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What do you think?
Well, I have one more piece coming up
and it is really gorgeous,
but darling give this one a chance.
Look at it for a few minutes.
Alright, I'll be right back.
Laurie, angel...
Is the Sherbert Resort ready?
Here comes.
Ms. Grimaldi is waiting.
No, no, no.
No, no. I'll dress the model myself.
Oh my god, it's 9 o'clock!
Send the girls home,
I'm not paying any overtime.
Sorry.
Have you reconsidered it?
Can I see the other style, please?
It's coming right up.
Thank you, Irene. Very pretty.
When she moves,
the material really seems
to flow, it's like quicksilver.
Turn around, honey.
What do you think?
It's nice.
Let's do it in 3 colors
and 5 sizes
for all the stores.
Excellent.
Excellent!
You have impeccable taste, my dear.
Come on,
let's get to Molly McGuire's.
So it's not like he's...
Come on, Thana.
Let's go.
I really liked him.
I don't like him at all
Hey, bright and early in the morning.
Good night, honey.
Everything's locked up.
And the machines are shut off?
Yes, good night.

The 2 best seamstresses
in town.
Rimoldi lovekin!
Thana... Good night, honey.
Hey booty,
you wanna sit on my face?
Fuck off!
Oh mama!
Hey baby!
Are you sure, you don't want
to come with us for a drink?
You'll have a good time.
All right, we'll see you tomorrow.
If you make one sound,
I'll stick this thing in your mouth.
and then I'll shoot it off.
That was good, baby,
but I gotta go now.
I'll see ya. I'll se ya again. I'll be back.
We're going to play a little game
You talk and I'll kill you.
Now I'm going to take
my hand off your mouth.
If you scream...
Bam!
Now let's try it.
That's good.
That's real good.
Now, where's the money?
Where's the money?
What's the matter with you?
Talk.
Talk!
You can't talk.
You can't talk?
Open the bag.
Give me the bag!
What's the matter with you?
What happened to you?
Come on gently paper,
don't be modest.
the ramp is flowing smoothly on both levels.

It's 6:

and the temperature at Central Park is 52.
Continued fair tomorrow, cooler on Friday
with the chance of some showers.
Come here, Phil.
Come on.
What is this?
I said a V-neck!
Not a scoop neck!
What are you gawking at?
Alright, girls.
Back to the drawing board.
Thana, do you have the shirt ready?
Thana, are you alright?
Thana?
What's the matter with that?
Thana?
Thana?
Thana, what's the matter?
Thana, are you okay?
What's the matter?
Don't you feel well?
Thana?
Would you like to sit down?
You like a glass of water?
Let me feel your forehead?
Maybe you should sit down.
Would you like to sit down?
Maybe you should sit down.
What's in that bag?
Oh Phil, get out of the way!
I'll take the bag down for you.
Really, let me do it.
Thana? What ever you...
What's wrong, honey?
Are you alright?
Is there anything wrong, honey?
Little girl!
Hey, uh little girl, sweetheart!
Where you go? What's the hurry?
Jesus Christ, all mighty!
Everyone is in a goddamn hurry today, huh?
Huh, Ben?
Goddamn chicks are cold as ice, huh?
You ain't missing shit!

Hey, baby doll.
Looking pretty good today, huh?
Hey, what's the matter?
I got bad breath or something?
Maybe I ain't good enough for you, huh?
Hey, lasse!
Hey, baby!
Your bag!
You forgot your bag!
Thana!
Open the door, Thana!
Thana!
Open!
Thana, what's wrong with you?
I heard you run up the stairs like a phantom
and throwing up all over the place.
There's something wrong with you.
I'm gonna call the doctor.
Oh yes I am!
Phil, where are you?
Come on, Phil!
Oh Phil, what are you doing in there?
Come on out!
Phil, you naughty dog!
Now you get out of there!
Right now!
I think I ought to call Dr. Fisher.
You look very bad.
You really do.
I'm going to call the doctor.
Alright, we'll see about it.
What's the matter with you?
What happened to you?
Cause you're mute, you dress like that?
Hey mister? Nickel?
Dime? Anything?
Go fuck yourself.
Harold's Incorporated.
Thana, I guess what I'm trying
to say is I'm concerned about you.
You insist that you're feeling better,
but still your work these past
few days has not been up to par.
On top of scorching the silk blouse,

