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BROOKS ASHMANSKAS

WENDI BERGAMINI SARAH BOWDEN JACOB BURNS DEANNA CUDJOE CHELLE DENTON DANIEL GAYMON NDAYA DREAM HOSKINS MERRITT DAVID JANES DAVID PAUL KIDDER IAN LIBERTO LIBBY LLOYD McGEE MADDOX CONNOR McRORY J SAVAGE JAKE TRAMMEL KATIE WEBBER

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

1.	Let Me Be Your Star (Bombshell Opening)	IVY, ENSEMBLE
2.	The National Pastime / Public Relations	NIGEL, CHLOE, KAREN, IVY, ENSEMBLE
3.	Second Hand White Baby Grand	TRACY, IVY
4.	Mr. & Mrs. Smith	IVY, CHARLIE, SUSAN, NIGEL
5.	Don't Say Yes Until I Finish Talking	JERRY, ENSEMBLE
6.	The 20th Century Fox Mambo	NITA, NIGEL,
		SUSAN, TERRY, TRACY, JERRY, ENSEMBLE
7.	Don't Forget Me	KAREN, IVY, NIGEL
8.	(I Wanna Be A) Smash	ENSEMBLE
9.	Let Me Be Your Star	CHLOE
10.	Let's Be Bad	IVY, ENSEMBLE
11.	(Let's Start) Tomorrow Tonight	JERRY, CHLOE, KAREN, ENSEMBLE
12.	They Just Keep Moving The Line	KAREN
13.	I Never Met A Wolf Who Didn't Love To Howl	IVY, ENSEMBLE
14.	Cut, PrintMoving On	IVY, CHLOE, ENSEMBLE
15.	Second Hand White Baby Grand (Reprise)	IVY, KAREN
16.	Don't Forget Me (Bombshell Finale)	IVY, ENSEMBLE
17.	Smash!	SCOTT, NIGEL, IVY, TRACY, JERRY,
		CHLOE, KAREN, ANITA, ENSEMBLE

CAST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

lvy Lynn	
Nigel	BROOKS ASHMANSKAS
Holly	MEGAN KANE
Tracy	KRYSTA RODRIGUEZ
	JOHN BEHLMANN
	BELLA COPPOLA
	JACQUELINE B. ARNOLD
	NICHOLAS MATOS
	CAROLINE BOWMAN
Charlie	
	JAKE TRAMMEL
	KRISTINE NIELSEN
Ensemble	WENDI BERGAMINI, SARAH BOWDEN, DEANNA CUDJOE,
	DANIEL GAYMON, MERRITT DAVID JANES, DAVID PAUL KIDDER,
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Violin/Viola	ANGELA PICKETT
Cello	
Piccolo/Flute/Clarinet/Alto & Soprano Sax	JULIE PACHECO
Flute/Clarinet/Alto Sax	DAVE NOLAND, ERIKA FRIEDMAN
Oboe/English Horn/Clarinet/Tenor Sax	ANSY FRANCOIS
Flute/Clarinet/Bassoon/Bass Clarinet/Baritone Sax	MARK THRASHER
Trumpets	RAUL AGRAZ, MATT OWENS
Trombones	NATE MAYLAND, REBECCA PATTERSON
French Horn	PRISCILLA RINEHART
	SAMUEL HOAD
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	ANJA WOOD for M-Squared Music
	RANDY COHEN for Randy Cohen Keyboards
	SAM STAROBIN, TIM CROOK, NICK SCHENKEL
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	LEXI VOLLERO for PatchMaster Productions
	JACOB FJELDHEIM, RUSS BARTMUS,
	JOSEPHINE BEARDEN for J&J Music Preparation
	RYAN O'CONNELL
Music Assistant	IAN CHAN



LINER NOTE

In 2009, Craig Zadan, Neil Meron, Bob Greenblatt, and Steven Spielberg called us with an idea: Would we like to work on a television show where we'd write a musical in front of America — and then have that musical go straight from TV to Broadway? We thought about it for maybe two seconds and then exclaimed, "YES!"

That was the beginning of *SMASH*, and of the musical within it — *BOMBSHELL*.

Ok, so it took a few more years than any of us expected, but in 2025, both *SMASH* and *BOMBSHELL* finally made it to Broadway. Bob Martin and Rick Elice wrote a sensational book, full of heart and humor. Josh Bergasse — part of the original *SMASH* family — returned to choreograph our songs to dizzying new heights. And we were all lucky enough to be led by the indefatigable Susan Stroman.

And can we talk about our cast?? Starting with our glorious "Ivy/Marilyn," Robyn Hurder, and the fantastic "Karen," Caroline Bowman, joined by brilliant new characters played by Bella Coppola, Krysta Rodriguez, John Behlmann, Jacqueline Arnold, Nicholas Matos, Kristine Nielsen, Casey Garvin, Megan Kane, and our old, OLD friend Brooks Ashmanskas. Pure joy, every one of them.

And then comes the greatest music team ever, led by Stephen Oremus: Doug Besterman, Sam Davis, Sam Hoad, Sean Flahaven, Lawrence Manchester, Scott Riesett, and Paul Staroba. Every single person, along with all the other names in the credits, was indispensable in bringing these songs to life on the Broadway stage and on this record.

We're grateful, we're proud, and we can't wait for you to hear this new incarnation of SMASH — we love it, and we hope you will too. Play it loud, and sing along even louder.

SYNOPSIS

In a splashy fantasy number, beloved Broadway star Ivy Lynn commands the stage as Hollywood icon Marilyn Monroe, singing Let Me Be Your Star (Bombshell Opening). The scene reverts to a rehearsal studio, where the Broadway musical Bombshell: The Marilyn Monroe Story is preparing for previews, which start in a month. The show's sardonic director/choreographer, Nigel, confers with neurotic married co-writers Jerry and Tracy over more rewrites, and they agree that their crowd-pleasing musical comedy will not end with a dead Marilyn wrapped in a sheet.

Much to Nigel's dismay, Tracy lends lvy a copy of *The Method*, a book by real-life Marilyn's acting coach, Susan Proctor. While lvy and Nigel review some new choreography, lvy's dear friend and longtime understudy, Karen, steps in as Marilyn to run a baseball number with the male ensemble, which includes Karen's husband, Charlie (**The National Pastime / Public Relations**).

Later, Ivy thanks Tracy for the book, which she loves. Tracy teaches Ivy a new ballad, intended to deepen Marilyn's character, which she reworked from a melody in Tracy and Jerry's trunk (**Second Hand White Baby Grand**). Jerry, upset that Tracy wrote a song without him, exits in a huff.

