

# Irritating

## Introduction

This scene is inspired by the comic duo of Laurel and Hardy.

- 1       *(As this scene begins, we find STAN watching OLIVER busily*  
2       *scratching himself.)*  
3     STAN: What are you doing, Ollie?  
4     OLIVER: What am I — ? What does it look like I'm doing,  
5       Stanley?  
6     STAN: It looks like you're scratching.  
7     OLIVER: That's right. That's what I'm doing. I got up this  
8       morning and got dressed and now I'm itching all over.  
9       So help me. Scratch my back! *(STAN starts scratching*  
10      *OLIVER's back.)* No, over here, over here.  
11    STAN: Here?  
12    OLIVER: Yes, yes. Ooooh, yes.  
13    STAN: Feelin' better?  
14    OLIVER: A little, but — oh — but now my arms are itching!  
15      *(OLIVER starts scratching his arms. Then, he starts scratching*  
16      *his legs. STAN all the while is scratching his back. As the*  
17      *scene proceeds, OLIVER is wildly scratching everywhere.)*  
18    STAN: Stand still. Stop dancing so.  
19    OLIVER: I can't help it. It's just getting worse. Over here!  
20      Over here! Scratch harder!  
21    STAN: You sure are irritable today.  
22    OLIVER: You'd be irritable, too, if you were itching like me.  
23    STAN: I think you have "irritable irritation" syndrome! You  
24      should learn to relax better.  
25    OLIVER: Oh, do be quiet, Stanley. Oh! I'm itchy all over! I

- 1       wish I knew why this was happening.  
2     STAN: Oh, I don't know, Ollie, maybe it was that bottle of  
3       itching powder I split in your suitcase!  
4     OLIVER: *You did what!?* Ooooh, you! *(OLIVER hits STAN with*  
5       *his hat and then chases STAN off the stage.)*