

PARADE 1

JANET

I rang the bell on the counter, but nobody came.

MARTA

Sometimes I don't hear the bell.

JANET

No? I'm not surprised.

MARTA

Can I show you something?

JANET

No.

MARTA

Just browsing?

JANET

No. I didn't come to buy anything.

MARTA

Oh?

JANET

Look, I'll come straight to the point.

MARTA

What point?

JANET

We felt it was necessary - at least, I did - I thought you and I should have a little chat.

MARTA

I see. Go on then. Chat.

JANET

It's about this music of yours.

MARTA

Music?

JANET

On the record player.

MARTA

Oh. You don't like it?

PARADE 2

JANET

The question is not whether I like it..

MARTA

No? What is the question then?

JANET

You're not making this any easier. People - a substantial number of people - are bothered by it.

MARTA

By my music?

JANEY

Yes.

MARTA

Why?

JANET

Surely I don't have to tell you. Would you mind putting out your cigarette?

MARTA

Yes, I would. Who is it that objects to my music?

JANET

As a matter of fact, I was delegated - unofficially. A substantial number of people have expressed their disapproval. Concern. And I feel it's in your own best interest...

MARTA

Because it's German music, you mean?

JANET

Surely you can understand that.

MARTA

It's not war music. It's a love song.

JANET

I realize that, I am a music lover myself...

MARTA

Are you? Don't you like this song?

PARADE 3

JANET

It's - a lovely melody.

MARTA

You want me to translate the words? "Oh so chaste" "Oh, so true"

JANET

Please! You're not making this any easier. There are constant complaints about that noise! That music. It can be heard right out there on Centre Street. You must know that.

MARTA

These old buildings have very thin walls. I wish I could afford a better place. I just like to have some music while I work.

JANET

The point is, nobody wants to hear it!

MARTA

I want to hear it!

JANET

Look, I came here with every intention of being perfectly pleasant.

MARTA

Oh, you are being "perfectly pleasant".

JANET

I can understand that you might feel a bit resentful. I know all about your father. Where he is. And why. You have my sympathy. But it's in your own best interest to be a little more - discreet. When they asked me to come here, I told them, "I'm sure she's not a real die-hard like her father. She's been in this country quite a few years now."

MARTA

Since I was nine years old!

JANET

Don't raise your voice to me! I'm only trying to make this as painless as possible for your sake.

PARADE 4

MARTA
Get out of my shop.

JANET
Civic authorities can be asked to handle this
sort of thing. But I thought...

MARTA
Get out of my shop.

JANET
I thought you'd prefer a more personal
approach. Obviously I was...

MARTA
Get out of my shop.