Chloe, the show's indispensable associate director/ choreographer, leads the *Bombshell* cast through some new dance moves, expertly singing the lead vocal. When lvy compliments her, Chloe reveals that, despite performing in the chorus of several Broadway shows, she never had a principal role because, as she puts it, "I'm not your typical leading lady." Still, she assures lvy, she's more than happy in her role as associate.

A few days later, Ivy – who has now embraced "The Method" – repeatedly interrupts rehearsal to confer with her new acting coach, Susan. Susan tells Nigel and Anita, the show's classy veteran producer, that Ivy is taking a new approach: from now on, she will only respond to the name Marilyn. After singing most of **Mr. & Mrs. Smith** with Charlie as Joe DiMaggio, Ivy abruptly ends the number when she runs out of "verb substitutions." When Ivy leaves rehearsal to work with Susan, Jerry and the men surprise Nigel with

Don't Say Yes Until I Finish Talking, a new number they've crafted – without Tracy – to illustrate Marilyn's disputes with studio head Zanuck.

Angry about Jerry's "revenge number," Tracy writes an earnest – but not particularly theatrical – book scene about Marilyn meeting Arthur Miller's parents. Only lvy loves it.

Over the next week, behaving more and more like the spoiled movie star she's portraying, lvy grows increasingly difficult. Meanwhile, Karen steps up, performing flawlessly as the cast rehearses **The 20th Century Fox Mambo.**

At a late-night bar, old friends Nigel and Anita commiserate about the show's leading lady. Nigel confesses that he's fallen for Terry, a member of the ensemble, but Anita convinces him not to pursue a relationship.

To keep lvy from ruining the sitzprobe (the first orchestra rehearsal with the cast), Nigel arranges for her to be elsewhere at an online interview. At the sitzprobe, Karen graciously sings the role of Marilyn, but lvy arrives midway through **Don't Forget Me**, aggressively taking over the lead vocal. As rehearsals continue, Susan intensifies her strange grip on lvy, plying her with pills and manipulating her into behaving more selfishly.

Days later, just before the invited dress rehearsal, Chloe leads the cast in reviewing (I Wanna Be A) Smash. To Nigel's horror, Ivy is miles away in Albany, singing "Happy Birthday" to a politician, so Karen will have to play the lead at this performance. Charlie, hoping to keep Ivy offstage, spiked the star's cupcakes with horse laxative. Unfortunately, Karen mistakenly eats one, which makes her violently ill. Everyone panics, especially when Anita's newbie assistant Scott tells them that he's invited social media influencers, but in a moment of inspiration, Nigel convinces Chloe to "go out there and blow the roof off the theatre," which she does, singing Let Me Be Your Star.

Despite the overwhelmingly positive social media response to Chloe's debut, Ivy returns for the show's first preview and nails it (**Let's Be Bad**). Still, thanks to Ivy's erratic offstage behavior, the creative team considers replacing her with Chloe.

At the post-first preview party, a drunken Jerry takes the mic, singing (Let's Start) Tomorrow Tonight. Jerry leaks to Chloe that she'll be playing Marilyn, and Scott shares the video on social media. With everyone buzzing about Chloe and Ivy, Karen expresses her frustration at being overlooked in They Just Keep Moving the Line.

Though Jerry's comment has gone viral, lvy remains in the lead for the show's second preview (I Never Met a Wolf Who Didn't Love to Howl). Fed up with lvy's antics, Anita tries to fire her, but lvy cites the "pay or play" clause in her contract, forcing Nigel to inform the cast that, despite the rumors, lvy Lynn will play Marilyn. Chloe, ever the consummate professional, leads lvy through an updated number (Cut, Print...Moving On).

Recognizing that speculation and infighting are destroying the show's public image, the creative team decides they'll need a scapegoat. Begrudgingly, Anita fires Nigel, who consoles himself with being free to pursue a relationship with Terry.

On *Bombshell*'s opening night, Karen presents lvy with a thoughtful personal gift, reminding her of the friendship they've lost (**Second Hand White Baby Grand – Reprise**). Finally coming to her senses, lvy fires Susan, dumps her pills, and returns to the stage as the kind and decent person she once was. Unfortunately, thanks to Susan's influence, the show now ends with a dead Marilyn wrapped in a sheet (**Don't Forget Me (Bombshell Finale)**).

Although *Bombshell* bombs, the leads and creative team – including Nigel – realize they need to move on to their next project. This time, they'll make a show about making a show about Marilyn Monroe, and it'll be a **Smash!**

- JIM COLLERAN



ACT ONE

1. LET ME BE YOUR STAR (BOMBSHELL OPENING)

REPORTERS AND FANS

HERE SHE IS!
MISS MARILYN MONROE
YES, SHE'S THE NEW
SENSATION
THAT OUR READERS WANT TO
KNOW

WE'VE WAITED FOR A
GODDESS
A STAR TO FILL OUR NIGHTS
BUT WAITING TIME IS OVER
CAUSE NOW "MARILYN" IS UP
IN LIGHTS!

IVY AS MARILYN

Sorry I'm late, boys. I've been on calendars, but I've never been on time.

REPORTER ONE

Miss Monroe! How does it feel to be called the sexiest woman in the world?

IVY AS MARILYN

Well, I'd much rather be lookedover than over-looked.

REPORTER TWO

Marilyn, is it true you wear nothing in bed?

IVY AS MARILYN

Of course not. I wear Chanel No. 5.

IVY AS MARILYN

FADE IN ON A GIRL WITH A
HUNGER FOR FAME
AND A FACE AND A NAME TO
REMEMBER
HER PAST FADES AWAY
BECAUSE AS OF THIS DAY
WELL, THAT GIRL IS DEAD
I'M LOOKING AHEAD!

HER SMILE AND YOUR
FANTASIES PLAY A DUET
THAT WILL MAKE YOU FORGET
WHERE YOU ARE
THE MUSIC STARTS PLAYING
HER HEART'S SAYING
LET ME BE YOUR STAR

FADE IN ON A MAN ALL ALONE
IN THE DARK
TILL HER GAZE TURNS A SPARK
INTO FIRE
IT TAKES JUST ONE GLANCE
OF HER STYLE AND ROMANCE
TO FILL UP HIS SOUL
THIS GIRL'S IN CONTROL

ENSEMBLE

OOH... AHH GIRL'S IN CONTROL

IVY AS MARILYN

SOME GENTLEMEN SAY A BRUNETTE IS A MUST OR THAT RED HEADS ARE JUST WUNDERBAR

ENSEMBLE

A BRUNETTE IS A MUST WUNDERBAR

IVY AS MARILYN

BUT IF BLONDES YOU'RE PREFERRING MY HEART'S PURRING LET ME BE YOUR STAR

I'LL JUST HAVE TO FORGET
THE GIRL I USED TO LOVE
FORGET POOR NORMA JEAN
THE PAST IS WHAT I'M RISING
ABOVE
THE FUTURE IS THERE...
ONSCREEN
THAT'S ME ONSCREEN!

