

ACT ONE
SCENE 8

ELEVATOR.

VIOLET is repeatedly pushing the elevator button.

VIOLET

What is wrong with this elevator?

DORALEE

What is wrong with you! How could you believe I was sleeping with that worm?

VIOLET

Well, I mean ... aren't you?

DORALEE

No! I don't even like him.

VIOLET

Alright, okay, so I made a little mistake.

(JUDY enters.)

JUDY

Violet, Hart fired Maria! You've got to do something!

VIOLET

If I got my promotion I could at least try, but I'm still just a lowly secretary.

DORALEE

I think I at least deserve a "sorry."

JUDY

Doralee, I am sooooo sorry.

DORALEE

Not from you.

VIOLET

She thought you were sleeping with him, too. We all did!

DORALEE

Well that makes me feel a whole lot better.

(MARGARET enters.)

MARGARET

Is it 5:00? Where's everyone going?

VIOLET

Home to get drunk.

MARGARET

Atta girl!

(MARGARET exits. VIOLET hits the button again.)

VIOLET

Alright! I'm sorry!

DORALEE

Well, it ain't the sweetest apology I ever got but it'll do.

JUDY

Can you believe he fired Maria just for discussing salaries?

DORALEE

Can you believe he told everyone I was sleeping with him?

VIOLET

Can you believe he gave that promotion to someone I trained? What a rat.

DORALEE

What a liar.

JUDY

What a creep!

VIOLET

(beat)

You know what? I'm gonna start smoking again. I think I've got a pack in here somewhere.

(rummages around in her purse)

DORALEE

I don't think a cigarette's gonna make me feel better.

VIOLET

Bet this one will.

(She produces the joint JOSH gave her.)

DORALEE

You roll your own?

JUDY

(shocked)

Is that mary-juana?

VIOLET

Keep it down. I don't have enough for the whole office.

(beat)

Well, I'm going home to forget my troubles. Anyone coming?

DORALEE

I'm in.

JUDY

Me too!

VIOLET

Oh hell, let's take the stairs.

(ROZ rushes in.)

ROZ

Vio-let! Where are you girls going in the middle of the afternoon?

VIOLET

GET OFF MY BACK, ROZ. WE'RE TAKING A COFFEE BREAK!

(VIOLET and the WOMEN exit. A SECURITY GUARD crosses, escorting MARIA out of the office. ROZ hands MARIA a pink slip.)

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SCENE TRANSITIONS TO: