

CIOFFI

Working backwards from when the capsules dissolved, we know she swallowed them in the very final minutes of this evening's performance.

AARON

Couldn't she have poisoned herself?

CIOFFI

Trauma at the back of her throat suggests she didn't take the capsules voluntarily. Now may I ask who's in charge here, other than myself?

BELLING

Permit me, Lieutenant. I'm the critically-acclaimed director Christopher Belling and I'll be blocking your investigation.

CIOFFI

I hope that's not the case. But if you need to wrap things up with your cast, please go right ahead.

BELLING

Company! I know you'll give Georgia your support as she steps into the late Miss Cranshaw's shoes –

CARMEN

That's brilliant!

BELLING

As one would expect from me. All those ready to press forward with *Robbin' Hood* and Georgia, give me a show of hands.

(CARMEN, NIKI, OSCAR, BOBBY, and BAMBI raise their hands.)

CARMEN

That's it? Listen, people, life is full of setbacks and disappointments. But with Georgia taking over the lead, we've got ourselves a real shot. This show is going on! Are you with me, gang?

(A beat.)

RANDY

You know if we leave now, we can make the last train back to New York.

COMPANY

So much to pack. / I don't owe anyone nothing. / That's that. / Anyone want to share a ride? / etc.

CARMEN

Stop –!

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