

MRS. BUCKET

We wouldn't dream of it, Charlie.

CHARLIE

Come on, Dad, have a piece. You deserve something special after losing your job.

MRS. BUCKET AND GRANDPARENTS

What?

GRANDPA JOE

It's not true! Charlie, that's not funny. Tell me it's not true.

GRANDMA GEORGINA

We'll starve!

MR. BUCKET

It IS true. And we will NOT starve. Now, what kind of a party is this? Hey, let's splurge a little. Put on the radio.

MRS. BUCKET

Mr. Bucket's right! What's a little more electricity? Charlie, plug in the radio!

CHARLIE

Wow! Really? This is the best birthday ever!

(CHARLIE pantomimes plugging in an old-fashioned radio. We hear it buzz and crackle its way to full volume.)

SCENE 9: VIOLET RADIO STATION

17. VIOLET NEWS FLASH

PHINEOUS TROUT

We interrupt the Orphan Annie Radio Hour to bring you this important news flash. In the past hour, a third Golden Ticket has been found in Snellville, Georgia.

18. GOLDEN TICKET LIGHT BOX 3

(WONKA gestures for VIOLET's Golden Ticket to light.)

(PHINEOUS TROUT)

And what is your name, young lady?

(VIOLET steps forward, loudly chewing gum into an old-fashioned Decca microphone. Her MOTHER is dressed exactly as she is.)

VIOLET

Violet. Violet Beauregarde.

MRS. BEAUREGARDE

Violet, quit chewing your gum so loudly. It's not ladylike. Not ladylike at all! Remember what your therapist said about acting out—

VIOLET

Ah, can it, Ma! You flap your jaws even more'n I do!

MRS. BEAUREGARDE

Now, Violet. I do not appreciate that sort of language. Watch your words. Ask me nicely.

VIOLET

No prob.

(sweetly)

Hey, Ma? Would you please...

(suddenly angry)

CAN IT! I'm being interviewed here.

PHINEOUS TROUT

Now, tell us, Violet, how did you find your Golden Ticket?

VIOLET

Normally, I'm a gumchewer. In fact, I adore gum. Love it, love it, love it! I chew gum all day long, except when I'm eating, then I take the gum out of my mouth and put it behind my ear like this.

MRS. BEAUREGARDE

Isn't that clever? She's so clever! She thought of that herself!

VIOLET

Ma, cool it! And when I sleep, I put the gum on my headboard, so in the morning all I have to do is pop it back into my mouth and start chewing again!

MRS. BEAUREGARDE

(proudly)

She thought of that, too! So clever!

VIOLET

Sometimes it's a little hard to get started, and one time it got in my hair, but Ma cut it out and I went right on chewing it. It was a hairy moment, though—ha, ha, ha!

MRS. BEAUREGARDE

Oh, isn't she just HILARIOUS!

PHINEOUS TROUT

(stone-faced)

Very witty, Violet. Now tell us about your Golden Ticket?

VIOLET

OK, keep your pants on, Phineous, I'm getting to it! So like I said, I'm a gum-chewer normally, but when I heard about Wonka's contest, I laid off the gum and switched straight on to candy bars. That's how I found my ticket! Now, of course, I'm right back on the gum. In fact, I've been working on this piece for over three months solid. I've beaten the record set by my best friend, Cornelia Prinzmetel. Hi, Cornelia...listen to this...

(SHE chews loudly into the microphone.)

That's the sound of you losing! Listen some more...

(SHE chews even more loudly adding, smacks and pops.)

Chew on THAT, Princess Prinzmetel!

SCENE 10: HOME OF MIKE TEAVEE

19. RADIO ANNOUNCER

PHINEOUS TROUT

Ladies and Gentlemen, Wonka bar sales have rocketed up to over two hundred thousand an hour and this just in...The fourth Golden Ticket has also been located—in Television City, California!

20. GOLDEN TICKET LIGHT BOX 4

(WONKA enters and gestures for MIKE's Golden Ticket to light.)

(PHINEOUS TROUT)

Leaving only the fifth and final ticket to be found! We're live at the home of Mike Teavee, the lucky finder of Golden Ticket Number Four! Here's Ms. Teavee now. Tell us about finding the Golden Ticket, ma'am!

MS. TEAVEE

Well, you see, Mike and I were—