Modern Play Format

From Tennessee Williams' Not About Nightingales

BOSS
You've probably come here to question me about that ex-convict's story in that damned yellow sheet down there in Wilkes County - That stuff about getting Pellagra in here - Jimmy, hand me that sample menu!

JIM

She's not a reporter.

BOSS
Aw. - What is your business, young lady?

EVA
I understand there's a vacancy here. Mr. McPherson, my landlady's brother-in-law, told her that you were creating a new cameraman and I'm sure that I can qualify for the position. I'm a college graduate, Mr. Williams. I've had three years of business experience - references with me - but, oh - I've - I've had such abominable luck these last six months - the last place I worked - the business recession set in they had to cut down on their sales force they gave me a wonderful letter - I've got it with me.

She opens her purse and spills contents on floor.

BOSS
Anybody outside?

EVA
Yes. That woman.

BOSS
What woman?

EVA
The one from Wisconsin. She's still waiting -

BOSS
I told you I didn't want to see her.

EVA
(trading into phone)

BOSS

Sailor Jack's mother, MRS. BRISTOL, has quietly entered. She carries a blanket.

MRS. BRISTOL
I beg your pardon, I - You see I'm Jack Bristol's mother, and I've been wanting to have a talk with you so long about - about my boy!