ENSEMBLE

FORGET POOR NORMA JEAN

THE FUTURE IS THERE...
ONSCREEN
AH! THAT'S HER ONSCREEN!

IVY AS MARILYN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. PRESIDENT...

Dance Break.

ENSEMBLE

DISSOLVE TO HER FACE ON A HOLLYWOOD NIGHT AS SHE STANDS IN THE LIGHT THAT SURROUNDS HER

IVY AS MARILYN

A CROWD FULL OF MEN AND THE ONES SHE KNEW WHEN THEY ASK...

ENSEMBLE

...COULD IT BE?

IVY AS MARILYN

YEAH, SUCKERS, IT'S ME!

ENSEMBLE

SHE TURNS ON THE GLOW AS THE FANS START TO CHEER IT'S HER NAME THAT YOU HEAR NEAR AND FAR

IVY AS MARILYN

I'M WHAT YOU'VE BEEN NEEDING

ENSEMBLE

YOU'RE ALL THAT WE NEED

IVY AS MARILYN

THAT'S THE SOUND OF MY
HEART PLEADING
LET ME BE YOUR STAR

ENSEMBLE

OUR STAR

IVY AS MARILYN

YOUR STAR!

ENSEMBLE

WON'T YOU BE OUR STAR!

2. THE NATIONAL PASTIME / PUBLIC RELATIONS

NIGEL

lvy, let's go to Studio B and brush up the *Public Relations* number.

Chloe, go over *National Pastime* before we break for lunch.

CHLOE

Okay, guys. From the top. A-five, six, seven, eight...

KAREN AS MARILYN

FELLAS!

PLAYERS

YEAH?

KAREN AS MARILYN

FELLAS!

PLAYERS

IS IT?

KAREN AS MARILYN

HEY TEAM!

PLAYERS

OFF THE BENCHES, IT'S MARILYN!

KAREN AS MARILYN

I JUST GOT A DATE

PLAYERS

SHE JUST GOT A DATE

KAREN AS MARILYN

WITH BASEBALL'S JOLTIN' JOE

PLAYERS

THAT LUCKY SO-AND-SO!

KAREN AS MARILYN

SO RUN ME 'ROUND THE BASES PUT ME THROUGH MY PACES AND TEACH ME ALL THE THINGS A SLUGGER'S LOVER SHOULD

FELLAS, WHAT'S THAT THERE?

PLAYERS

KNOW!

THAT'S THE TEAM BULLPEN

KAREN AS MARILYN

WELL, I LIKE THE ODDS I'M SEEING, NO GIRLS... ALL MEN

PLAYERS

BATTER UP!

KAREN AND THE PLAYERS

PLAY BALL!

YOU BETTER GIVE IT YOUR ALL 'CAUSE ALL MEN LIKE TO PLAY AT

KAREN AS MARILYN

THE NATIONAL PASTIME!



THE PLAYERS

WE DON'T CARE

KAREN AND THE PLAYERS

WE DON'T CARE IF WE EVER GET BACK!

Dance Break.

PLAYERS

WHEN THE SEASON'S OVER, THE PLAY WON'T END

KAREN AS MARILYN

'CAUSE A BASEBALL DIAMOND IS A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND

YES, MY STYLE AND MY FASHION'LL ELEVATE THE NATIONAL PASTIME!

ENSEMBLE

YES, HER STYLE AND HER FASHION'LL ELEVATE THE NATIONAL PASTIME!

NIGEL

Just the dance Ivy. Watch what I do.

J RELATE TO MEN OF SO MANY – you missed the bump – — BUT PUBLIC RELATIONS

ARE MY – Oh this is new:

Ball-change Kick Cross Turn

Bump Bump and Switch!

IVY

Oh my God, Nigel.

NIGEL

Still got it! Four walks.

— CAN LEAD TO FRUSTRATIONS
BUT PUBLIC RELATIONS
Shorty George.
I HAVE NEVER DECLINED
Maybe a leap here?

IVY

Oh, not in heels baby.

NIGEL

Alright. A Fosse walk

— MEN WITH PAD AND PEN
IS A WAY TO HAVE SOME FUN

IVY

Uh huh!

NIGEL

BUT LADIES, LISTEN TO ME

IVY

CONFIDENTIALLY –
NOTHING EVER BEATS A
ONE-ON-ONE

NIGEL

Three drags!

— I AM GLAD YOU CRAVE —
Step shuffle

— CONJUGATIONS —
four of these...
PUBLIC RELA —
Kick Kick
IT'S MY FAVORITE —

IVY

I love this part –

NIGEL

'CAUSE WHEN – uh oh, god, my hip.

IVY

Are you alright?

NIGEL

I'm fine. Keep doing it

— THE FOURTH ESTATE IS —
left, right —
And walk, walk, yes. lvy, you're a
dream!
I need ice!

3. SECOND HAND WHITE BABY GRAND

TRACY

MY MOTHER BOUGHT IT
SECOND HAND
FROM A SILENT MOVIE STAR
IT WAS OUT OF TUNE BUT
STILL I LEARNED TO PLAY
AND WITH EACH NOTE WE
BOTH WOULD SMILE
FORGETTING WHO WE ARE
AND ALL THE PAIN WOULD
SIMPLY FLY AWAY

SOMETHING SECOND HAND AND BROKEN



STILL CAN MAKE A PRETTY
SOUND
EVEN IF IT DOESN'T HAVE A
PLACE TO LIVE
OH, THE WORDS WERE LEFT
UNSPOKEN
WHEN MY MAMA CAME
AROUND
BUT THAT SECOND HAND
WHITE BABY GRAND
STILL HAD SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL TO GIVE

FOR MANY YEARS THE MUSIC HAD TO ROAM
UNTIL WE FOUND A WAY TO FIND A HOME

SO NOW I WAKE UP EVERY DAY
AND SEE HER STANDING THERE
JUST WAITING FOR A PARTNER
TO COMPOSE
AND I WISH MY MOTHER STILL
COULD HEAR
THAT SOUND BEYOND
COMPARE
I'LL PLAY HER SONG 'TIL
EVERYBODY KNOWS

TRACY AND IVY

THAT SOMETHING SECOND HAND AND BROKEN

IVY

STILL CAN MAKE A PRETTY SOUND DON'T WE ALL DESERVE A FAMILY ROOM TO LIVE? OH, THE WORDS CAN'T STAY
UNSPOKEN
UNTIL EVERYONE HAS FOUND
THAT SECOND HAND WHITE
BABY GRAND
THAT STILL HAS SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL TO GIVE

TRACY AND IVY

I STILL HAVE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL TO GIVE

4. MR. & MRS. SMITH

SUSAN

I'm sorry. Ivy won't respond to her name in rehearsal.

