

**Scene 6****Place:** The Dragorian Mansion**Time:** Meanwhile**LIGHTS UP ONSTAGE**

*At lights up the coffin is DSR on the floor. The lid is off and Hugo is kneeling behind it. There are small piles of goods around him and he is searching through the contents. Vlad is SL pacing back and forth.*

**Hugo:** Look at this, Father! *(holds up a small box)*

**Vlad:** Did you find it? *(grabs box from Hugo, opens it)* No. Just some family pictures. Look here. *(shows Hugo, teasing)* You were such a cute baby.

**Hugo:** *(embarrassed)* Father, please.

**Vlad:** And look. A picture of your mother with your sister. And here is another. Together on our wedding day. *(sighs)* My dearest Elena. *(hands them to Hugo)*

**Hugo:** She was very beautiful.

**Vlad:** Yes, she was. And so kind. *(sighs)* I never deserved her.

**Hugo:** And look at you, so handsome.

**Vlad:** *(embarrassed, takes pictures back, puts them in box)* Enough of this sentiment. We *must* find what we so desperately need. I just pray Andrei was able to send it.

*Hugo resumes search. Cordelia enters door UR with Leander.*

**Vlad:** Hello, Cordelia. Who's this?

**Cord:** You mean you don't recognize him?

**Hugo:** *(doesn't look)* Afraid not.

**Cord:** This is Leander Potts, the son of our illustrious mayor. Mr. Potts, this is my father Vladimyr Dragorian and my brother Hugo.

**Leander:** Pleased to meet you both.

**Hugo:** *(still searching)* I wonder. . .

**Vlad:** And why have you brought him here?

**Cord:** I was in the square sketching and Mr. Potts kindly asked if he could walk me home.

**Vlad:** *(to Leander)* We are rather busy right now.

**Cord:** *(notices what Hugo is doing)* Oh, they've arrived! Did you find it?

**Hugo:** Not yet. *(still searching)*

**Leander:** Find what?

**Vlad:** Just something shipped over from the old country.

**Leander:** *(looks, startled)* Why in a coffin?

**Hugo:** We didn't want anyone snooping along the way.

**Leander:** Who, umm, what are you looking for? Maybe I could help.

**Vlad:** I'm afraid it would be too difficult to explain.

**Leander:** *(looks in coffin, nervous)* Is that dirt?

**Hugo:** *(holds up book)* Look, Father! I think this is it!

**Vlad:** *(excited)* Let me see! *(takes book)* Ah, yes! The Dragorian Family History. This has the information we *must* have in order to survive! *(looks through book and begins to read)*

#### **Music #14 Song: A Brave New Day (Exactly What We Need!)**

**Vlad**

*This curse has been a blight on our fam'ly tree.  
Now it is laid bare. Explained here for all to see.  
Blestem De Sânge, The Curse of Blood we own!  
But to be cur-sed undead, filled with bloodlust and dread,  
Is a 'curse' we've never known.*

**Hugo:** *Look here! This is Ev'rything We Need!*

*Looks like Cousin Andrei came through!*

**Cord:** *Let me see! Let me see! Oh, this one is just for me!*

*It looks like my prayers have come true!*

**Vlad:** *And there I see a box of earth.*

**Hugo:** *And here, a bag of seed!*

**Cord:** *And the boxes filled with bottles, ev'ry shape and ev'ry size!*

**Hugo/Cord:** *(shouted) We are saved!*

*It's exactly what we need!*

**Cord:** *See here and here and here!*

**Hugo:** *This one is very dear.*

**Vlad:** *For that one we must find a very special place.*

**Hugo:** *I'll keep it safe, never fear!*