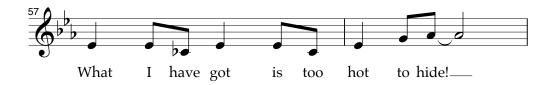
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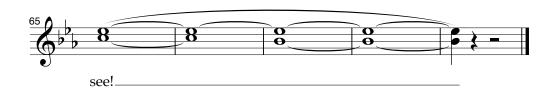




# DELORIS, STREET PEOPLE:







(#3 – FABULOUS, BABY! (PLAYOFF) begins.)

# **SCENE 2**

(An alley. CURTIS and his THUGS enter.)

# **START**

So where to boss?

## **ERNIE**

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### **CURTIS**

Oh I got a special place for you, Ernie. But first – I know how you love a joke.

## **ERNIE**

Oh, yeah, I do love a good joke, boss.

### **CURTIS**

Good. Knock knock.

#### **ERNIE**

Who's there?

(CURTIS grabs ERNIE's arm and twists it behind ERNIE's back, forcing ERNIE to the ground.)

#### **CURTIS**

What were you doing for four hours at the police station this afternoon talking to an officer Eddie Souther?

(ERNIE, caught and terrified, says nothing.)

# TJ

"What were you doing for four hours at the police station this afternoon talking to an officer Eddie Souther" who?

#### **CURTIS**

One of my boy's been talking to the cops and my gut tells me it was you, Ernie.

## **ERNIE**

It wasn't me boss, it was Joey.

### **JOEY**

I wouldn't tell on you, boss. *(he is moved)*I love you.

**CURTIS** 

TJ?

TJ

(giggling) What?

**CURTIS** 

Pablo?

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#### **PABLO**

Me? I would give my life for you. I didn't tell on you!

#### **CURTIS**

So it wasn't any of you. Huh. Well I guess I just gotta go with my gut.

**END** 

(CURTIS stands ERNIE up and forces him offstage. The THUGS follow them off as DELORIS walks into the alley.)

### **ERNIE**

No. No no. Please boss.

(CURTIS, ERNIE, and the THUGS are now offstage.)

#### **CURTIS**

(offstage)
Too late.

## **ERNIE**

(offstage)

Noooooooooo.

(We hear a loud thud. DELORIS lets out a scream. CURTIS and the THUGS run back onstage and stare at DELORIS. A moment.)

#### **DELORIS**

I... saw nothing. Just now. Just a whole mess of nothing.

(<u>**#4 – CHASE 1**</u> *begins.*)

# (DELORIS)

I was coming in here to – uh to—

(looks at blue coat in her hand)

Thank you for this <u>stunning</u> blue fur – and it goes with <u>everything!</u>

(points offstage at Ernie)

Oh look Ernie is taking a little nap.

#### **CURTIS**

Deloris, baby...

## **DELORIS**

Shhhhhhhhh. We mustn't wake Ernie. I'll just tiptoe out of here and see what else my fur goes with. Again, saw nothing. Nothing.

(DELORIS exits.)