

Audition Sides: Horace, Cornelius, & Barnaby

HORACE

Cornelius! Barnaby!

CORNELIUS

You stamped, Mr. Vandergelder?

HORACE

I did! I got news for you both! I'm going to New York this afternoon to march in the 14th Street Association parade. And when I come back you're going to have a mistress.

BARNABY

I'm too young, Mr. Vandergelder!

HORACE

Not yours, hell and damnation, mine! I mean, I'm getting married again. And in honor of that occasion I've decided to promote you, Cornelius, to chief clerk.

CORNELIUS

And what am I now, Mr. Vandergelder?

HORACE

You're an impertinent fool, that's what you are! And I'm promoting you from impertinent fool to chief clerk. Any more questions?

CORNELIUS

Yes.

HORACE What?

CORNELIUS

Does... does the chief clerk get one evening off a week?

HORACE

So that's the way you thank me for your promotion, is it? No sir, you'll attend to the store as usual! Get back to work! And don't forget to put the lid on the sheep dip! Evenings off, marrying artists, foolishness! Ninety-nine percent of the people in this world are fools... and the rest of us are in great danger of contamination!