NIGEL

What was that?

SUSAN

You have to refer to her as Marilyn from now on or she won't respond.

NIGEL

Marilyn? Would you come center please?

IVY AS MARILYN

Ready. Where's my Joe?

CALL THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

BUT DON'T TELL HIM OUR
NAMES
DON'T PUT OUT A PRESS
RELEASE
OR MENTION BASEBALL
GAMES

CHARLIE AS JOE

BOOK THE NEAREST BRIDAL SUITE ONE ROOM WILL SUIT US FINE FOR THE DESK CLERK THAT WE MEET THE ONLY AUTOGRAPH WE'LL SIGN IS

BOTH

MR. & MRS. SMITH
SIMPLY THE FOLKS NEXT DOOR

IVY AS MARILYN

PEOPLE WITHOUT A SINGLE
CLUE WHAT
AN AGENT OR GRIP IS FOR

BOTH

YES, NOTHING CAN BEAT THE VIEW WHEN AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE

CHARLIE AS JOE

THERE'S, NO ONE BUT MRS. -

IVY AS MARILYN

NO ONE BUT MR. –

BOTH

SMITH... AND ME

5. DON'T SAY YES UNTIL I FINISH TALKING

STUDIO EXECUTIVES #1 & #2

Good morning, Mr. Zanuck!

STUDIO EXECUTIVES #3 & #4

Good morning, Mr. Zanuck!

STUDIO EXECUTIVES #5 & #6

Good morning, Mr. Zanuck!

JERRY AS STUDIO HEAD

Gentlemen, take a memo.

THROUGH

TODAY THE TRADES ARE ALL
AGLOW
WITH GROSSES FOR OUR MISS
MONROE
THE THINGS THOSE VERMIN
MUSTN'T KNOW
IS WHAT SHE PUTS US

SHE MAKES DIRECTORS WAIT ALL DAY ONE LINE PER HOUR'S ALL SHE'LL SAY AND STILL SHE THINKS WE'RE GONNA PAY SHE NEEDS A TALKING TO!

TOMATOES LIKE HER MUST BE PUT IN THEIR PLACE IF SHE DON'T SHAPE UP SOON, SHE'LL SOON BE WALKING
'CAUSE THE BUCK STOPS WITH
ME.

STUDIO ENSEMBLE

YES, YOU'RE RIGHT, WE AGREE

JERRY AS STUDIO HEAD

UH, DON'T SAY YES UNTIL I FINISH TALKING

SHE'S GOT THEM ALL TIED UP IN KNOTS

MAKES EACH PRODUCER FAINT AND PLOTZ

SHE THINKS SHE'S QUEEN, AND CALLS THE SHOTS
AS SHE SITS ON HER THRONE

SHE NEEDS TO LEARN SHE'S ONLY SKIN

THE NEXT GIRL'S WAITIN' FOR A SPIN

I MADE A STAR OF RIN TIN TIN AND PAID HIM WITH A BONE!

TOMATOES LIKE HER, WELL, THEY'RE EASY TO FIND WE THROW THEM OUT AS SOON AS THEY START SQUAWKING SO GET ME SOME YOUNGER DISH

STUDIO ENSEMBLE

WE CONCUR, AS YOU WISH!

JERRY AS STUDIO HEAD

HEY! DON'T SAY YES UNTIL I FINISH TALKING! AND WHILE YOU'VE GOT ME ON A ROLL

LET'S FIND A ROLE FOR NAT 'KING' COLE,

TELL MANKIEWICZ HIS SCRIPT IS TRITE.

A LITTLE LOWER TO THE RIGHT

I THINK THAT BRANDO IS MISCAST

THAT TELEVISION JUST WON'T LAST

THAT I'M THE KING OF HOLLYWOOD

STUDIO ENSEMBLE

ALL HAIL THE KING!

JERRY AS STUDIO HEAD

OOH, THAT FEELS GOOD!

WHICH BRINGS ME BACK TO THAT DUMB BLONDE TO HER DEMANDS, I NOW RESPOND SOME BUY YOUR ACT, BUT I'M NOT CONNED YOU'D BETTER FALL IN LINE

YOU'RE TWO BAZOOMS AND NUTS TO BOOT I'LL KEEP YOU IN A BATHING SUIT WHEN YOU STOP BRINGING IN THE LOOT WE'LL GO BACK TO THE VINE

ALL

TOMATOES LIKE YOU, THEY ALL

WITHER AND DIE

JERRY AS STUDIO HEAD

MY POWERS, THOUGH, WILL NEVER BE DIMINISHED

SO DON'T BRING ME TO MY BOILING POINT

YOU'RE JUST A BROAD, I OWN THE JOINT

I'M IN CONTROL, YOU'RE JUST A FACE

ALLOW ME TO CUT TO THE CHASE

I'LL MAKE ANOTHER MOVIE STAR COULD SOMEONE LIGHT MY DAMN CIGAR?

AND THEN SAY YES CAUSE, YES, MEN, I'M FINISHED.

STUDIO ENSEMBLE

YES!

6. THE 20TH CENTURY FOX MAMBO

IVY AS MARILYN

Come on, boys and girls – make me over!

ENSEMBLE

OOH...

IVY AS MARILYN

IN THIS FACT'RY WHERE

DREAMS CAN COME TRUE

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE SOMEONE NEW? YOU'RE THE TEAM THAT MUST TEACH ME TO DO THE 20TH CENTURY FOX

IVY AND ENSEMBLE

MAMBO!

IVY AS MARILYN

DONE THE HOMEWORK AND I'LL PASS THE TEST

ENSEMBLE

AAH...

IVY AS MARILYN

I'LL DO WHATEVER MY TEACHERS SUGGEST

ENSEMBLE

AAH...

IVY AS MARILYN

I CAN DO IT CLOTHED OR UNDRESSED THE 20TH CENTURY FOX

IVY AND ENSEMBLE

MAMBO!

ENSEMBLE

MAMBO

ANITA

I just got off the phone with Susan. She doesn't think lvy is



up to the task of rehearsing today.

NIGEL

Shoot me. Fire me. Put me out of my misery.

IVY

Here I am.

NIGEL

You're late.

SUSAN

Stage fright. It was brutal.

NIGEL

There's no such thing as stage fright in rehearsal. Do you see a stage? No stage, no fright! You got that? Hit it!

IVY AS MARILYN

MAKE IT UP, SHAKE IT UP
LET THE FANTASIES BEGIN
HERE'S THE DOPE
TO GET CAST, CHANGE THE
PAST
MAKE THE LIGHT JUST RIGHT
FOR SIN...

