and A Background Slytherin (ABS)

Scene 1

Lights up on a long, rectangular judges table. The rest of the stage is stark and bare. As the lights come up we hear the sound of applause fading out. Hufflepuff has just finished their Eaglevision performance, and it's time for the judges to deliberate.

Along the table sit the following Slytherins: Draco Malfoy, Theodore Nott, Severus Snape, Pansy Parkinson and Blaise Zabini. Draco, in an effort to be a better person, is immeasurably excited to participate. He does not let his fellow judges speak. Rather, he replies to his own thoughts and statements mimicking their voices and actions. Occasionally a fellow judge may open their mouth to talk, but they are cut off by Draco every time. Everyone else watches, unamused.

Draco (as himself): Alright everyone, so we just saw Hufflepuff House's performance, let's start the judging.

as Pansy: Hufflepuff is so hard working. And it's great to see how much teamwork they put into this.

as Nott: Yes, absolutely! And I noticed that they're great at spelling. My spelling is terrible so props to Hufflepuff house for managing to spell Albania correctly every time. I don't think I could do it.

as saraberry12: *(an aside to the audience)* Honestly, me neither. I've actually spelled Albania wrong three times in writing this script, and we're only on the fourth line!

Draco: Okay, let's talk about the Postcard first.

as Snape: What did you all think about them turning "Albania" into a character instead of a country?

Draco: I really loved that choice. I thought it was clever and very creative.

as Blaise: I did as well. And I also really want to commend them on Albania's costume, I thought it looked great.

as Pansy: Agreed, they did a really great job designing it.

as Nott: I loved that their postcard included facts about Albania. It really helped the audience become familiar with their country and character.

Draco: And speaking of characters, I just loved the surprise at the end when we found out it was actually Tom Riddle interviewing Albania in order to find Ravenclaw's diadem. What a great twist! Such *drama!*

as Snape: Now it's time to move on and talk about their song.

as Blaise: Yes, wow, talk about thinking outside the box.

Draco: I thought it was so clever to go with the spoken word poetry route, and their performer has a lovely voice.

as Nott: I totally agree about their voice. It was soothing to listen to. I enjoyed it.

as Pansy: The video clips and photos they included definitely helped us get a sense of the country as well.

Draco: Absolutely. I loved that first video. Sign me up for an Albanian vacation!

as Blaise: Really great job, Hufflepuff.

as Snape: Now onto Gryffindor. Their performance should be starting any moment.

Draco: Yes, onward!

Lights fade to black. End of Scene One.

Scene 2

Lights up on the stage looking exactly the same as before. It is silent, and the judges appear to not know what to do. Draco continues speaking for everyone else.

Draco: So...

as Snape: It appears that Gryffindor went to the wrong soundstage?

Draco: Yes, I've gotten word from the Eaglevision officials that they went to Studio 21 instead of Studio 12, so they're over in the wrong lot.

as Blaise: That's a bummer. I was really looking forward to seeing their performance.

as Nott: Me too, but unfortunately I don't think they can make it in time.

as Pansy: Such a shame. I was so excited to see what they put together.

Draco: Well, instead of talking about their entry, since Gryffindor chose Belgium, we could just take a moment to talk about Belgian waffles instead?

as Blaise: Belgian waffles really are head and shoulder above other waffles.

as saraberry12: *(an aside to the audience)* In college there was this Belgian waffle food truck that I would go to, and let me tell you, a Belgian waffle with some nutella, strawberries, maybe some vanilla ice cream or whipped cream.... wow.

Draco: Well, since we cannot judge their performance, for now I'm satisfied just eating some waffles. Anyone up for a snack break?

The judges get up and begin to leave. A Background Slytherin runs frantically towards the judges table to stop them.

ABS: Wait! WAIT!!!!!!

The judges pause and look back.

Draco: Huh? What is it?

as Pansy: Who is this guy?

as Snape: Just some background Slytherin.

as Pansy: Ah okay.

ABS: *(breathing heavily)* Gryffindor - is - on - their - way - over - to - perform!

Draco: They are? Fantastic! I suppose the waffles can wait!

Blackout. End of Scene Two.

Scene 3

Lights up. The stage remains the same. ABS is no longer on stage, but the Slytherin judges all remain. There is a roaring applause fading out as Gryffindor exits the stage, having finished their performance. The judges (otherwise known as Draco and literally no one else) begin their deliberation.

Draco: Lovely job, lovely job.

as Blaise: Lovely manicure! Can we talk about how great the singer's nails looked!

as Pansy: Yes, she'll need to tell me where she gets them done.

Draco: *(with a flourish)* Okay but the song!

as Nott: Such a catchy melody, I found myself wanting to sing along.

Draco: And they did a great job including some information about the current times we are in.

as Blaise: Yes, they said it in the lyrics, and I think they're absolutely right - we are a little starved for culture right now.

Draco: It's great that these Eaglevision performances are exposing us to places we wouldn't be able to see otherwise!

as Pansy: The lyrics were very relevant.

as Snape: Yes... I could definitely go for a nice cold brew right now. Ideally in my own home, away from all of you... youths.

The other Slytherins nod in understanding. It has been a long day of not speaking.

as saraberry12: *(an aside to the audience)* Okay but like, same tho.

Draco: Well, if Professor Snape really wants to get away from us that badly, perhaps we should take a break. Waffle time?

All Slytherins *(finally, they speak!)*: Waffle time!

Lights fade to black. End of Scene Three.

Scene 4

You know what the set looks like by now. Everyone applauds Ravenclaw, and as the lights rise, the judges sit down, finished with their standing ovation. Draco again begins the judging segment, acting as though everyone thinks and feels exactly the same way he does. He's having the time of his life.

Draco: Alright, my stomach is a little sore from all that sugar, but I'm ready to judge Ravenclaw.

as Nott: Ah Ravenclaw, our host house. You know, it can't be easy to host the Eaglevision competition, especially not if you're also competing in it! That's a lot of responsibility they took on.

as Blaise: Absolutely. Now they didn't include a postcard, but I think that given they are the hosts, we have been getting a postcard of the Netherlands every day as we walk around outside.

Draco: And you know what, despite not submitting a postcard, I think their song really does a great job showing clips of the Netherlands for anyone who *hasn't* left the sound stages for some sight-seeing.

as Pansy: Totally agree! Those tulip fields and windmills are just to die for.

Draco: You know, I think my favorite part about their song is that it sounds like something I could just listen to on the radio.

as Nott: Yes! I was going to say the same thing. It really stands on its own.

Draco: It's a good representation of their country, but also works as just a regular old song.

as Blaise: They did a great job with the music and lyrics.

Draco: Wonderful job, Ravenclaw. And thank you so much for hosting Eaglevision 2020!

as Snape: Are we done here?

Draco: Yes, Professor. We're finished.

Once again, all the judges stand and applaud.

Slytherin House: A standing ovation to Ravenclaw. Thank you for putting together such a great challenge!

Blackout.

End of play.