you sewed only 2 cuff buttons
instead of 3 on all the Prince suits.
I had to do have them all recalled.
Darling,
I realize that you are working
under a tremendous handicap.
Which is precisely why
you have to try harder
that a normal person.
You know we all love you here.
You know we all want you to do well.
So promise me
you'll get back on the track.
Show more interest in your work.
More spirit.
Be like the other girls.
There's the Halloween party on the 31st.
All of us are going.
You should come too.
There'll be boys your own age.
You'll enjoy yourself.
You'll have fun.
Good.
I believe you will.
Now tell Laurie to come in
here for a minute, please.
Now?
Okay, I'll be right there.
Look, I'll get back to you in
about fifteen minutes.
Thana, come here.
Why did Albert want to see
you in his office? Is he upset?
What's wrong?
Can I have the ashtray? Thank you.
Don't you like your sandwich?
It's terrible.
You know, I don't know why
we keep coming to this place?
I don't either.
We barely have time for coffee now.
Hey Mrs. Onassis?
What about the coffee we ordered?
I'll give it to you right now.

No skip the coffee. Just give us the check.
We have to go back to work.
Okay, you want separate?
Just put it on one, what do we
look like, strangers over here?
What is this, a zoo?
They look like a couple of monkeys going at it!
Hey lady, we're trying to eat over here!
This is a restaurant,
it's not Plato's Retreat.
Bye.
See you later.
Here, let me make sure Madame Currie
didn't make any mistakes over here.
Ok, it's \$3.50 a piece, it's \$4
with a tip. Everybody put up 4 dollars
Hey, ladies.
May I join you for an after dinner drink?
Sweet ladies.
I'm buying.
Fuck off!
You heard me. Get fucked!
Get bent!
Fucking wimp. Get the hell out of here.
Okay alright.
Beat it!
Take it easy!
Take it easy, my ass!
Believe it or not, this guy?
Here you go.
I can't believe how much work
we've got to get done.
Yeah I know,
I have to go to the bank.
I hope we have a long run.
Okay, we gotta go.
I'll cash my check.
Hey listen Thana, we'll see
you later at the office, alright?
Listen, baby.
How you doing?
Uh look, I didn't mean to seem forward
or out of place in that restaurant or anything.
It's no reason for your assistant

to get carried away like that.
I just wanted to say hello
and introduce myself.
Rich Falk, fashion photographer.
You know, Vogue, Cosmo,
layout of Atlanta, and now
Belinda on zebra skins, the plaza fountain.
You know my stuff.
It's been all over.
Hey, wait a minute.
Just a second, I just want to talk to ya.
See, I'm a photographer,
I'm a gourmet of beauty,
and when I saw you at
that restaurant, and that light,
I said to myself, wow!
I mean, it was like a Renoir or a Matisse.
And that's why
I wanted to talk to you.
No other reason.
When I see beauty, I gotta go after it.
You're not a model, right?
No, you're much too beautiful
to be a model.
Much too beautiful to be a model.
Listen, what do you say?
My studio is right around the corner.
Nobody is gonna be there, it's Friday.
We'll take a test.
We'll smoke a little pot.
Big pot.
A little wine, and we'll try
and go for a roll of shots.
No big deal.
You got nothing to lose.
I knew you were a smart kid
the minute I saw you.
It's no sense being shy
with a face like that. Trust me.
I'm going to make it work for you.
Show you how to make the big bucks.
Okay. Here. It's my place here.
Come on.
Wait til you see this place.