ENSEMBLE

LET THE FANTASIES BEGIN MAKE THE LIGHT JUST RIGHT FOR SIN...

IVY AS MARILYN

...EMASCOPE!

IVY

Aaah! You're hurting me!

TERRY

I'm sorry, you were facing the wrong way.

IVY

I was turning. If you paid half as much attention to me as you do to the director maybe you would have noticed. I'm done for today.

NIGEL

Where's Karen!?

KAREN

I'm here

NIGEL

5-6-5-6-7-8

KAREN AS MARILYN

TAKE A GAMBLE CAUSE IT'S SAFE TO BET

ENSEMBLE

AAH...

KAREN AS MARILYN

MISTER ZANUCK AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET

ENSEMBLE

AAH...

KAREN AS MARILYN

WHEN WE'RE FINISHED, HE'LL

NEVER FORGET

KAREN AS MARILYN AND ENSEMBLE

THIS TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX –

KAREN AS MARILYN

MAKE IT UP, SHAKE IT UP
MAKE ME FEEL LIKE THE MAIN
ATTRACTION
CHANGE THE CLOTHES, FIX
THE NOSE
AND THEN 5-6-7-8-

ENSEMBLE

MAKE IT UP, SHAKE IT UP, WOH! OOH... AND THEN 5-6-7-8-

KAREN AS MARILYN

ACTION!

ENSEMBLE

ACTION!

IVY

The answer is no.

ENSEMBLE

A-5-6-7-8-ACTION!

NIGEL

And what was the question?

ENSEMBLE

A-5-6-7-8-ACTION



IVY

Do I like the new pages?

SUSAN

We think Marilyn's coming across as difficult.

NIGEL

But she was famously difficult. I'm sure you're aware of that.

IVY

I am strong. That is often interpreted as difficult. I'm sure you're aware of that.

ENSEMBLE

A-5-6-7-8-ACTION

NIGEL

The thing is, we've spent two weeks rewriting the show.

Marilyn, warts and all, and now you're trying to tie a cape around those warts and call them superpowers.

IVY

Thank you, Nigel. I appreciate you explaining it to me like I'm a child, I really do.

ENSEMBLE

A-5-6-7-8-ACTION

TRACY

Can I just say one little thing?

IVY

Apparently not. You've taken six pages to say what could be said in three lines.

SUSAN

Less is more.

ENSEMBLE

A-5-6-7-8-ACTION

TRACY

Wow, Wow.

NIGEL

Let's at least read it through, and if we –

IVY

I'm done for today.

JERRY

I'm confused. Is that Ivy being a monster, or is that Ivy playing Marilyn being a monster?

NIGEL

There are many layers to this particular shit-show. Karen, you're on!

KAREN

I'm on!

KAREN AS MARILYN

NOW I'M BLONDE BUT I AIN'T SO DUMB

ENSEMBLE

NO!

KAREN AS MARILYN

HOLLYWOOD'LL BE UNDER MY THUMB

ENSEMBLE

YES!

KAREN AS MARILYN

I'LL CHANGE PARTNERS UNTIL
I'VE BECOME
THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

ENSEMBLE

TWENTIETH CENTURY

KAREN AS MARILYN AND ENSEMBLE

TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX MAMBO!

DON'T FORGET ME

KAREN AS MARILYN

THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD DISPOSE OF ME
THEY TRIED TO MAKE ME
SMALL
I SUFFERED EACH INDIGNITY
BUT NOW, RISE ABOVE IT ALL
YES, THE PRICE I PAID WAS ALL
I HAD
BUT AT LAST I FOUND RELEASE
AND IF SOMETHING GOOD
CAN COME FROM BAD
THE PAST CAN REST IN PEACE



SO, IF YOU SEE SOMEONE'S
HURT, AND IN NEED OF A
HAND
DON'T FORGET ME
OR HEAR A MELODY CRYING
FROM SOME BABY GRAND
WELL, DON'T FORGET ME

WHEN YOU SING "HAPPY
BIRTHDAY" TO SOMEONE
YOU LOVE
OR SEE DIAMONDS THAT
NEVER COME FREE
PLEASE SAY THAT YOU WON'T
I PRAY THAT YOU DON'T
FORGET ME

THERE ARE SOME IN THIS
WORLD
WHO HAVE STRENGTH OF
THEIR OWN
NEVER BROKEN, OR IN NEED
OF REPAIR
BUT THERE ARE SOME BORN
TO SHINE
WHO CAN'T DO IT ALONE
SO PROTECT THEM AND TAKE
SPECIAL CARE —

ENSEMBLE

AΗ

KAREN AS MARILYN TAKE CARE

ENSEMBLE AH

WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE'S

HURT AND IN NEED OF A HAND

KAREN AS MARILYN

AND DON'T FORGET ME PLEASE TAKE CARE

ENSEMBLE

OR HEAR A MELODY CRYING FROM SOME BABY GRAND

KAREN AS MARILYN AND DON'T FORGET ME –

IVY
Stop! What is this?

KAREN

Omigod, I'm so sorry. It's just that Nigel asked me to –

NIGEL

There must be some misunderstanding. I was told this was a publicity day for you.

IVY

This is what's happening here.
Our director is trying to take
away my sitzprobe, to punish
me, I guess. Just like Billy Wilder
did on "Seven Year Itch." He
wouldn't let me have a cake on
my birthday! It's just petty. I'm
not going to be treated like that
ever again. From the bridge!

IVY AS MARILYN

THERE ARE SOME IN THIS WORLD

WHO HAVE STRENGTH OF THEIR OWN NEVER BROKEN, OR IN NEED OF REPAIR BUT THERE ARE SOME BORN TO SHINE WHO CAN'T DO IT ALONE SO PROTECT THEM AND TAKE SPECIAL CARE —

ENSEMBLE

AH

IVY AS MARILYN TAKE CARE

ENSEMBLE AH

WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE'S HURT
AND IN NEED OF A HAND

KAREN AS MARILYN AND DON'T FORGET ME

AND DON'T FORGET MI PLEASE TAKE CARE

ENSEMBLE

OR HEAR A MELODY CRYING FROM SOME BABY GRAND

IVY AS MARILYN

AND DON'T FORGET ME – WHEN YOU LOOK TO THE HEAVENS WITH SOMEONE YOU LOVE AND A LIGHT'S SHINING BRIGHT FROM AFAR

ENSEMBLE

WHEN YOU LOOK
OOH SOMEONE YOU LOVE
OOH
FAR

IVY AS MARILYN

HOPE YOU SEE MY FACE THERE

AND THEN OFFER A PRAYER AND PLEASE LET ME BE

LET ME BE THAT STAR!

