

**Cast In Order Of Appearance:**

**Curd  
Rennet  
Toma  
Extract  
Alum  
Sonoma  
Sage**

**SFX: car screeching, car door slamming, footsteps running, knocking on door, door opening**

CURD : Quick! We haven't any time to waste!

RENNET : What's happening?

CURD : The Atsma-Cameron Dairy has reported some suspicious activity.

RENNET : What activity?

CURD : Well, it seems the three blind mice in their barn have taken up instruments and formed a jazz trio.

RENNET : So what's wrong with that? It sounds like a good way to pass the time when you're a blind rodent living in a barn.

CURD : Yes, but the only song they've learned to play is "Mood Indigo" and now all the milk is turning blue.

**SFX: MIM theme**

RENNET  
& CURD : This is a job for the Men in Milk - Dairy Defenders.

**SFX: transition music**

RENNET : Wow! This is some fancy herringbone milking parlor they have here at this dairy. And take a look at the cows! I've never seen cows that looked like this before.

- CURD : That's because you're used to seeing the most common dairy breeds in America, which in this story means "the Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn."
- RENNET : Okay. So what kind of cows are these?
- CURD : Piedmontese.
- RENNET : And what kind of cows are those?
- CURD : Italian. They have a very rich milk that's used for specialty cheeses like gorgonzola.
- RENNET : They look so buff though. I mean they have huge, well-defined necks and shoulder muscles.
- CURD : Yes, well they're also used for beef which is marketed as a premium product, a phrase which means "you pay big bucks for very thin slices on a small salad plate."
- TOMA : Excuse me, but are you both here about the milk?
- RENNET : Yes, we are.
- RENNET & CURD : Where's the milk?
- TOMA : Jeez, you don't have to yell. Follow me, it's right over here next to the bulk tank.
- CURD : Which here means "a giant refrigerated stainless steel cylinder used to store milk before the milk truck comes and gets it."
- TOMA : Wait! It's gone!
- RENNET : The bulk tank?
- TOMA : No, silly. The blue milk. I had it right here in a milk pail. Where'd the blue milk go?

**SFX: transition music**

- RENNET :            Now that was interesting. We search all over the dairy, finally find the blue milk, only to be told by the owner that it's being produced on purpose for some new specialty cheese.
- CURD :                And it's blue color has nothing to do with the three blind mice and their lack of repertoire, a word which here means "they need to learn more than one song to make it as a dance band."
- RENNET :            We should get going.
- TOMA :                Wait! Don't go!
- RENNET :            Now what?
- TOMA :                More than blue milk has been happening around here.
- RENNET  
& CURD :            Oh?
- TOMA :                Yes, some of our imported cows have been lured away and I'm getting worried.
- CURD :                Why? What's happening?
- TOMA :                Well, the first one was Tomme Brulee. She's a French Béarnais, from the mountains. She had a beef with congress over dairy subsidies. She was on her way to Washington when we heard that the latest copy of the Congressional Record hit her on the head and we haven't heard from her since.
- RENNET :            Well, that's unfortunate.
- TOMA :                And then there's Maribo, our Danish Red. She was going to Denmark to see some family and then on to Paris for a fashion show. They say she got kidnapped by the Gucci Gucci Goons. Last we heard she had been made into a series of handbags and is now on a shelf at Bon Marché.
- CURD :                Which in this story means "she's literally beside herself."

- RENNET : Wow! That's really unfortunate.
- TOMA : There's more!
- RENNET  
& CURD : No!
- TOMA : Yes! My best cow, Sage Derby (she's a little Dexter from Ireland), left yesterday for Hollywood. She said she has a part in some movie. Which is strange because she can't act worth beans, a phrase which means "not very well."
- RENNET : This is suspicious.
- CURD : Yes, very suspicious. Have they all been using the same travel agent?
- TOMA : Why yes. Sonoma Jack and his Pepper Planes have been flying them everywhere.
- RENNET : You said they were lured, a verb which means "to attract by temptation."
- TOMA : Yes! It was Sonoma Jack who suggested each trip. Tomme Brulee believed she could make congress understand logic -
- CURD : That's an unfortunate belief.
- TOMA : - Maribo was interested in Danish fashions -
- RENNET : Possibly an unfortunate sight.
- TOMA : - and Sage Derby fancied herself a great thespian.
- CURD : A phrase which in this story means "a cow wanting everyone to pay attention to her every moo."
- RENNET : Even more unfortunate for the audience.
- CURD : We must go to Hollywood and find Sage Derby!

**SFX: transition music**

EXTRACT : Tickets. Tickets. Please hand me your tickets.

ALUM : Step forward everyone. The movie lot tour is about to begin. Please take your seats on the transporter.

EXTRACT : Take your seats. Do not leave them behind.

RENNET : What did that ticket-taker just say?

CURD : Something about behind our seats.

RENNET : No, I mean the word “transporter.” Who on earth would call this bus a transporter?

CURD : Unless they’re from -

RENNET : - another planet! Those two are Moomen from the planet Moo!

CURD : You’re right! After them!

EXTRACT  
& ALUM : Run for it!

