

Senior Division, Dramatic Script

Michelle Clemens, St. John's

Show Down (an excerpt)

RADIO VOICE

Twenty -three more arrests today as the union members go back to the picket line. Police were at the Confederation Building at 3 am, waiting for the strikers to arrive. Neil Winsor, stated that the NAPE membership is not behind the strike and claims as many as fifteen to twenty percent of union workers have crossed the line. Fraser March dismisses that idea and says it might be one percent of less.

SCENE TWO

JOAN is brought out to her husband. She gets her envelop of possessions. All of this is done in a heavy silence. Robert meets her to take her home and he is not happy. There are offstage calls of "way to go JOAN." whistles, great night" etc.

JOAN

Are you going to say anything?

ROBERT

Let's just go home.

JOAN

I'm doing what's right.

ROBERT

I'm not talking about it here.

JOAN

What do you mean, not talking about it here? What's here got to do with it?

ROBERT

Here, here, where your adoring fans are? What am I supposed to say? Congratulations on being arrested?

JOAN

How about glad you weren't hurt? Are you ok? Stuff like that.

ROBERT

Glad you weren't hurt.

JOAN

Really?

ROBERT

For Christ sakes, you reveal it in. Don't try and bullshit me.

They move off to the side of the stage and whisper the last few lines.

JOAN

Yea, I'm proud of what I do. I'm proud of standing up for myself. What the hell's wrong with that?

ROBERT

You were arrested Joan. That can't have escape you? When this is all over you, could have a record. You were so fired up to get that bloody bank loan, do you think you will get one with a criminal record?

JOAN

That will all be negotiated away when this strike ends. This is part of the strategy.

ROBERT

You really believe that.