

Jekyll and Mr. John Utterson
(Jekyll's Lab)

UTTERSON

(off)

Henry. It's John. Henry? What is the meaning of this letter? Who is Edward Hyde? And why, in God's name, would you want to leave everything you possess to someone I've never heard of?

(UTTERSON reads from the letter he carries.)

"He is to have full control of all my assets immediately upon my death, or indeed, my unexplained absence of longer than three months."

UTTERSON

(Continued)

Are you out of your mind?

JEKYLL

Hyde is a colleague, closely involved in my research. If anything happens to me, he must have the wherewithal to carry on my work. You have to trust me, John.

UTTERSON

I do trust you...with my life.

JEKYLL

Then you will do as I ask.

UTTERSON

Does this man Hyde have some hold on you? Tell me what the problem is, and we'll work it out together, like we've always done.

JEKYLL

Not this time John! In the name of friendship, I beg you to do as I ask and do not question anything!

UTTERSON

I don't like it, Henry, but if that is your wish - I will draw up the revised will.

JEKYLL

(handing him the chemical case) John. Bisset the apothecary is preparing some vital chemicals for me. I need you to collect them and bring them here. I cannot leave this place.

UTTERSON

Alright. I'll do it.