

FINCH

(Crosses R.)

Rosemary, I've got a surprise for you. I've been made a vice president.

HEDY

(Stops)

Congratulations. Can I be your secretary?

FINCH

Gee, I'd love that, Hedy, but Rosemary is going to be my secretary.

(ROSEMARY turns her back to FINCH.)

HEDY

I'll go back to the steno pool.

(She goes L., stops in anteroom.)

Guess I'll wait for that pigeon till after he's married.

(She exits of L.)

FINCH

(Crosses R., taps ROSEMARY on shoulder)

Rosemary?

ROSEMARY

(Still turned away)

I'm going to be your secretary?

(Turns to him.)

FINCH

Sure. You were Mr. Ovington's secretary ...

(Crosses L.)

... and now I'm taking over his whole department.

ROSEMARY

(Crosses L. to him)

And what makes you think I'd be your secretary. I'd rather die.

FINCH

Rosemary, you must. You have to. I'm in charge of advertising now. You know what a tough job that is. I can only do it if I have your help. Rosemary, I need you.

ROSEMARY

You do?

(FINCH nods yes. She thinks for a moment.)

Well, in that case ... All right, I'll be your secretary.

FINCH

Wonderful. Now let's get to work.

(Starts off L.)

ROSEMARY

Just like that? Haven't you forgotten something?

FINCH

Oh, yeah.

(Stops, crosses back to desk, picks up phone.)

Hello, operator. Who paints names on office doors?

ROSEMARY

Finch, aren't you going to kiss me?

FINCH

Kiss you? I can't.

ROSEMARY

Why not?

FINCH

You're my secretary. Wait a minute, Rosemary.

(Into phone.)

Hello, name painter?

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(Rosemary, Finch, Bud)

(ROSEMARY turns front.)

ROSEMARY

"Wait a minute, Rosemary. Hello, name painter?"

(BUD enters D.L., opens door and sticks head into office to eavesdrop.)

FINCH

This is Mr. Finch. I want my name on my door in gold leaf.

BUD

Oh!

(Collapses, holding onto door.)

FINCH

J. PIERREPONT FINCH

J. PIERREPONT!

ROSEMARY

SUDDENLY THERE IS MUSIC ...

FINCH

ALL CAPITALS!