ENSEMBLE

AND THEN OFFER A PRAYER

PLEASE LET ME BE THAT STAR!

8. (I WANNA BE A) SMASH

ENSEMBLE

SMASH!

YOU KNEW ALL THE RULES OF THE ROAD YOU THOUGHT IT WAS ALL PAVED WITH STARS BUT YOU'VE STARTED TO LEARN EVERY TWIST, EVERY TURN HAS YOU HEADING YOUR WAY TO A CRASH STILL YOU WANNA BE A...

SMASH!

YOU ASK ME HOW FAR WILL I GO? YOU ASK ME WHAT I WOULDN'T DO?

FOR THE SIGHT OF MY NAME AS IT FILLS EVERY FRAME YES, I WANT TO BE MORE THAN A – FLASH!

'CAUSE I'M GONNA BE A SMASH YES, I'M GONNA BE A SMASH WON'T YOU HELP ME BE A... SMASH?

». LET ME BE YOUR STAR

CHLOE

FADE IN ON A GIRL WITH A
HUNGER FOR FAME
AND A FACE AND A NAME TO
REMEMBER
THE PAST FADES AWAY
BECAUSE AS OF THIS DAY
NORMA JEAN'S GONE, SHE'S
MOVING ON

HER SMILE AND YOUR FANTASIES PLAY A DUET THAT WILL MAKE YOU FORGET WHERE YOU ARE THE MUSIC STARTS PLAYING IT'S THE BEAT OF HER HEART SAYING LET ME BE YOUR STAR FLASH BACK TO A GIRL WITH A SONG IN HER HEART AS SHE'S WAITING TO START THE ADVENTURE THE FIRE AND DRIVE THAT MAKE DREAMS COME ALIVE THEY FILL HER SOUL. SHE'S IN CONTROL

THE DRAMA, THE LAUGHTER,
THE TEARS JUST LIKE PEARLS
WELL, THEY'RE ALL IN THIS
GIRL'S REPERTOIRE
IT'S ALL FOR THE TAKING
AND IT'S MAGIC WE'LL BE
MAKING
LET ME BE YOUR STAR

I'LL JUST HAVE TO FORGET
THE HURT THAT CAME
BEFORE
FORGET WHAT USED TO BE
THE PAST IS ON THE CUTTING
ROOM FLOOR
THE FUTURE IS HERE WITH ME!
CHOOSE ME!

FADE UP ON A STAR WITH IT ALL IN HER SIGHTS ALL THE LOVE AND THE LIGHTS THAT SURROUND



BEING GOOD IVY AS MARILYN & ENSEMBLE IVY AS MARILYN & ENSEMBLE LET'S BE BAD! SO ROLL THE DICE AND LET'S BE BAD! **KNOCK ON WOOD IVY AS MARILYN** LET'S BE BAD WHO WANTS PLAYS AND **BRING ON THE VICES** O'NEILL DRAMAS? DON'T CARE WHAT THE PRICE GERSHWIN IS THE CAT'S DON'T WANNA BE BORING IS **OUR TWENTIES ARE ROARING PAJAMAS** I'LL ADD THE RIGHT SPICES! LET'S PUNISH THE FLOORING YEAH, DRUMMER MAN DO **IVY AS MARILYN ENSEMBLE** WHAT YOU CAN I'M THE QUEEN OF THE RED-BRING ON THE VICES TONIGHT THE OH! WILL HIT **HOT MAMAS** HOO OOH! THE FAN! SPICES! **IVY AS MARILYN & ENSEMBLE** LET'S BE BAD! IF YOU SAY SOMETHING IS **IVY AS MARILYN** TABOO WHEN THE STAND UP BASS WELL. THAT'S THE THING I EACH CROOK AND G-MAN SLAPS YOU IN THE FACE **WANNA DO** EACH FOP AND HE-MAN WELL. IT AIN'T MY HUSBAND DO IT 'TIL I'M BLACK AND BLUE I'LL EMBRACE LET'S BE BAD! **IVY AS MARILYN IVY AS MARILYN & ENSEMBLE** JUST STICK WITH ME MAN **GUNS AND GANGSTERS SUIT EVERY JOINT'S A JUKE WITH** I CAN'T SEE THE USE IN ME FINE MY RED-HOT UKE WAITING AL CAPONE IS A BUDDY OF AND JUST LIKE JUDAS ONCE YOUR LIPS ARE INTOXICATING MINE SAID TO LUKE... HE'S MY BIG SHOT VALENTINE **IVY AS MARILYN** LET'S BE BAD! **IVY AS MARILYN & ENSEMBLE** DO MY HIPS NEED SOME HERE'S THE KEY FOR MY TRANSLATING? **IVY AS MARILYN & ENSEMBLE IGNITION** IF SPIRITS ARE SAGGIN' HIT THE GAS TO MY **IVY AS MARILYN & ENSEMBLE** IF FEET ARE A-DRAGGIN' **TRANSMISSION** LET'S BE BAD! FALL OFF OF THAT WAGON THE PIANO HUMS TO THE **IVY AS MARILYN IVY AS MARILYN BASS AND DRUMS** WHEN YOU HEAR THE THINGS IF I DROWN IN BATHTUB GIN I'M WISHIN' NOTIFY MY NEXT OF KIN **IVY AS MARILYN & ENSEMBLE** YOU WON'T OFFER THEY MAY GRIEVE, OR MIGHT SAY BYE-BYE PROPRIETY **OPPOSITION** JUMP IN NO POLITE SOCIETY LET'S PROHIBIT PROHIBITION! LET'S... **ENSEMBLE IVY AS MARILYN** OOH **GIVE ME NOTORIETY**



ENSEMBLE

LET'S...

IVY AS MARILYN

BE...

ENSEMBLE

BE...

IVY AS MARILYN

BAD!

ENSEMBLE

BAD!

IVY AS MARILYN

LET'S BE BAD!

*.. (LET'S START) TOMORROW TONIGHT

JERRY

ROUND AND ROUND GOES
THE WHEEL OF LOVE

JERRY & ENSEMBLE

SOME SAY LIKE RUSSIAN ROULETTE

JERRY

THERE'S A JACKPOT I'M DREAMING OF

JERRY & ENSEMBLE

I'M READY TO PLACE MY BET

JERRY

NO NEED TO BEG, STEAL OR BORROW THE FUTURE IS LOOKING BRIGHT

JERRY

YES, I'M LAYING ODDS ON TOMORROW SO LET'S START TOMORROW TONIGHT

ENSEMBLE

I'M LAYING ODDS ON TOMORROW, OH START TOMORROW TONIGHT

CHLOE

Ivy really killed it tonight. Don't you think?