**SFX: transition music**

ALUM : That was very close. How did they know us Moomen were here?

EXTRACT : Perhaps our plan to blend in with the movie business has been compromised, a word which here means “been on the news and watched by everyone.”

ALUM : We must find Sonoma Jack, the cleverest agent from the planet Moo.

EXTRACT : Yes, we must find him.

ALUM : He’ll know what together we should next do.

EXTRACT  
& ALUM : Moomen together, for the planet Moo.

**SFX: transition music**

SONOMA : So, my little Dexter cow, are you ready to be in the movies?

SAGE : Yes, oh yes. This is so exciting. Ever since I read the first Harry Provolone book I've seen myself starring as Hermione Gruyere. When the first movie came out -

SONOMA : **The Sorcerer's Sap Sago.**

SAGE : Yes, that one. I was so impressed, but I thought I could do a better job than the actress they chose for the part. And then they made **The Chamber of Stilton** -

SONOMA : - followed by **The Prisoner of Asiago.**

SAGE : Yes, yes and now **The Fondue Pot of Fire** is out and they've still kept her in that part even though I know I could do better.

SONOMA : Well, now's your chance. I hear she's fallen ill. Lost her voice while doing a radio reading of **The Velveeta Rabbit.**

SAGE : I know. I know. I'm so excited. If you hadn't come out to the dairy to tell me that the part was now open for the next in the Harry Provolone series, a phrase which here means "the fifth book you could squash a pumpkin with" -

SONOMA : You mean **The Order of the Parmigiano**, of course. Yes, it'll be a great movie with you now in the part. Now if you'll just sign here -

SAGE : And knowing that this contract guarantees that I'll also be in **Harry Provolone and The Half-Baked Brie** makes all this traveling worth it!

SONOMA : Yes, now if you'll just sign here -

**SFX: transition music**

RENNET : Why are we out here?

CURD : Dairy Defender Headquarters has located a ship from the planet Moo. It's on top of Mesa Queso Blanco.

RENNET : That's the perfect landing spot for a spaceship. Why didn't we see it before?

CURD : Because we're in Hollywood and there usually aren't any mesas in Hollywood to see.

RENNET : Except on this old set from the last of the **Cheese Wars** movies: **Revenge of the Stinking Bishop**.

CURD : Yeah, that was okay but **Return of the Jarlsberg** was my favorite.

RENNET : Mine too.

**SFX: transition music**

EXTRACT : They will never suspect us of using this old movie set for landing our ship.

ALUM : Yes, and soon we will have collected enough fancy cows to fill our new creamery, a phrase which here means "tricked into coming to the planet Moo and work like slaves for udderly nothing."

EXTRACT : Sonoma Jack has arrived.

ALUM : He looks happy.

SONOMA : Fellow Moomen! How good to see you. The cows are ready. They've hoofed it onto the ship already.

EXTRACT  
& ALUM : Moo hoo! We have succeeded!

RENNET : Not so fast!

CURD : Yeah, not so fast!

RENNET  
& CURD : We heard every word!

SONOMA : Well, that isn't surprising since the acoustics around this place are very hot, which here means "louder than a Las Vegas casino in full swing."

RENNET : Listen, you can't take these cows to the planet Moo.

SONOMA : Oh yes we can. See? Here are the contracts with all the proper hoof prints in place. Each one has agreed to come with us.

CURD : So the other two unfortunate cows are not as unfortunate as everyone thinks back on the Atsma-Cameron dairy?

SONOMA : Oh no. Tomme Brulee, that French Béarnais cow, wants to have her own satellite talk radio show on political movements. Maribo, the Danish Red cow, wants to design cow wear for those who really appreciate it, which here means "the Moomen on the planet Moo" -

EXTRACT : It is very hard to get attractive udderwear on Moo.

ALUM : Very.

SONOMA : - and Sage Derby, that cute little Dexter from Ireland, wants to act in our movies.

RENNET : Let me see those contracts.

**SFX: paper rustling**

CURD : Look! Look at the fine print!

RENNET : "...and they will work all weekday lunches and double shifts every weekend for tips only."

CURD : Hey! These are waiter contracts for working in the Moo diner.

RENNET : And everyone knows that Moomen don't tip.

EXTRACT

& ALUM : Run for it!

**SFX: running feet**

**SFX: transition music**

**SFX: spaceship taking off**

CURD : Well that was close. Good thing we got those cows off that Moo ship and then voided those contracts, a phrase which here means “ripped them to shreds and threatened the Moomen with time in the Dairy Defender Detention Center.”

RENNET : Yes, there’s nothing like the prospect of cleaning out manure pits while in manacles to make the Moomen see the error of their ways, a phrase which here means “go home and stop trying to steal our fancy foreign cows.”

**SFX: MIM theme**

RENNET

& CURD : Another disaster averted by the Men in Milk - Dairy Defenders!

**SFX: transition music**

RENNET : So who is going to replace the actress who plays Hermione Gruyere in the Harry Provolone series?

CURD : I don’t know. I just hope they don’t get a Quark.

RENNET : What’s a Quark?

CURD : A cow with no personality.

**SFX: end MIM theme**