You're not going to believe it, it's beautiful.
Right in here.
And there.
Okay, just hold on a second.
Okay! This is the place.
Come on, you are gonna love it.
Wait til you see.
Didn't I tell you to trust me.
I mean, isn't this a beautiful place?
Oh Mrs. Soney, I'm sorry.
It won't happen again.
But like I had it in my pocket
and I changed my pants.
Oh Mickey, you're hopeless.
You're always losing your keys!
It's not my fault.
The same story.
What's all that makeup?
Good Heavens!
I've never seen you look like that.
Your eyes.
And your lips are so heavily made up.
'Staying overnight with a friend.'
What friend?
I'm tired of you playing
your little game. You understand?
Now I want the rest of my money.
Well, I don't have any money.
I gave you \$50, didn't I?
You sure you ain't got 50 more?
How much do you think he gonna give me.
You sure you ain't got 50 more?
5 minutes we were in there.
He much do you think he gonna give me?
And besides baby.
You know I wouldn't hold out on you.
Listen baby, that last trick
you had was a setup.
Now I gave him 100 dollars.
You gonna give me 50.
I don't care how much you gave
him, but he gave me 50 dollars.
You calling my friend a liar?
Yeah!

What? You call my friend a liar?
I swear he gave me 50 dollars!
Stop hitting me no more!
My money!
Hunter.
Pick her up.
Perhaps I can give you a lift somewhere.
Are you going anywhere particular?
Then perhaps you like
to come with me tonight.
Here, with the news.
Police are still mystified
by two apparently unconnected multiple murders
that took place in midtown Manhattan last night
and the largest mass killing in
New York City in 8 years.
At the fountain in Central Park
all the victims have been shot
with a .45 caliber pistol.
Meanwhile, at 48th Street
and Park Avenue,
a wealthy Saudi
Arabian businessman
Sheikh Mohammed Al Fazal
was shot to death almost
Oh, it's Thana! Come on in.
Oh, you brought something for Phil?
Here, Phil.
Look what Thana brought you.
Since the Sheikh was found
carrying more than \$2800
in cash.
Police are continuing
both investigations.
Talks will resume this morning
between the sanitation workers of the city
hoping to head off a strike
now scheduled to begin at 12:01 AM
There she goes again, Phil.
Hey, you going out or what?
But, just not coming back
to work from lunch on Friday.
I mean, how could you do that?
It's just not fair to the other girls.

On top of having to finish
your work for you,
before they could go home,
they were worried sick.
You could of at least
gotten word back to us somehow
had Mrs. Nasony called.
Thana, darling...
You promised the other day.
Remember?
You would try.
And look what happened.
And now I hear from the other girls
that you're not coming with us
to the Halloween party.
Well from this, all I can
Now, this is good news.
Do you know where it is?
Are you planning on going with someone?
Would you like to go with me?
I don't believe it.
Have you've ever seen her before?
Yes, I've seen her in there.
Look, that's her office.
And that, I guess, that's her boss.
That's her boss? Oh god!
I don't believe it.
If I ever run into him,
I wouldn't know what to say!
Albert, you gotta come and look at this!
I'll make a bet of 20...
Here, the second window.
Can you believe it?
Albert, why don't you try...
You know, I see this guy downstairs.
What are you gonna say to him
next time you see him.
Go get some curtains.
She's riding him like a whale over there.
I don't believe it.
The lamps are shaking.
They should get a stroller.
Don't know why they
wanna persecute me

because I don't talk to women?
All women do is laugh and sing
and say the word ''pussy''.
You ask any doctor
and he'll tell you that.
I don't know what's wrong with these people.
Well, I'll get these things going after a while.
I just will.
I gotta get back to work now.
You know, really.
I don't think it's possible
to find a
a woman as good as she was.
We made love in the bedroom.
It'd start out in the bedroom,
but we end up in the living room.
And when it started out in the living room,
we'd end up in the bathroom.
We made love all over the house.
You never could tell what
was gonna happen and it was fantastic.
We got along great and
all of a sudden, she starts getting antsy.
She's got too much time on her hands
and she was freaking out.
She wants to do something. She wants
to get a job and I said: "Hey, wait a minute.
A wife of mine isn't working. Okay?"
She fought back
so finally I gave in and I said:
"Alright, get yourself a part-time job,
get yourself a full time job.
Get a job and do something.''
And she did that and
everything was back to normal.
Well, sort of.
The meals weren't as good.
The sex wasn't as good.
But it was better than
when she was freaking out.
You know, I'm a salesman.
A shoe salesman.
You know, I do a lot of work upstate.
You know, upstate.

