

Scene 6

Outside the Tudor Hotel, Manhattan, and in the Skies

#4 - Jet Set

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FRANK JUNIOR

I'd always wanted to be good at something. Now I was really good...at passing bad checks. I was a crook, nothing more. But then one day, as I went walking past the Tudor Hotel on 42nd Street, destiny came walking out those revolving doors.

(He almost collides with a beautiful young Pan Am STEWARDESS emerging, travel bag in hand.)

Gosh, I'm so—

(He takes her measure.)

—sorry.

STEWARDESS #1 (CINDY)

It's quite all right.

(She continues past him, as Frank watches, agape. A SECOND STEWARDESS comes through the door.)

STEWARDESS #2 (MINDY)

Excuse me.

FRANK JUNIOR

Uhh—no, excuse me—kinda late to be checking out, isn't it?

STEWARDESS #2 (MINDY)

We all have evening flights.

FRANK JUNIOR

"We all...?"

(A parade of STEWARDESSES, all in the same Pan Am outfit, march in through the door, satchels in hand. He bobs and weaves as they move through.)

FRANK JUNIOR

Oh, I—excuse me—whoops!—hello, there...

(STEWARDESS #3 bumps him on her way by...)

STEWARDESS #3 (LINDY)

Oh! Excuse me.

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FRANK JUNIOR

No...excuse me. Um. Who are you all waiting for?

THE STEWARDESSES

The pilots.

(Frank Junior blinks.

STINGER.

He smiles at us, then at her.)

FRANK JUNIOR

Excuse me, miss...I've been training as a pilot. Is Pan Am hiring?

STEWARDESS #1 (CINDY)

Aren't you sweet. Here.

(She pulls a business card from her bust. It's the wrong one. She pulls another; then the third time's the charm:)

Here it is. Talk to Jerry Taylor, VP of personnel. Tell him Cindy sent you.

FRANK JUNIOR

Thank you, Miss Cindy. Tell me—is flying everything it's cracked up to be?

STEWARDESS #1 (CINDY)

The only thing better than flying—is a good long layover.

(Frank Junior steps downstage: to us, our host.)

FRANK JUNIOR

Cindy, Mindy, Lindy, Kellie, Shellie, Nellie, Sherrie, Terri, Karrie, and Jane. I like to call them "The Jet Set."

~~CINDY~~

End here

~~WOKE UP IN BROOKLYN~~

~~WITH A FROWN UPON MY FACE~~

~~(One by one, the other Stewardesses join her, telling Frank Junior how it is.)~~

MINDY

~~JUST LEFT WISCONSIN~~

~~WHERE THERE'S CHEESE ENOUGH~~

~~TO START THIS RAT RACE~~

CINDY