

BOB & PHIL

It's a million-dollar proposition!

SHELDRAKE

I'll send you all the bumf. And hey - have a Merry Christmas fellas!

PHIL

Merry Christmas, Ralph!

BOB

Merry Christmas.

(SHELDRAKE exits.)

(RITA and RHODA enter.)

RITA

Oh, Philly-dilly!

RHODA

Once we're in Florida, are we gonna work on that new quote-unquote "routine" unquote?

PHIL

Yeah, honey, yea, I've got it all worked out.

RITA

That last routine did wonders for my sacroiliac.

RHODA

Hiya, Bobby! See ya in Florida!

RITA

And remember. Use Oxydol!

RITA & RHODA

(Bawdily.)

For purity!

(RITA and RHODA exit giggling.)

BOB

"Philly-Dilly..." Have you ever considered giving the female sex a breather?

PHIL

What, and give up show business?

BOB

I don't know what's getting older faster - me, or your jokes.

PHIL
Hey, why don't we go for a drink before the train? I heard about this little club downtown...

BOB
Whoa. Whoa. Whoa. I smell an angle. Skip the scam, Phil, what do you actually want from me?

PHIL
Okay - you remember mess sergeant Frankie Haynes?

BOB
Freckle-faced Haynes? The dog-faced boy?

PHIL
Yeah. His sisters are doing a show in some joint. We're doing a new revue - and we said we wanted a sister act.

BOB
This isn't a plot to hook me up with another belly-dancing rocket scientist - ?

PHIL
It's a way to find a sister act! Of course, we could always take Rita and Rhoda along...

BOB
Stop. Ever since we were in the army, you've been trying to fix me up with something female. Then years now -

PHIL
(Under "ten years now.")
You wanna know why, Bob?

BOB
- let me finish - big ones, little ones, dumpy ones, as long as it wears a skirt and it's still breathing, you trot it out.

PHIL
I'm trying to put a little romance in your life, Bob! I want you to go out and have some fun. Remember fun? I want you to stop being Bob Wallace Incorporated and fall in love! I want you to get married and have nine children, so you can have a home and I can go out and get a massage or something!

BOB
Okay. Okay. Maybe you've got a point there, about home. But come on, Phil - most of the kids we meet are you, they're ambitious.