

1 **ERNIE:** What are you talking about?
JULIA: Those folks from Acme Paranormal did their part. The ghosts are completely gone. So why is this place still open?
ERNIE: It's not me! It's Ms. Crenshaw. She refuses to give up. I swear
5 she'll burn through her entire life savings before she'll let this place close.
JULIA: I was afraid of that. Looks like we'll have to go to Plan B.
ERNIE: What's Plan B?
JULIA: Get the building condemned so we can bulldoze it.
10 **ERNIE:** You've got to be kidding! This place is over 300 years old. The Historical Society will never allow it to be demolished.
JULIA: Don't worry about that. I've got some very dear friends on the housing board. You just file a report documenting all of the reasons this building is unsafe and unrepairable.
15 **ERNIE:** Me?
JULIA: Yes, of course you. After all, nobody knows the inside of this house like you do.
ERNIE: And if I refuse?
JULIA: You like your job, don't you?
20 **ERNIE:** Not particularly.
JULIA: Let me rephrase that. You like your house, your truck, and all the other things your job buys you, don't you? (*ERNIE hangs his head.*) Then you'd better swallow your morals and do what I say. Is that clear?
25 **ERNIE:** You can threaten me all you want, Ms. Nichols. I'm not going to hurt Jo anymore.
JULIA: So it's Jo now, is it? Well, fine. I'll just get somebody else to file the report.
ERNIE: You wouldn't.
30 **JULIA:** Oh, I very much would. How do I think I got where I am in the first place? (*Starts OFF. Stops.*) Oh, and Ernie?
ERNIE: Yeah?
JULIA: You might want to start looking for a new place to live. Something tells me nobody in this town will ever hire you again.
35 (*EXITS. LIGHTS FADE to BLACK.*)

End of Scene Four