Act 2

SCENE 1 — Princeton's Apartment / New York City

#13a – Entr'acte

Princeton's apartment is stacked high in pizza boxes, Chinese food containers, clothes, papers, and magazines. Princeton lies on top of the pile, wearing a robe, so lethargic he cannot move.

PRINCETON

IT SUCKS TO BE ME.
IT SUCKS TO BE ME.
IT SUCKS TO BE SINGLE, UNEMPLOYED AND ALMOST ...
God, I'm old.
23.
IT SUCKS TO BE ME.

The Bad Idea Bears appear, behind the pile of junk.

BAD IDEA BEARS

Hey, Princeton!

GIRL BEAR

We're here to cheer you up!

PRINCETON

Oh, no!

BOY BEAR

Gosh, you look so blue! How about a little smile?

GIRL BEAR

I think I see a smile. I think I see a little smile. Aww, come on, Princeton!

PRINCETON

Sorry guys, that's not going to work.

BOY BEAR

Judge Judy's your friend!

GIRL BEAR

Yeah, watch Judge Judy when you feel all sad and alone!

PRINCETON

It's not working.

BOY BEAR

Well, you could always hang yourself!

GIRL BEAR

Yeah! We found this rope!

PRINCETON

I'm not going to hang myself.

BAD IDEA BEARS

Awwwww.

PRINCETON

Would you guys go away?

BOY BEAR

Gosh, he's Snappy the Turtle today! We'll leave the rope just in case.

They disappear.

#13b – *The Bears, Yet Again*

PRINCETON

Oh, man.

Brian knocks and enters.

BRIAN

Princeton!

PRINCETON

Yeah.

BRIAN

Listen, buddy, nobody's seen you for two weeks. What's up with that?

PRINCETON

I went to work for a temp agency, and they fired me for being too depressing on the phone. I maxed out my cards. I'm two months behind in rent. I totally messed up my personal life. And Brian — I still haven't found my purpose!

A moment.

BRIAN

Wanna hear a joke?

PRINCETON

Sure.