

ACT ONE
SCENE 4

FILING ROOM.

VIOLET, MARIA, KATHY and MARGARET are gossiping.

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VIOLET

Stop. I'm a widow.

MARGARET

Just because you're not going to order doesn't mean you can't peruse the menu.

(JOE approaches.)

JOE

Hey, Violet.

KATHY

I think I hear my typewriter calling.

(The other SECRETARIES exit, except for MARGARET.)

JOE

Have you had a chance to take care of the Ajax file?

VIOLET

Here it is all signed and sealed by Hart.

(KATHY comes back, grabs MARGARET's arm.

MARGARET elbows VIOLET.)

MARGARET

(sort of sotto voce)

Atta girl.

(KATHY and MARGARET exit.)

JOE

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VIOLET

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