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CARTWRIGHT

GUYS & DOLLS

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General Cartwright!

(SARAH)

Good morning, Sarah. Arvide.

GENERAL

Good morning, General.

ARVIDE

We didn't know you were coming to town, General.

SARAH

I got in early this morning. I've spent the last hour trying to find you.

GENERAL

(AGATHA appears in the Mission doorway)

Oh, I'm sorry. We've been holding some extra street meetings, trying to stimulate more interest—

SARAH

Good morning, General.

AGATHA

Good morning—Sarah, there's something I want to talk to you about.

GENERAL

Won't you come inside—have some lunch with us?

SARAH

No, I don't have time, dear. I have several other calls to make—Sarah, we at headquarters have come to a definite conclusion. We have decided to close this branch of the Mission.

GENERAL

Oh, no.

SARAH

Close the Mission!

ARVIDE

But, General, please! Someone can do good here, even if I can't.

SARAH

Sarah, there are so many calls on us,—

GENERAL

(SARAH crosses to L., pass GENERAL)

—so many other places where our work is really needed.

ARVIDE

But we are doing much better now.

AGATHA

We've announced a big meeting for tomorrow night.

GENERAL

You've announced a meeting! But will anyone be here? Will anybody come?

(A second's pause, then SKY enters with quiet dignity)

SKY

Pardon me—I couldn't help overhearing—General, my name is Sky Masterson, former sinner.

GENERAL

How do you do?

SKY

How do you do?—I wish to protest the closing of this Mission. I believe Miss Sarah can be a big success here.

GENERAL

I am glad to hear you say that, but I'm not so certain.

SKY

A dollar will get you ten.

GENERAL

What!

(Looks at Sarah)

SKY

General, might I make a suggestion—

(Goes to trash basket and picks up marker which he conceals in his hat)

GENERAL

Yes.

SKY

Why don't you come to the meeting tomorrow night and find out for yourself—

(Crosses to Sarah and drops marker in her tambourine—then crosses to R.)

Don't you think that would be a good idea?

GENERAL

Well, if I thought the Mission had a chance—

SARAH

(Looking at Marker in tambourine)

General, I personally guarantee you one dozen genuine sinners.

GENERAL

Hallelujah!

SKY

Hallelujah!

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