

SCENE EIGHT - The Apartment - Dewey's Bedroom

We are in DEWEY's chaotic bedroom, where DEWEY sits with his head in his hands. PATTY comes in with NED.

PATTY: What are you doing here?

DEWEY: I don't have any other place to go.

PATTY: Yeah, well find a place.

DEWEY: Look, all I was-

PATTY holds up her hand to silence him.

PATTY: I don't want to hear anything you have to say. I have never liked you and now you bring this mess on to our doorstep. Do you realize how serious it is? We're talking about children, Dewey! Young, vulnerable children!

DEWEY: But they were all-

PATTY: Don't you understand, you idiot? This is fraud! You can go to prison! What were you thinking?

DEWEY: I was just trying to pay the rent.

PATTY: Don't you dare blame us! You're delusional! I don't even feel safe with you around. You're sick! You should get help!

NED: Patty, that's enough.

PATTY: *(To NED)* I'm going. And when I get back I want him out of here!

She leaves and they are alone.

NED: She's right, Dewey.

DEWEY: She's a pain.

NED: She may be a pain, but she's right. You've done some really messed up stuff, but this is unforgiveable. Did you ever think about me?

DEWEY: You're not involved.

NED: Oh, no? I could lose my teaching license, Dewey. My license, the apartment. This could screw up my entire life.

DEWEY: Ned, I am so sorry.

NED: It's too late for that. I want you to move out. Me. Go. It's over. I loved playing music with you. It was the best time of my life, but maybe some people aren't born to be rock stars. Did you ever think of that? ***(Cue 25. Where Did The Rock Go Reprise Underscore)***

He leaves. A dejected DEWEY stands and starts to take down his "Maggot Death" poster. Then, the door bursts open and SUMMER, ZACK, LAWRENCE, KATIE TOMIKA and FREDDY run in.

DEWEY: What are you doing here?

FREDDIE: We've come to get you! The bus is outside!

DEWEY: Listen. I'm a loser. Go back to school.

ZACK: Yeah, yeah. Didn't you hear us? The bus is outside! We've gotta go!

DEWEY: But -

SUMMER: Mr Schneebly, you can't give up now.

DEWEY: Mr Schneebly?!

DEWEY (CONT'D) I've lied to you. I used you. And worst of all, I've wasted your time! Just go back to your lives. Just go.

Dewey's Confession