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# AGATA WANTS A JOB

Radio play

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**Characters:**

AGATA: a graduate who is looking for work

AGATA'S MOTHER: a woman of achievements with a sense of the zeitgeist

HARD until the going gets tough

CLERK: a bureaucratic personage

VIRGINIA: the key to many holes

MANAGER: senior yuppie

SISTER LUCRETIA: secretary superior

STRANGER of a certain sexuality; a potential employer  
and

WOMEN'S CHOIR: croons and hums

SISTER SECRETARIES, WOMEN: pray, undress, chant

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### Scene 3

**WOMEN'S CHOIR**

This is where they work. Work. Work.

**CLERK**

Coffee break.

**AGATA**

But it's only...

**CLERK**

Listen to me. Am I supposed to work with my mouth full?

**WOMEN'S CHOIR**

This is where they work. Work. Work.

**CLERK**

Now you can come in and talk.

**AGATA**

My name is...

**CLERK**

Number.

**AGATA**

1029.

**CLERK**

Filled in the form?

**AGATA**

Here you are.

**CLERK**

Supporting documents, certificate?

**AGATA**

Here you are.

**CLERK**

Copy of your passport?

**AGATA**

I'm sure I've got it here somewhere.

**CLERK**

You have a good look. I get paid for waiting, too...

**WOMEN'S CHOIR**

This is where they work. Work. Work.

**AGATA**

I've found it, here you are.

**CLERK**

Blood type? Baptism certificate?

**AGATA**

I've got it all, here you are.

**CLERK**

Wait. The system's crashed.

**WOMEN'S CHOIR**

This is where they work. Work. Work.

**CLERK**

Wait. The system's searching.

**WOMEN'S CHOIR**

This is where they work. Work. Work.

**CLERK**

Number 1029?

**AGATA**

That's me.

**CLERK**

No positions available.

**AGATA**

I'm sorry?

**CLERK**

Can't you see what it says? No positions available. The computer system doesn't lie, because it isn't clever enough.

**AGATA**

Don't you have anything else that's not in the computer?

**CLERK**

No positions means no positions.

**AGATA**

I'm going to have to top myself..

**CLERK**

You depressed?

**AGATA**

Yes. And I've lost my libido.

**CLERK**

Hold on. No positions available, but courses are. Staying busy will keep away silly thoughts. Here's the referral. Sign.

**AGATA**

Thank you...

**WOMEN'S CHOIR**

This is where they work. Work. Work.