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FRANK

Has anyone seen my receptionist? I know I hired one, but I can't find her anywhere, and the phone is ringing off the hook!

DOREEN

Oh daddy, as if! You know that it is total deadsville out there this time of morning. Civilized people aren't even out of bed yet.

FRANK

Is that so? So what does that make us? And what are you doing in here anyway? I thought we talked about ...-

DOREEN

(Breezy) Just doing what you pay me for, daddy. Had to give Randy the morning rip-and-read for the top of the hour. Though I can't imagine why anyone would want to hear news so early ...-

(She realizes it is still on her clipboard.)

Oops, here you go. *(She hands the sheet to Randy.)*

RANDY

(Nervously) Oh, yeah. Uh ...thanks, kid.

DOREEN

And I already told you once, I am not a kid!

RANDY

Okay, okay - don't get frosted, I didn't mean anything by it.

DOREEN

For your information, I'm only two years younger than you are. Daddy, will you tell your employee that I am not some ankle-biter and that I am fully capable of spending time with whoever I want?

FRANK

I most certainly will not. And don't you go getting any notions about being all grown up all of a sudden. Just because you got your driver's license doesn't mean that ...-

(Doreen kisses Frank on the cheek.)

DOREEN

Oh daddy, I'm just teasing with you ...both.

FRANK

Just don't be in such a hurry to grow up. And that goes for both of you. We are on the precipice of a new decade here, and from the

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looks of things, we're about to elect our youngest president ever. And if the damn Ruskses don't blow us all to kingdom come, we're in for a whole new era of progress and innovation. Just think about it - cures for every disease, people living for hundreds of years - and instead of cars, everyone will have those jet packs to get around in, just like in Buck Rogers.

DOREEN

Oh brother!

FRANK

Go ahead and laugh. But I'm telling you, the future is now. Just look at that new gadget we just installed. It prints out all the latest news, from anywhere in the world. And you can even get a monitor and read it right off the screen. Why before too long, everyone will have one of those right in their home.

RANDY

Wow! You really think so?

FRANK

Well sure, why not? We have the greatest scientists in the world, inventing new stuff every day. Why, one day in your lifetime, you'll be able to take your vacation on the moon, or Mars, or whatever planet you want. And I'll let you in on a little secret. *(He leans in.)* Rock & roll music will be there for every moment of it. In fact, it'll be leading the way.

DOREEN

Oh come on daddy.

FRANK

It's true. It's incredible to think that something as simple as an electric guitar could entirely change the way that folks think about music, isn't it? How one major event can affect an entire generation? And you both will have a front row seat to it all.

(He looks at Doreen)

If you don't blow it, that is.

DOREEN

Okay, I can take a hint! I will leave you two alone to talk about the exciting possibilities of time travel while I go sit up front and answer "all those phone calls" we have coming in.

(She kisses Frank on the cheek again.)

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Oh, and daddy, when you two are done taking over the world, I want to talk to you about using "Betty Bee" this weekend.

FRANK

Now wait just a minute ...-

DOREEN

See ya - bye!

(Doreen exits quickly.)

FRANK

That girl. Sometimes she reminds me so much of her mother...-

RANDY

She's a real nice kid, Frank. And I'm not just saying that because ... I mean, everyone thinks so.

FRANK

I know I spoil her more than a father should, letting her work here at the station and all, but she's all I got, you know?

RANDY

You got nothing to worry about with her. She's turning into a fine young woman.

FRANK

Yes, she is. *(He smiles)* I guess that's what worries me.

RANDY

So did you mean all those things you were saying? I mean, about the popularity of rock and roll and how it's going to change everything?

FRANK

I meant every word of it. We're on the verge of something big here Randy. Certainly bigger than any of us could have predicted when we opened up this station five years ago. And that's what I wanted to talk to you about.

RANDY

Yeah?

FRANK

Rock and roll music is the future Randy, it's here to stay. And there's going to be some big changes taking place around here, and I want you to be a part of it. Part of our rock and roll family.

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RANDY

Well gee, that sounds swell. But what kind of changes?

FRANK

Well, technology, for starters. You see that news sheet Doreen just gave you? It's from our new teletype machine, and we're the first radio station in the state to get one. We can get news updates every hour, and pull the local weather for anywhere in the country. There's even an alarm that goes off for emergency broadcasts. *(He chuckles)* I guess in case the Reds finally attack.

(Randy puts on his headset.)

RANDY

It's ten minutes before the hour of seven o' clock here on Iowa City's number one rock and roll music station, WHAA, and no piling up z's this morning because you are waking up with Randy Reno, your rock and roll host with the most - hits that is! If you're planning on walking to school or waiting on the bus this morning, be sure to dress extra warm and pack a thermos before you beat feet out the door because old frosty says ...

(Randy checks a gauge on the console)

...that it is a chilly twenty four degrees outside!

(He hits a button on the console and a "BRRR" sound cue is heard.)

We have all the latest news and updates coming your way in 10 minutes at the top of the hour. But for now, it's back to your favorite hits ...because it's official, rock and roll is not a fad, it's the future.

(Randy flips a switch and takes off his headphones.)

FRANK

The future, huh?

RANDY

Oh yeah, that. Sorry, I got a bit carried away.

FRANK

No, I like it. May have to work that into some of our station tags.

RANDY

You are the one who clued me in daddy-o, I'm a true believer!