

**Female Female
Comedy**

Sports Night

"Intellectual Property"

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ACT I

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INT. EDITING ROOM - DAY - (DAY 2)
(Dana, Natalie)

NATALIE IS SITTING AT THE EDITING BAY, DANA AT THE COUCH, WITH SEVERAL PILES OF TAPE BOXES SURROUNDING THEM ON THE FLOOR AND TABLE.

DANA

You know something? I can't think of the last time I had a good idea.

NATALIE

This segment's a good idea.

DANA

It's not a really good idea. It's a fine idea. It's a regular idea. You have good ideas a lot. I find myself saying "Natalie's got a good idea."

NATALIE

But you also find yourself saying Natalie, if you screw that up again, I'll set you on fire.

DANA

That's true too, and yet it's the good idea thing that I'm focusing on right now.
(con't)

DANA

What was the last good idea you had?

NATALIE

When I got up this morning, I decided not to stick my hand in the blender.

DANA

That's what I mean.

NATALIE

I think the way you're handling the Casey situation is very good.

DANA

The Casey situation? *oh*

NATALIE

I'm calling it The Casey Situation.

DANA

It's not a situation. *laugh of*

NATALIE

It's a bit of a situation. ✓

DANA

It's not at all a situation.

NATALIE

I've already named it.

DANA

oh
You know, from, like, the second Casey and Lisa split up, everyone in this office has been convinced that I have a strategy for getting Casey to fall in love with me.

NATALIE

oh
You're wrong. We knew you didn't have a strategy and we're glad you've finally come up with something.

DANA

I have not come up with something.

NATALIE

Well at least you're asking for help.

DANA

Natalie, I'm not employing a strategy.

NATALIE

You're going to Vermont for the weekend with Gordon.

DANA

Yes. ¹

NATALIE

And you bought new lingerie.

DANA

Yes I did. ¹

NATALIE

And you went out of your way to make sure Casey knew you bought new lingerie.)

DANA

I did not.)

NATALIE

Right, that was me.

DANA

Natalie--

NATALIE

Well let's get this show on the road already, huh?

DANA

There's no show and there's no road. /

NATALIE

You're going to Vermont with Gordon
and new lingerie.

DANA

Yes I am. Because I choose to. And
there's nothing sinister about it. I
like Gordon. And I like Vermont. So
I'm going with Gordon to Vermont. And
I'm taking new lingerie. For me. This
is for me.

NATALIE

Well I gotta say, you've got Casey
right where you want him.

DANA

I retract all the things I said about
you having good ideas.

NATALIE

How much did you pay for the lingerie?

DANA

A lot of money. Show me the next clip.