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Nickie, Helene, Charity 2

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CHARITY

... and then I left his apartment at five o'clock in the morning and went home. And you know how I got there? I flew! My feet never once touched the ground.

HELENE

... Yeah, well, you keep smoking them funny little cigarettes, you bound to do a little flying.

CHARITY

You don't believe me? You don't believe I spent the night with Vittorio Vidal!

NICKIE

You swear?

CHARITY

I swear.

NICKIE

On your mother's life?

CHARITY

On my mother's life.

NICKIE

(To HELENE)

Call up and find out how her mother is.

CHARITY

He gave me hat and his cane. They're mementos of our evening together.

HELENE

Is that all he gave you?

CHARITY

Yep!

NICKIE

Honey, if I was you I'd pass the hat and beat myself to death with the cane 'cause you are dumb.

CHARITY

But you don't know what happened.

NICKIE

Forget it. What you do in bed is your business.

CHARITY

I wasn't in bed, I was in the closet.

NICKIE

To each his own.

HELENE

You coulda had a mink coat.

CHARITY

Why would he give me a mink coat?

HELENE

Well, if you're gonna mess with the details you ain't gonna get no results .

NICKIE

A hat and a cane. If it was me, I woulda walked outta there with my own beauty parlor.

HELENE

Now you'll never get out of here.

NICKIE

Baby, you're stuck. Stuck just like the rest of us.

HELENE

Yeah, and it ain't no use flappin' your wings 'cause we are caught in the fly paper of life.

NICKIE

(After a pause)

Not me.

HELENE

What'd you say?

NICKIE

(Determined)

I said not me ... I'm not gonna spend the next forty years in the Fan-Dango Ballroom. I'm not gonna become the world's first little old taxi dancer ... I'm gettin' out.

HELENE

Out ... what a beautiful word.

NICKIE

I'm gonna be a receptionist in one of those glass office buildings like Lever Brothers. No, Seagram's. Nine to five! I'm gonna have my own typewriter --- Underwood! Water coolers -- Office Parties -- Coffee Breaks!

HELENE

Me too -- me too! I'm gonna get outta here and go right to the top! I am gonna be a Hat Check girl. At Sardi's East!