

ACT I

SCENE 2

SETTING:: Same as seen one, that evening.

AT RISE: Harry is sitting on couch reading a magazine as Diane enters the room.

DIANE. You really think this could work Harry? I mean we're no spring chickens.

HARRY. Think what could work?

DIANE. Old ladies doing phone sex! I mean it does sound like it could be lucrative.

HARRY. And dangerous, as well as....

DIANE & HARRY. ... unethical, immoral.....

HARRY. Right.

DIANE. And there is Amanda to deal with. If she ever finds out there will be hell to pay.

HARRY. Interesting choice of words considering the source. But on the other hand, it's a cruel world out there and no one is looking out for you but yourself. After all, they cut your benefits didn't they? Do they care how you're going to make up for it or survive? I dare say not.

DIANE. You know you're right Harry. They don't give a hang how I'm going to pay the bills so why should I? No wonder the crime rate goes up in a recession. We've got to stake our own claim, go into business for ourselves.

HARRY. Well said madam!

DIANE. Interesting choice of words, but wrong profession.

HARRY. I don't know, slippery slope.

DIANE. Hey, maybe we could sell it as a reality show. You know, real 'Old Ringers' of the Bronx!

HARRY. I've done the numbers. At fifty bucks for five minutes we'll be rich in no time.

DIANE. I don't know, fifty bucks sounds a little steep. Just because one wacko was willing to pay that doesn't mean that that's the market price.

HARRY. I suppose I could call around to try and figure out the going rate. You know, do some market research.

DIANE. *That's* okay, I'll take care of that.

HARRY. Maybe we could have special offers?

DIANE. What are you talking about?

HARRY. I don't know, buy one get one free, two for Tuesday?

DIANE. It's phone sex Harry, not the A & P.

HARRY. Only trying to help.

DIANE. You really think I could talk the girls into this?

HARRY. Are you kidding, Verna will practically recruit for you.

DIANE. Yeah, and I could probably persuade Rose, but Kathy Ann, she's going to be a tough nut to crack.

HARRY. You just need to find the right nutcracker for the job.

DIANE. What do you mean?

HARRY. I'm an accountant, she just had her hours cut back. I'll merely explain to her that it's the fiscally responsible thing to do.