

HERTZ AUDITION PACKET



REGINA

Mayor, your three o'clock is here. A Hertz Klineman?

MAYOR

Hertz? Oh yes!! Send him in!

Before she can, HERTZ and FRANZ KLINEMANN are in.

HERTZ

Heir Mayor! Zank you so much for meeting me!

MAYOR

The pleasure is mine, Mr. Klinemann.

HERTZ

(shakes; then) You know my son, Franz.

FRANZ

Zuch a pleasure to be here in your lovely—

HERTZ

Enough! You're boring him!

FRANZ

Sei beitte nicht wutend auf mich. (Please don't be mad at me.)

HERTZ

Folgen zie meinen befelen! (Follow my orders!)

FRANZ

(sheepishly) Okay.

FRANZ wilts.

HERTZ

Heir Mayor, let's cut to the chase, shall we? I have a proposal. But first, may I be frank vis you?

MAYOR

(really excited) Please!

HERTZ

Ze fact is, Heir Mayor, ze "sex, drugs, unt rock n' roll" element here is destroying your city.

MAYOR

Well, I don't know about destroying--

SKIPDUM

Suddenly, DENNIS and LONNY run by, LONNY with his pants around his ankles, and DENNIS chasing with cans of whip cream.

LONNY

I'm tetally running in the streets with my pants down!

DENNIS

This is so o rock n' roll!

LONNY

And I'm high too!

DENNIS

Suck it, LA!!

With that, they are gone.

MAYOR

White people.

REGINA

Personally, I love rock. I once followed The Dead for seven months... until I realized I was violently allergic to patcheuli oil and overwrought and meandering guitar solos.

HERTZ

(beat) Unt you are?

MAYOR

This is my new city planner down from Berkley, Ms. Regina Koontz.

REGINA

It's pronounced ReGYna.

FRANZ

(moved) Zat vas my mother's name.

HERTZ

Heir Mayor, Fraulein Regina... vat Klinehaus Inc. is requesting is nussing more zan ze privilege of bringing your city into ze next century. A European model of clean, pure, efficient living. BEHOLD!

FRANZ unveils a model of a new Strip.

FRANZ

Ta-daaa!.

MAYOR

Wow.

FRANZ

Zank you. I made it.

REGINA

(looking at the MODEL) That's the entire Strip from Doheny to La Cienega?

HERTZ

It is. Unt doesn't it deserve better? Don't you both deserve better?

HERTZ pulls out a briefcase filled with money.

MAYOR

Hertz, may I say I'm intrigued by your idea.

REGINA

Wait! These guys come in... arbitrarily condemn our "rock n' roll element" and now you're considering handing them the entire Sunset Strip?!

MAYOR

(sheepish) I only said I was intrigued.

REGINA

Mayor!

MAYOR

Plus, did you see this really cool model he made? There's a...

REGINA

This is OUR city... OUR history! And as for "rock?"

Suddenly, we hear VOICES OFFSTAGE.

"WE BUILT THIS CITY"

COMPANY (PRE RECORD SOUND CUE)

WE BUILT THIS CITY

HEETZ-

HERTZ (cont'd)

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BY THE TONE OF YOUR VOICE, MAYB BUT I DIDN'T LISTEN STILL I MEANT EVERY WORD I SAID WHEN I SAID THAT I LOVED YOU I MEANT THAT I'D...

Scheisse!

HERTZ breaks down crying. Suddenly,

REGINA (offstage)

Alright, LA!!

REGINA appears. She doesn't see HERTZ...

REGINA (cont'd)

This is my final stand!! Here on top of the Chateau Marmont! Here for all those who care about this city! For all those who don't have a voice! And for all those who really don't want to jump off (realizing the height)... anything this freakin' high up. (gulp)

As REGINA is about to jump...

HERTZ

Fraulein Regina?

REGINA

Wh... (startled) Mr. Klinemann?! What are you doing here?

HERTZ

(wiping his tears) Vat are YOU doing?

REGINA

Taking a stand! Not that you know anything about that!

HERTZ

You know you turned my son against me.

REGINA

You sure that was me?

HERTZ

(sad) You're right. I have no son.

HERTZ begins to cry.

REGINA

I'm not falling for that crap, Facist.

HERTZ cries harder. Finally...

REGINA (cont'd)

Jesus. Listen, you do have a son, okay? And he loves you. He just has a dream. Like all those people out there! If you could only see how happy it makes him, you wouldn't...

HERTZ

He doesn't understand! I did it all for him. For his future.

REGINA

But he doesn't want it! Christ, I know you must've had a dream nobody understood.

HERTZ

No!

REGINA starts to jump.

HERTZ (cont'd)

Wait! (pause) Vell, vhen I vas a boy I vanted to make formal wear for pets!

REGINA

Really?

HERTZ

Unt my fazer zought I vas a fool! Maybe I vas.

REGINA

Or maybe you weren't.

HERTZ

Were you really going to jump?

REGINA

I believe in my cause.

HERTZ

But vat vill zat accomplish? It's crazy!

REGINA

Is it?

HERTZ

Yes.

[+Pre-record]

We Built This City/Too Much Time

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