

JUDY  
+  
VIOLET

9 to 5

VIOLET

Hi, I'm Violet Newstead. I'll be training you here at Consolidated.

JUDY

Judy Bernly. Nice to meet you. This is quite a big day for me.

VIOLET

Big day, big hat.

JUDY

Thank you. I left an hour early to make sure I was here on time but the parking was impossible. Fun fact: parking meters were invented in Oklahoma City in 1935. Sorry - I share trivia when I'm nervous.

VIOLET

Okay, this will all be yours. Thrilling, isn't it? So, let's get started with a typing test. I'm going to dictate and you type.

From Franklin Hart, President, Consolidated Industries. To the employees: when planning for your retirement, why diversify? And ...

*(VIOLET stops, looks over at JUDY who is frantically trying to keep up.)*

It works a lot better with paper in the typewriter.

JUDY

Oops.

VIOLET

Where did you say you worked before?

JUDY

I've never really had a job in an office.

VIOLET

No kidding.

JUDY

You're not going to tell them are you?

VIOLET

I sorta have to ...

JUDY

Yeah.

*(starts to get upset)*

Well, I'm sorry, but I wasn't sure where on my resume to write, "I have no skills because I've spent my entire adult life taking care of a husband who just dumped me for a nineteen year old named Mindi." With an "i"!

*(JUDY sobs.)*

9 to 5

ROZ  
(Violet)

ROZ

Welcome to our happy little family. Violet, I've been meaning to talk to you about Mr. Hart's rules regarding office decor. No personal items on the desk. We mustn't look cluttered and sloppy. "An office that looks efficient—

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is efficient."

ROZ

As Mr. Hart always says ...

*(with longing)*

What a man.

VIOLET

*(sarcastic)*

What a man.

ROZ

I've typed up a memo. You can post it on the bulletin board.

VIOLET

Thanks, Roz. I know just where to stick it.

*(ROZ scurries away.)*

Dear old Roz is Mr. Hart's administrative eyes, ears, nose and throat. If you ever want to gossip in the ladies room, check under the stall for feet first.

9 to 5

Joe  
+  
Violet  
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JOE

Violet, you're the best. And I'm only saying that because I want you to like me, I mean I'm not just saying that because I want you to like me, never mind, change the subject, Joe, you idiot ... Well TGIF, huh.

VIOLET

Woo ...

JOE

- Hey, you know what I was thinking?

VIOLET

Time to get back to work?

JOE

How about dinner tomorrow night?

VIOLET

I don't know. How late do your parents let you stay up?

JOE

Come on, junior accountant, senior office manager - I can't think of a better match.

VIOLET

*(to herself)*

It's the junior/senior thing that worries me - And I need to spend the weekends with my son. Single parent, you know -

JOE

Bring him. I'm fantastic with resentful adolescent boys who think I'm trying to put the moves on their mother -

VIOLET

Come on, Joe, I'm old enough to be your - sister.

JOE

I just think we'd really get along.

VIOLET

Tell you what - I'll think about it.

JOE

Don't think about it. Just do it ...

*(JOE leaves as VIOLET thinks aloud.)*

VIOLET

Just do it. That would be a great slogan for something.

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JOE

I never thought I'd love getting up and coming to work. If I didn't know better, I'd think someone else was running the office.

VIOLET

Exactly what are you trying to say, Joe?

JOE

Hmmm, let me try again. Good morning, Violet, Doralee, beautiful day, isn't it?

VIOLET

Are you saying someone other than Hart is running the office?

JOE

Violet, what's the matter with you?

VIOLET

Why would anything be the matter? I'm fantastic!

JOE

*(not buying it)*

If you say so.

VIOLET

Well I just did. I said so. Just said it.

JOE

What's going on?

VIOLET

Would you stop.

JOE

I know you. Something's wrong ...

VIOLET

I'm telling you, I'm fine.

JOE

Stop pushing me away. Talk to me. Seriously, you can tell me *anything*.

VIOLET

*(in one breath, blurting it out)*

We've got Hart tied up in his house while we try to prove he's been stealing from the company. We're following the money trail to collect enough evidence to prove he's been cooking the books!

JOE

Not what I was expecting.

VIOLET

Me either.

JOE

You actually kidnapped Hart?

VIOLET

No! We just, we sort of ... yup, we kidnapped Hart. And I'll tell you, if we don't find more evidence on him before Mrs. Hart comes back next week we're screwed.

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Joe  
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Violet  
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JOE

I have access to every financial account in this company. I bet I could help you.

VIOLET

Really?

JOE

See what happens when you actually talk to me?

VIOLET

Joe, you're the best.

JOE

I'm the best. Okay, move fast Joe. Violet, have dinner with me. No time to think about it, say yes!

VIOLET

Oh Joe. I think you're a great guy ...

JOE

No, no, no, not the "great guy" speech. Give me one good reason why you won't go out with me. And not some bull about age. C'mon Violet, it's not like I'm not in my thirties.

VIOLET

Oh my God! You're still in your thirties?

JOE

What is it? Really.

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HART

(Violet)

9 to 5

VIOLET

This is Judy Bernly, new employee.

(HART takes JUDY in.)

HART

Now this is what I'm talking about. You're not bad looking for a gal with a little tread worn off her tires. I mean that. Sincerely.

VIOLET

Mr. Hart, I really wish you wouldn't refer to ...

HART

Come on Violet, Franklin Hart knows the value of each girl who has the privilege to serve under him. Now ...

VIOLET

Oh Lord, here we go ...

HART

Let me tell you my philosophy of business, Julie.

In a word: Teamwork. Everyone pulling together. It's a shame, and I have always said this, that you girls don't have the experience growing up of playing football or baseball because that's where you learn that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. If we all work together we can cut the balls off our competition and be sitting pretty on top of the hill.

VIOLET

Sitting pretty on top of a hill of balls. What a lovely picture.

JUDY

I'm very happy to be part of the team.

HART

You see that, Violet? That's the attitude I'm looking for. By the way, is that the present for my wife?

VIOLET

Yes, it is, but I want to remind you that my job description says nothing about doing your personal—

HART

Violet, dammit! I'm trying to explain to Jody here ...

... how we're all a team and right away you're not there for the handoff! I expect an employee, especially one who wants to be promoted to management, to show a little flexibility and cooperation. You savvy?

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**DORALEE**  
(Southern Accent)

↓  
(Violet, Hart)

**VIOLET**

Oh, come off it, Doralee. Everyone knows you and Mr. Hart are having an affair.

**DORALEE**

An affair! Who's been saying that?

**VIOLET**

Who's been saying that? HE has.

*(VIOLET stalks out as HART backs away from a furious DORALEE.)*

**DORALEE**

WHAT!

**HART**

Now, don't get upset.

**DORALEE**

You've been telling everyone I'm sleeping with you! That explains why everyone's been treating me like some dime store floozy! They all think I'm banging the boss!

**HART**

Now wait a minute. I can explain.

**DORALEE**

And you love it, don't you. It gives you some sort of cheap thrill, like knocking over pencils and picking up papers.

**HART**

You're getting all excited.

**DORALEE**

I've put up with your grabbing and chasing me around the desk cause I need this job, but this is the last straw! I've got a gun out there in my purse and up to now I've been forgiving and forgetting cause that's the way I was brought up but I swear, if you say another word about me, I'll get that gun of mine  
And I'll change you from a rooster to a hen with one shot!