Massachusetts.

General wind in that area. You don't want to go to town 2 to 3 days at a time.

Once every 2 weeks, 3 weeks.

And I started calling her, like 3 o'clock in the morning.

She's not home.

9 o'clock at night, she's not home.

9 o'clock in the morning, she's not home.

I wondered what the hell is going on here.

A lot of things are crossing my mind,

but I'm blank and I'm not

and I'm trying to say

well, she may be over at

her mother's house, over at sister's place,

out at a movie, or going to

the bazzan, or something like that.

Anyway, when I start thinking

about this cheating stuff,

I can't get it out of my mind, man.

And all of a sudden, I'm trying

to imagine these guys she's cheating with.

Who's she cheating me with? A lawyer?

A banker? You know, a cop?

I was fed up.

I had to find out.

So I told her I was working

late one night, real late.

And I hid across the street in an

alley behind some garbage cans.

She walked down the street

a couple of blocks

and went into a building,

you know brown stone.

I went up and I checked out the buzzers

and there were 4 names up there

and I didn't recognize none of them.

So I tried the door and it was locked.

Tried to force it,

but it wouldn't give.

I tried the side door,

the one that they bring

the garbage out in.

It was open. I went in the back.

Dark window.

I looked in and there's candlelight
and I saw her with her arms
around another woman.

When I got back to our place,
I went to the bathroom,
brushed my teeth, and washed my face.

Then I went into the bedroom
and changed my shirt.

Then I went out into the kitchen
and I strangled her cat.

What is this, some kind of joke?

Thana, are you there?

This place is turning upside down!

Phil, what do you got there?

It's locked.

You wait here
and I'm gonna go get the key,
and I'll be right back.

Phil, look what you've done!

You naughty dog!

Phil, now she'll know
that we were here.

Now ladies,

I want to make a little announcement.

I know all of us have been
working very hard this week.

What's so funny about that?

And you're looking forward
to the party this evening.

So, courtesy of Harold

I'm giving you the afternoon off.

So there are two eggs
and they are boiling in a pot,
and one egg says to the other,

"How do they expect us
to get hard in 3 minutes?
after we just got laid!"

Oh, but you haven't walked him
in such a long time.

Well..

Hey lady, what are you
trying to do with that dog?

Not a hell of a lot, but did

you see the couple of the evening?
It's the Count.
Hello, Bobby.
And Sister?
Thana.
A charming name, is that Greek?
It's Greek to you, Bob.
Tommy, you gotta go to Puerto Rico.
The spanish girls, bam.
300 dollars, you can get a virgin.
They got this shit coming
in from the other islands.
What the hell is 300 dollars?
But, you promised after we had Laurie,
that you'd get a vasectomy.
I changed my mind.
Hi Albert!
How are my little brownies?
My little workers,
How are you doing?
You've been drinking.
Un Poquito.
Excuse me,
you hair will turn to silver.
Albert! How are you?
You know Miss Benson.
Of course.
Sure.
Albert, who's that girl
you are with tonight?
She's one of my proteges.
It's unfair! It's goddamn unfair!
You shut up!
We are not gonna have
this discussion here.
These are business associates of mine.
Thana, is that you, Thana?
But, Ms. LaSoney,
I didn't mean to scare you?
You almost gave me a heart attack,
with that idiot costume!
Oh, that girl! That witch!
Oh I know, I know, I know.
Oh baby, oh sweetheart.

The Mount of Venus.
I think she's at a party with friends.
She's a witch.
I know she killed my Phil!
Phil?
My Phil, yes, my dog.
Check that office for legwork cause
somebody must know where they went.
Yeah, she's a horror.
You got to find her.
Oh, Mickey...
And you, better get rid
of that head.
Oh my God, it came from up there!
Fucking Thana!