

# THE OLD DAYS OF GETTING A JOB ...

by Del

## CHARACTERS

**Narrator**

**The Boss**

**Applicant 1 - Male**

**Applicant 2 - Female**

**Applicant 3 - Female**

## PROPS

**Dress clothing, Desk, Application papers, Props /or Calendar of year**

## INTERIORS

**Office-like atmosphere** circa 1950-1970

**Office-like atmosphere** circa 1990-2010

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## INTERIOR

**Office** 1950's-1970's

V.O. - Narrator

### **Narrator**

Do you remember the good old days... It used to be the 30's and 40's...

now it's the 50's and 60's...or is it the 70's and 80's?...

Oh, never mind! Here is a scene from that time period

in the good old days when almost anyone could get a job or even a career!!

*Boss sitting at desk reviewing application forms*

*Applicant Number One enters*

### **The Boss**

Well, son, how can I help you?

### **Applicant 1**

I came here to look for a job, and I was wondering if you had any openings?

### **The Boss**

Well, son, most of the jobs here at the Screw Factory have been taken;  
but I can have you work on the second floor where they'll train you until we need you.

We will provide you with a living wage and benefits in a couple weeks!

### **Applicant 1**

Gee, thanks mister! I'll stop in tomorrow with my application!

*Applicant 1 steps out, Applicant 2 steps in*

### **Applicant 2**

Hello there, I came by to see if you had any openings for a receptionist position?

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## **The Boss**

No; but we can have you work the part-time hours of your choice while you train with our current receptionist...can you type?

## **Applicant 2**

Only a couple words a minute...

## **The Boss**

Oh, no need to worry. You can pick-up with the pace!

## **Applicant 2**

Thank you; can I start around 10am tomorrow After I drop-off my children to the babysitter?

## **The Boss**

Sure; plus we'll give you a free lunch!

*Applicant 2 steps out, Applicant 3 steps in*

## **Applicant 3**

Hello; I used to work on the Air Force bombers during the war effort...  
Is there any chance that I can get a job here at the Screw Factory?

## **The Boss**

Well, I'm sure you heard of the "Glass Ceiling" preventing women from working most "men's jobs"... but would you mind working in our cafeteria, for now?

## **Applicant 3**

I guess I will for now... at least until another war happens!

*Fade out, then fade-in to newer interior*

INTERIOR

**Same Office** – 1990-2010

## **Narrator**

Now that you've seen what the "old days" of getting a job were like...  
Now let us show you the future...Or is it the present? I guess the future becomes the present at some point or another...

## **Applicant 1**

I came here to look for a job, and I was wondering if you had any openings?

## **The Boss**

How did you get in here? Isn't the receptionist upfront?  
Just put your resume on our web site e-mail... our receptionist will contact you within 6 months or so...Get out now, before I call security!

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## **Applicant 1**

Man, what the hell...(or "bleep-out")

*Applicant 1 steps out, Applicant 2 steps in*

## **Applicant 2**

Hi...Do you have any receptionist positions?  
I noticed that your receptionist isn't even here to take my resume...

## **The Boss**

I forgot that I fired her this morning...Can you type at least 40 words per minute?  
Do you have 4 years of business school training? Do you have security clearance?  
Can you work for less than 9 dollars per hour for the first 6 months?  
Are you younger than 40?

## **Applicant 2**

Well...I...I need to have benefits or health insurance for my children...

## **The Boss**

Security!!

*Applicant 2 cowardly walks out, as Applicant 3 walks in*

## **Applicant 3**

Boss, I've been working here for several years in the cafeteria...  
when will I get a transfer to the Screw Factory's main floor?!

## **The Boss**

Well, I have a new position for you...Now as my understudy...  
I want you first to "fire" all the workers on the first and third floors!

## **Applicant 3**

I'm now a "job hatchet person"? What about the second floor?

## **The Boss**

No need to bother...They're all temps! As my personal "job hatchet person",  
I have one other to get rid of...(whispers)

## **Narrator**

Wow, what a difference from Then...and Now!!  
It sure was much easier to get a job back then!

*Applicant 3 looks at the camera*

## **Applicant 3**

By the way, mister Narrator; the Boss told me to give you your walking papers!

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**Narrator**

Wait! I'm just a narrator...

**Applicant 3**

Your position has now been taken over by a computerized robot...

**The Boss**

Security...Take this Narrator out of my office!!

*Fade-out*