TINSWORTHY, HART, VIOLET

ACT TWO
SCENE 7

BULLPEN.

RUSSELL TINSWORTHY, wearing an ice cream suit and Panama hat enters. He has the bearing of an army general. He is carrying a bottle of champagne. HART rushes over and pumps his hand.

HART

START> Mr. Tinsworthy, sir, to what do we owe the pleasure?

TINSWORTHY

Hello, Hart. What's with the pajamas?

HART

Well, I, ah ...

VIOLET

It's .... the end of the week, sir. We feel we're more productive if we're more ... relaxed so, Mr. Hart instituted ... something ... called ... Casual Friday.

TINSWORTHY

Casual Friday. I like it. But it's Thursday.

VIOLET

That's Mr. Hart for you. Always ahead of the curve.

TINSWORTHY

I'll say .... Hart, I'm dumbfounded about what's been happening in this division over the last four weeks.

HART

And I'm so relieved you're here so we can clean up this mess. There's something you need to know ...

TINSWORTHY

Damn right. I need to know who's responsible ...

HART

These women ...

TINSWORTHY

... for the 20% rise in productivity.

HART

(realizing)

... Wait, what?

TINSWORTHY

These women are responsible?

(The girls smile.)

HART

Yes. No. I mean, Violet was the ring leader when they–

TINSWORTHY

Is this Violet Newstead? THE Violet Newstead? I've heard a lot about you over the years.

VIOLET

Thank you, Mr. Tinsworthy.

TINSWORTHY

What's been going on around here, Violet?

HART

Sir, I think we're talking about two different things ...

TINSWORTHY

Hart, hush. I'm talking to a lady.

VIOLET

Well, sir ... my two colleagues, Doralee Rhodes and Judy Bernly and I thought it was time to make some changes in the office. <END

(nods to JUDY)

~~**JUDY**~~

~~We thought with some new ideas – job sharing, flexible hours, day care – we could improve the quality of life here at Consolidated.~~

~~**DORALEE**~~

~~And increase productivity at the same time.~~

~~**VIOLET**~~

~~*(to TINSWORTHY)*~~

~~And Mr. Hart signed off on the changes. Doralee has copies of every memo.~~

~~**HART**~~

~~*(aside)*~~

~~How many memos are we talking here?~~

~~**DORALEE**~~

~~*(under her breath)*~~

~~About a hundred.~~