

## Noises Off Side #6: Poppy and Tim

***(As the scene begins, the company has been for about a month. As the Wednesday matinee is about to begin, Poppy and Tim are gossiping about the deteriorating “showmance” of Dotty and Garry.)***

Poppy: ***(over the backstage mic)*** Act One beginners, please. Your calls: Miss Otley, Miss Ashton, Mr. Lejeune, Mr. Fellowes, Miss Blair. Act One beginners, please.

Tim: And Act One beginners is that what we'll get? What do you think?

Poppy: ***(To Tim)*** Oh, she'll pull herself together now we've called Beginners. Now she knows she's got to be on stage in five minutes. Won't she?

Tim: Will she?

P: You know what Dotty's like?

T: We've only been on the road for a month. We've only got to Goole! What's it going to be like by the time we've got to Stockton-on-Tees.

P: If only she'd speak.

T: If only she'd unlock the door! Look, if Dotty won't go on...

P: Won't go on!

T: *If* she won't...

P: She will.

T: Of course she will.

P: Won't she?

T: I'm sure she will. But if she doesn't...

P: She must!

T: She will, she will. But if she didn't...

P: I'd have five minutes to change. Four minutes...

T: If only she'd say something...

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