

Audition Sides - Don, Kathy, Policeman

(DON rushes over and sits down next to KATHY, putting his arm around her. The FANS leave disappointed. KATHY doesn't understand what's going on.)

KATHY

Hey, what are you doing?

DON

Nothing. Just do me a favor. They're after me.

KATHY

I'm going to call the police.

DON

Don't worry. I'm not a criminal.

KATHY

I don't care who you are. Just go away.

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DON

Now look, let me explain...

KATHY

(looking at him, gasps)

You are a criminal. I've seen that face someplace. You're a famous gangster. I've seen your pictures in the papers – or in the post office, with a lot of numbers on your chest.

(KATHY looks around wildly and sees a POLICEMAN at the corner. She jumps up and waves.)

Officer! Officer!

POLICEMAN

Yes, ma'am? Anything wrong?

KATHY

This man, he—

POLICEMAN

Oh – why it's Don Lockwood.

KATHY

Don Lockwood?

POLICEMAN

Out for a stroll?

DON

Actually, yes.

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POLICEMAN

You sure are a lucky lady. Goodnight, Mr. Lockwood.

DON

Goodnight, and “mum’s the word.”

(DON indicates “mum’s the word.” The POLICEMAN returns the gesture and exits.)

Well – thanks for saving my life. I’d very much like to know whose hospitality I’m enjoying.

KATHY

Selden. Kathy Selden.

DON

Enchanted, Miss Selden. I’m sorry I frightened you. I was getting just a little too much love from my adoring fans.

KATHY

I knew I’d seen you.

DON

Of course. Er, which of my pictures have you seen?

KATHY

I – I don’t remember... I saw one once. If you’ve seen one, you’ve seen them all.

DON

Well, thank you.

KATHY

Oh, no offense, but the personalities on the screen don’t impress me. I mean, they don’t even speak – they just make a lot of dumb faces... Well, you know.

(KATHY imitates a movie pantomime.)

DON

You mean like what I do?

KATHY

(mock earnest)

Well, yes.

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