

SECRET OF MY SUCCESS

Brantley enters Howard's CEO office wearing a suit

VERA

(Surprising him, sings and stalks)  
I hear music when I look at you.....

BRANTLEY

Aunt Vera. Hi- how are you?

VERA (cont.)

I'm in the mood for love...simply because you're near me...

BRANTLEY

A medley. Gee that's nice. Why are you singing a medley  
Aunt Vera?

VERA

I get no kick from champagne..mere alcohol doesn't thrill me  
at all.....

BRANTLEY

Please don't sing anymore Aunt Vera.

She pins him

VERA

I haven't sung in years Brantley. Do you see what you do  
to me?

BRANTLEY

Oh God. He's on his way up. He's going to be here any minute. Why are you doing this?

VERA

I'm going to have you for lunch.

BRANTLEY

Can't I get you a ham and cheese?

VERA

Ooh. Look at that cute little Adam's apple.

BRANTLEY

Aunt Vera since the last time we met there's been a change.

VERA

Yeah, nice suit Brantley.

BRANTLEY

Look, what I mean is I'm not free anymore.

VERA

What you're gonna charge me? Oh you're getting awfully cynical. Does your mother know about this?

BRANTLEY

I mean I'm not available!

VERA

Oh good. You're not gonna charge me.  
Don't worry Brantley, I don't want to marry you. I'm already married. I just want to love you. I don't mean two star-crossed virginites running through the clover nothing icky like that. I'm a practical woman. You should be a practical young man. If you'd just relax and just let me I could steer you through these shark infested waters of this stupid company just like I steered Howard.

BRANTLEY

Look I like you. I really like you but I gotta tell you. I have become seriously and emotionally involved with someone who isn't my aunt.

VERA

I forgive you Brantley.

BRANTLEY

Listen. There's someone else in my life.

VERA

I got it. I got it. I don't care. There's someone else in my life too. Maybe we should introduce your girlfriend and my husband and then we'd both have the same people in our lives.

BRANTLEY

Listen, I don't want to get rough with you but I'll belt you around if I have to.

VERA

Oooh....

BRANTLEY

Oh. Jesus Christ. Vera I'm gonna get fired. Give me a break.

VERA

Don't whine Brantley life is too short. Before you know it you'll be 25 wondering where it all went.

HOWARD  
(enters)

What the hell is this?