KAREN

Honey, when I woke up in the bathtub this morning, after puking my guts out all night long the first thing I saw was the internet freaking out over you. Not Ivy Lynn. And more importantly, not me.

JERRY

OH, I'M HIGH AS KILIMANJARO

ENSEMBLE

YEAH!

JERRY

AND WITH YOU, JACK, I'M READY FOR FLIGHT

ENSEMBLE

DOO WOW!

JERRY

YES, I'M LAYING ODDS ON TOMORROW

ENSEMBLE

I'M LAYING ODDS ON TOMORROW, OH

JERRY

SO LET'S START

ENSEMBLE

LET'S START

JERRY AND ENSEMBLE

TOMORROW TONIGHT!

2. THEY JUST KEEP MOVING THE LINE

KAREN

THE FIELD WAS BRIGHT WITH CLOVER I SAW THE FINISH SIGN I STARTED AS A ROVER AND THEN VICTORY WAS MINE I THOUGHT THE RACE WAS OVER BUT THEY JUST KEEP MOVING THE LINE

THEY CHEERED AT MY PERSISTENCE

BUT PRAYED FOR MY DECLINE
THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE
LED TO HOLLYWOOD AND VINE
I TRIED TO GO THE DISTANCE

BUT THEY JUST KEEP MOVING THE LINE

I JUMPED ALL OF THE HURDLES
TO BREAK OUT OF THE PACK
I STARTED ON THE OUTSIDE
AND THEN HIT THE INSIDE TRACK
I LEFT THE OTHER FILLIES
BACK AT THE STARTING GATE
WAS READY, ON MY MARK, I GOT
TO SET
TO HURRY UP AND WAIT

SO TALENT AND AMBITION
WON ME THE CHANCE TO SHINE
I ACED THE BIG AUDITION
BUT IT'S RAINING ON CLOUD
NINE
CAN'T BEAT THE COMPETITION
'CAUSE THEY JUST KEEP MOVING
THE LINE

I HANDLED EV'RY CORNER
EACH BUMP ALONG THE TRACK
AND WHEN I SAW THE RIBBON
WELL, THERE WAS NO TURNING
BACK
I WON THE PHOTO FINISH
I POSED FOR ALL THE MEN
BUT BEFORE I GOT MY TROPHY
WELL, THE RACE BEGAN AGAIN

SO I'VE MADE FRIENDS WITH
REJECTION
I'VE STRAIGHTENED UP MY SPINE
I'LL CHANGE EACH
IMPERFECTION
'TIL IT'S TIME TO DRINK THE WINE
I'D TOAST TO RESURRECTION
BUT THEY JUST KEEP MOVING
THE LINE
PLEASE GIVE ME SOME
DIRECTION
'CAUSE THEY JUST KEEP MOVING
THE LINE!

18. I NEVER MET A WOLF WHO DIDN'T LOVE TO HOWL

IVY AS MARILYN

HEY KOREA, LET THE BUGLE
BLOW
I'M HERE TO BRING SOME
COMFORT TO THE USO
I UNDERSTAND WAR AND THE
PLANS IT DESERVES
I'VE BEEN FIGHTING OFF WOLVES
SINCE I FIRST GREW CURVES
IN HOLLYWOOD THE ENEMY ARE
ALL ON THE TAKE
BUT THEY GIVE THEMSELVES
AWAY WITH ALL THE GROWLS
THEY MAKE

YEAH, I NEVER MET A WOLF WHO DIDN'T LOVE TO HOWL

ENSEMBLE

HOW-OOO

IVY AS MARILYN

NO, I NEVER MET A MAN WHO WASN'T ON THE PROWL

ENSEMBLE

SHIMMY, SHIMMY! AWW, GIMME, GIMME!

IVY AS MARILYN

EVERY CASTING DEPARTMENT'S FULL OF LOVE-LAND MINES BUT I NEVER LET THEM TRAVEL OVER MY FRONT LINES

ENSEMBLE

YEAH!

IVY AS MARILYN

I NEVER MET A WOLF WHO DIDN'T LOVE TO HOWL

YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE A
WOLF MIGHT CROUCH
BUT HIS NATURAL HABITAT'S THE
CASTING COUCH
SO TAKE LOTSA PICTURES OF
THE WILDLIFE
TO TELL THE WOLF YOU COULD
SHARE WITH HIS WIFE
THE HUNTER GETS CAPTURED
BY THE GAME
THEN LEO THE LION WILL BE
ROARING YOUR NAME!

YEAH, I NEVER MET A WOLF WHO DIDN'T LOVE TO HOWL

ENSEMBLE

HOW-000

IVY AS MARILYN

NO, I NEVER MET A MAN WHO WASN'T ON THE PROWL

ENSEMBLE

SHIMMY, SHIMMY! AWW, GIMME, GIMME!

IVY AS MARILYN

IF YOUR FACE AND FIGURE ARE
WHISTLEBAIT
HONEY YOU'LL HAVE THE KEYS
TO THE STUDIO GATE
YEAH, I NEVER MET A WOLF
WHO DIDN'T LOVE TO HOWL

ENSEMBLE

YEAH! YEAH!

IVY AS MARILYN

YEAH, I NEVER MET A WOLF WHO DIDN'T LOVE TO HOWL

ENSEMBLE

HOW-000

IVY AS MARILYN

NO, I NEVER MET A MAN WHO WASN'T ON THE PROWL

ENSEMBLE

SHIMMY, SHIMMY! AWW, GIMME, GIMME!

IVY AS MARILYN

ALL YOU G.I. WOLVES GIVE ME AN IDEA TELL HOLLYWOOD I'M STAYING IN KOREA I NEVER MET A WOLF WHO DIDN'T LOVE TO HOWL

ALL

OH YEAH!

CUT, PRINT... MOVING ON

IVY

I KNOW I'VE KEPT YOU WAITING
I KNOW I'VE MADE YOU MAD
BUT THIS TIME THAT WE'VE
SPENT CREATING
IT'S THE BEST TIME I EVER HAD

NOW I LOVE TO SIT WITH MEMORIES BUT THEY WON'T COME UNTIL WE'RE GONE SO, GIVE ME A KISS AND CUT, PRINT... MOVING ON

Show me how it's done, Chloe!

CHLOE

LAST YEAR WE ALL WERE STRANGERS

ENSEMBLE

STRANGERS!

CHLOE

THIS YEAR WE'RE LIFELONG FRIENDS

ENSEMBLE

LIFELONG FRIENDS

CHLOE

I KNOW THAT THIS LOCATION
IS NOT WHERE OUR STORY
ENDS

ENSEMBLE

NOT WHERE IT ENDS

CHLOE & IVY

GET UP, 'CAUSE THE RAT RACE NEVER ENDS THIS LIFE IS A MARATHON

ENSEMBLE

OOH LIFE IS A MARATHON

CHLOE

AND I PLAN TO RUN SO MUCH MORE THAN A SPRINT

ENSEMBLE

OOH

IVY

WHAT'S NEXT? WELL, I CAN'T EVEN GIVE YOU A HINT

CHLOE & IVY

BUT BOYS, THAT'S A WRAP SO

CHLOE & ENSEMBLE

CUT! PRINT!

