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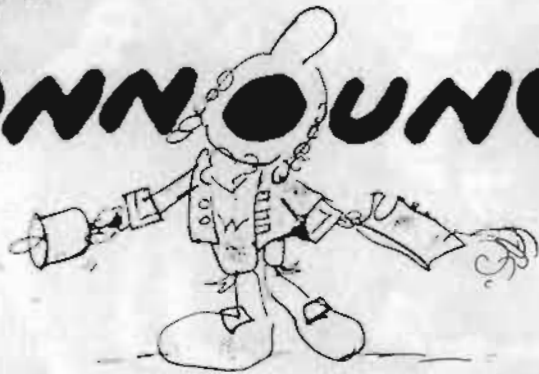
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## **THE PAJAMA GAME - The Story**

Hines lets us into the secret at the start. This is a serious play about Capital and Labour - and it's full of symbolism. The action occurs at the Sleep Tite Pajama Factory, where the Union and Management relationship is bedevilled with problem areas.

Hines is the factory timekeeper (or slave driver as rumour has it) - he refers to his trade as "the Pajama Game" just as we might say "The Rag Trade". Needless to say his work study function is not too popular with the staff, because it represents the influence of the boss, Mr. Hasler. The root cause of the trouble is that Hasler constantly refuses the Union's petition for a rise of seven and a half cents in the hourly pay. Has always has a hard luck story of poor trade and cost inflation.

He has recently taken on a new superintendant, an ambitious young stranger named Sid Sorokin. Sid has come up the hard way and is very unhappy in this unfriendly new town. In annoyance one day he pushes a layabout worker at the factory and is duly reported to the Union Greivance Committee. This action changes life for Sid because the Grievance Committee comprises of one beautiful girl named Babe Williams. Both parties fall for each other, but Babe is very troubled by their clash of roles. How can a staunch Union worker love the Boss's right hand man? Her Pop helps the frustrated Sid to see Babe by taking him home regularly to see his stamp collection!

There are several interesting folk at the factory, Mabel is Sid's secretary, and she is such a nice understanding type she acts as unofficial Mother Confessor and Advisor, - she's the local "Dear Lonely Heart"! The Boss's secretary Gladys has a very responsible role, as she carries the key to Hasler's ledger. She is Hines' girlfriend, and you've never seen a more jealous man! Then there is Prez of the Union, a real snake in the grass. His wife doesn't understand him and he has a quick technique in seeking consolation from the factory girls. We all know the type. But he meets his match with Mae. Does she know how to cling?

Prez organises quite a few stunts to help the wage claim: Go slow - mixed sizes of tops and bottoms in packing pajamas - buttons that drop off - pants that fall down, etc. Babe supports them all and as a superb gesture wrecks a machine, and admits publicly to Sid that she is the culprit. Sid has no alternative but to sack her on the spot - wham goes the love affair!

Sid is all for comprises in the Capital and Labour trouble but big boss Hasler doggedly professes he's "a fighter" and refuses to give in. Sid's suspicions are aroused by the unreasonable security measures over the private ledger to which Gladys has the key.

As Sid now has time on his hands in an evening, he takes Gladys to a low dive, and gets her dizzy and his charm (and lashings of gin). So Sid gets the key, and works till dawn on the figures in the private ledger. He discovers that the boss is working a fiddle by charging and pocketing the seven and a half cents. In the meantime Hines hears of Gladys' night out with Sid, and as he is an ex-professional knifethrower he goes after Sid. And can he throw knives - yes indeed, all over Sid's office, narrowly missing Sid, Gladys and Hasler. The boss is terrified thinking that the Union, which is holding a rally has imported gansters from Chicago to murder. Between that and Sid's threat to expose him, Hasler capitulates and grants the workers their seven and a half cents retrospectively.

This calls for high jinks and a pajama party, at which Sid and Babe get properly tied up and so do Hines and Gladys.

# THE PAJAMA GAME

HINES	...	...	...	...	...	...	David McGuiness
PREZ	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lewis Pritchard
JOE	...	...	...	...	...	...	Harry Leverington
HASLER	...	...	...	...	...	...	Harry Newton
SID SOROKIN	...	...	...	...	...	...	John Reeves
GLADYS	...	...	...	...	...	...	Shirley Davies
MABEL	...	...	...	...	...	...	Sheila Davis
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BRENDA	...	...	...	...	...	...	Deirdre Rogers
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POP	...	...	...	...	...	...	George Brown

## Synopsis of Scenes and Musical Numbers

### ACT I

#### SCENE I & II Sewing Room of the Sleep Tite Pajama Factory

1. The Pajama Game .. .. . Hines
2. Racing with the clock .. .. . Chorus
3. A new town is a blue town .. .. . Sid
4. Racing with the clock .. .. . Girls
5. I'm not at all in love .. .. . Babe & Girls

#### SCENE III The Office

6. I'll never be jealous again .. .. . Mabel & Hines
7. Hey there .. .. . Sid

#### SCENE IV On the way to the Union Picnic

8. Her is .. .. . Prez & Gladys

#### SCENE V The Picnic

9. Sleep Tite .. .. . Chorus
10. Once-a-year-day .. .. . Sid, Babe, Chorus & Dancers

#### SCENE VI Picnic Path

11. Her is - Reprise .. .. . Prez & Mae

#### SCENE VII Kitchen of Babe's House

12. Small talk .. .. . Sid & Babe

#### SCENE VIII A Hallway in the Factory

13. There was once a man .. .. . Sid & Babe

#### SCENE IX The Factory

14. Slowdown .. .. . Chorus
15. Finale .. .. . Sid

### ACT II

#### SCENE I Eagle Hall

16. Steam Heat .. .. . Gladys & Boys & Dancers

#### SCENE II Kitchen of Babe's House

17. Hey there - Reprise .. .. . Babe

#### SCENE III Hall in the Factory

18. Think of the time I save .. .. . Hines & Ladies

#### SCENE IV The Office

19. Hernando's Hideaway .. .. . Gladys

#### SCENE V Hernando's Hideaway

20. Hernando's Hideaway continued .. .. . Chorus & Dancers

#### SCENE VI

21. Jealousy Ballet .. .. . Gladys, Hines & Dancers

#### SCENE VII Morning in the Office

#### SCENE VIII Eagle Hall

22. Seven and a half cents .. .. . Prez, Babe & Chorus
23. There once was a man - Reprise .. .. . Babe & Sid
24. Finale - The Pajama Game .. .. . Ensemble

TIME: The Present

PLACE: The action takes place in a small town in the Middle West of the U.S.A.

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