CHLOE

MOVING ON!

ENSEMBLE

AH, ON...

CHLOE

AND ON!

ENSEMBLE

AH, ON...

CHLOE

MOVING ON!

ENSEMBLE

MOVING ON!

SECOND HAND WHITE BABY GRAND (REPRISE)

KAREN

The only really hard part about understudying lvy Lynn is you never get to sing with her.

IVY

SOMETHING SECOND HAND AND BROKEN STILL CAN MAKE A PRETTY SOUND

KAREN

DON'T WE ALL DESERVE A FAMILY ROOM TO LIVE?

IVY AND KAREN

OH, THE WORDS CAN'T STAY
UNSPOKEN
UNTIL EVERYONE HAS FOUND
THAT SECOND HAND WHITE
BABY GRAND
THAT STILL HAS SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL TO GIVE

KAREN

Thank you.

IVY

I'm sorry I was so awful to you.

KAREN

That's okay. Just be careful.

Remember what's beautiful
about this business. Don't let it
break you.

IVY

I STILL HAVE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL TO GIVE



IVY AS MARILYN

NOW I'M SAYING FAREWELL TO
THE FEAR AND REGRET
AND THE USERS WHO
FOUGHT FOR CONTROL
FOR A KISS THEY PAID A
THOUSAND, YET
THEY PAID FIFTY CENTS FOR
MY SOUL
THEY TOOK THEIR PIECE, THE
PRICE FOR FAME
THAT NO ONE CAN DENY
AH, BUT THEY DIDN'T BUY ME
WHEN THEY BOUGHT MY
NAME
AND NOW I'M FREE TO FLY!

ENSEMBLE

WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE'S HURT AND IN NEED OF A HAND

IVY AS MARILYN

DON'T FORGET ME

ENSEMBLE

OR HEAR A MELODY CRYING FROM SOME BABY GRAND

IVY AS MARILYN

PLEASE DON'T FORGET ME

WHEN YOU LOOK TO THE HEAVENS

WITH SOMEONE YOU LOVE AND A LIGHT'S SHINING BRIGHT FROM AFAR...

HOPE YOU SEE MY FACE THERE AND THEN, OFFER A PRAYER AND PLEASE LET ME BE... LET ME BE...

III. SMASH!

SCOTT

Look, when this all started I didn't even like musicals. I didn't even get them. I mean, people bursting into song? That doesn't happen in reality. But hey, have you seen the news, I mean, what's so great about reality?

SCOTT

SO TONIGHT HAS YOU FEELING YOU'RE AT THE END WELL, TOMORROW YOU'LL THINK OF A SMASH...

NIGEL

What is happening?

SCOTT

THOUGH TONIGHT SEEMS
THE CURTAIN'S ABOUT TO
DESCEND
WELL, TOMORROW WE'LL RISE
WITH A SMASH

JERRY

Are you all seeing this?

SCOTT

THROUGH EACH STOP AND
EACH START
AND YOU STOMPING ON MY
HEART
WELL, I STILL FELL IN LOVE WITH
THE SHOW

SO *OLD* FRIENDS I IMPLORE YOU LIKE SONDHEIM BEFORE YOU YOU MUST NEVER QUIT EVENTUALLY "MERRILY" WAS A HIT!

ANITA

I didn't see that one coming.

SCOTT

I HAVE WATCHED HOW YOU'VE ARGUED AND LAUGHED AND DRANK AND GAMBLED YOUR LAST OUNCE OF CASH WHILE YOU DANCED ON THE EDGE OF A LEDGE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE TRASH!

TRACY

Who are you?

SCOTT

ME? WELL, I FELT MOST ALIVE WATCHING YOU ALL TAKE THE DIVE; BUT I HOPE WHEN YOU WAKE FROM THE CRASH
THAT THE GODS THAT YOU
SING TO
MAY ONCE AGAIN BRING YOU A
SMASH!

NIGEL

Oh, so we're in a musical now?
AS A CHILD YOU DREAM OF
THAT POT OF GOLD
THAT WILL COME WHEN YOU
FIND YOU'RE A SMASH
BY THE TIME THAT YOU REACH
IT, YOU'RE TOO FRICKING OLD
BUT YOUR OBIT SAYS YOU
WERE A SMASH!

ANITA

ALL THE OPENINGS AND GALAS ARE ENDLESS VALHALLAS AS BUDGETS AND BILLS HIT THE SKY

TRACY AND JERRY

THOUGH YOU'RE ENDLESSLY DOUBTING

TRACY

AND DRINKING...

JERRY

AND SHOUTING...

ANITA

EACH DAY YOU SET SAIL

PRINCIPALS

FOR THAT ELUSIVE WHITE WHALE

SCOTT

So go! Do it! What's the next one?!?

TRACY

Okay! Here's my terrible idea. We write what we know.

ANITA

What do we know exactly?

NIGEL

We know how incredibly hard it is to make musicals.

JERRY

Oh! So we don't make a show about Marilyn Monroe, we make a show about making a show about Marilyn Monroe?

SCOTT

Yes! With a crazy star, and a poison cupcake, and a cryptkeeper. Write that!

IVY

It's everything we just went through!

CHLOE

I can see it! You can play Ivy!

IVY

And you can play Karen!!

KAREN

And you can finally direct!!!

ALL PRINCIPALS

DON'T KNOW WHEN TO SAY WHEN SO WE GET UP AGAIN

TRACY AND JERRY

AND THIS TIME, WE MIGHT HIT THE TOP!

ANITA

AND GET THE RAVE THAT WE CRAVE

NIGEL

NOT THE PAN THAT SAYS MAN, YOU SHOULD STOP

IVY

WITH YOUR FRIENDS AT YOUR SIDE

IVY AND KAREN

ON THAT RED CARPET RIDE

IVY, KAREN AND CHLOE

SINK OR SWIM, WE'LL AT LEAST MAKE A SPLASH!

ALL PRINCIPALS

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE AND THE CURTAIN WILL RISE ON A...

ENSEMBLE

ААААНННН, ААААНННН

ALL

EVERY LIFE IS A SHOW SEASONS COME AND THEY GO

SO WE PRAY AS THE CAMERAS ALL FLASH!

ENSEMBLE

FLASH! FLASH!

ALL

LET IT BE A SMASH!! LET IT BE A SMASH!!



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