Hot donuts, hot fresh cinnamon donuts -

House light's down the cast can be seen behind the curtain dressed in heightened costume and make-up ala retail clothing and posing in various Super-Freak retail positions.

### **SUPERFREAKS**

WHOA, HEY, WHOA SUPER, SUPER, SUPER, SUPERFREAKS...

Lights up gradually behind the curtain. The cast begin to shift rhythmically and ritualistically through various retail inspired movement. Over and over. Repetitious, mechanical.

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**SANDRA** Next please, **LAURA** Next please, CARA Next please, **NATASHA** Next please, **ERIN** Next please, PIP Next please, WINSTON Next please, BEN Next please, RUEBAN Next please ALL **NEXT PLEASE** David comes downstage to appear front of curtain – Mandolin in hand. He strums Mandolin. **LAURA** Last call for passengers on flight 478 to Denpesar, please me e your way to gate lounge number seventeen... DAVID GONNA LIE ON A BEACH STARING OUT AT THE INDIAN OCEAN GONNA WAKE TO THE ROAR OF THE WAVES BREAK OVER THE SAND GONNA BATHE IN THE WARM OF THE BLUE, LET MY BODY RISE AND FALL IN THE INDIAN OCEAN WANNA DRINK IN THE STARS AS THEY CRADLE THE SHORE GONNA BE A SUPERFREAK NO PERFREAKS SUPERFREAKS IT'S NOT THE REAL ME IT'S JUST A JOB IT'S NOT MY LIFE IT'S JUST A WAY TO GET FROM POINT A TO B SUPERFREAKS S JUST A MEANS TO AN END Y'S JUST A TURN IN THE BEND IT'S NOT REALLY ME DAVID GONNA LIE ON A BEACH STARING OUT AT THE INDIAN OCEAN FLYING MEBOURNE TO BALI THEN MAYBE I'LL FLY TO BANGOR ONTO SRI LANKA AND THERE I'LL WEIGH ANCHOR TO BATHE IN THE WARM OF THE BLUE BY THE INDIAN OCEAN. I'LL SIP MARGHERITAS ON IVORY BEACHES IN ACHE I'LL STAND ON THE SHORE THE FREAK THAT I WAS I WON'T BE ANYMORE BY THE INDIAN SHORE A SUPEFREAK NO MORE **SUPERFREAKS** WHOA, HEY... **DAVID** 

GONNA SAVOUR THE STARS SPARKLING BRIGHT ON THE INDIAN OCEAN

**SUPERFREAKS** 

PRICE CHECK AISLE THREE WOULD YOU LIKE FRIES WITH THAT?

DAVID

GONNA OPEN MY HEART TO THE MOON AS IT SINGS TO THE NIGHT

**SUPERFREAKS** 

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?

**DAVID** 

DRUNKEN AND NAKED I'LL DANCE TILL I ACHE AND I WAKE TO THE

GLOW OF THE SUN BY THE INDIAN OCEAN

**SUPERFREAKS** 

WOULD YOU LIKE FLYBUYS NEXT PLEASE

DAVID

THEY SAY YOU CAN BE WHO YOU LIKE BY THE INDIAN OCEAN

**SUPERFREAKS** 

HAPPY, HAPPY, JUICY, JUICY, STRAWBERRY PINEAPPLE

**DAVID** 

I COULD ALMOST BELIEVE

A WHOLE OTHER LIFE COULD BE THERE WAITING FOR ME

BY THE INDIAN SHORE A SUPERFREAK NO MORE

**SUPERFREAKS** 

**SUPERFREAKS** 

IT'S NOT THE REAL ME

IT'S JUST A JOB IT'S NOT MY LIFE IT'S JUST A

WAY TO GET THROUGH MY VCE

**SUPERFREAKS** 

IT'S JUST A STOP ON THE WAY

IT'S JUST A PAUSE IN THE PLAY

IT'S NOT REALLY ME

WHOA

HEY

**SUPERFREAKS** 

Strum from Mandolin.

IATIRA

Last call for passengers on flight 478 please make your way to gate lounge seventeen.

**DAVID** 

GONNALIE ON A BEACH STARING OUT AT THE INDIAN OCEAN

SUPERFREAKS

IT'S JUST A JOB IT'S NOT ME

DAVID

GONNA WAKE TO THE ROAR OF THE WAVES CRASHING OVER THE SAND

GONNA BATHE IN THE WARM OF THE BLUE

LET MY BODY RISE AND FALL IN THE INDIAN OCEAN

**SUPERFREAKS** 

THIS ISN'T ME THIS ISN'T ME

**DAVID** 

GONNA DRINK IN THE STARS AS THEY CRADLE THE SHORE

GONNA BE A SUPERFREAK NO MORE

**SUPERFREAKS** 

NO MORE, WHOA, HEY, WHOA

SUPER, SUPER, SUPERFREAKS...

Sudden shift of tempo curtain opens. Bakery Boy is gone and Cara comes to the front followed by the rest.

#### CARA

THREE YEARS NOW I'VE BEEN A CHECK-OUT SUPERFREAK
I DO TWO PM TO MIDNIGHT AND I WORK SIX DAYS A WEEK
IN ALL THAT TIME THE BAKERY BOY HE NEVER SKIPPED A BEAT HE WAS
DEPENDABLE AND BORING HE WAS COMPETENT AND NEAT
OOH OOH IT'S A HARD JOB
OOH OOH THAT SOMEONE HAS TO DO

OOH OOH IT'S LONG ROAD
AAH AAH THAT SOMEONE HAS TO TAKE

THE QUEUE IS LONG I'M FEELING FINE
I'M CRUISING INTO OVERTIME
GOTTA LAUGH YOU'VE GOTTA SMILE TO
WALK THIS LONG AND LONELY MILE
BAKERY BOY HE UNDERSTOOD HE MADE HIS DONUTS HOT AND GOOD
WORKED HIS FINGERS TO THE BONE AND
MADE THIS SHOPPING CENTRE HOME

OOH OOH IT'S A LONG ROAD
OOH OOH THAT SOMEONE HAS TO WALK
OOH OOH IT'S A HARD JOURNEY
AAH AAH THAT SOMEONE HAS TO TAKE

COCOA POPS ARE NOW ON SALE
THE DELI'S SERVING MINKE WHALE
DETERGENT SPLILL AISLE TWENTY ONE
AN OLD MAN'S FALLEN ON HIS BUM
PASTA SAUCE IS RUNNING LOW
EXPRESS LANE'S MOVING WAY TOO SLOW
MILK IS PAST ITS USE BY DATE
THE FRUIT AND VEG WILL HAVE TO WAIT

OOH OOH IT'S A HARD SLOG
OOH OOH BUT HE NEVER BACKED AWAY
THE BAKERY BOY FLEW HARD AND FAST AND
UNDERNEATH THE RADAR
HE NEVER TOOK A SICKIE OR COMPLAINED ABOUT THE PAY

SO LISTEN CLOSE AND FIND THE KEY TO THE BAKERY BOY'S EPIPHANY SUPERFREAKS HE LEFT BEHIND THE SUNNY SKES THEY'RE YET TO FIND SUPERFREAKS LIKE YOU AND ME SOME SEVENTEEN SOME TWENTY-THREE LIKE SEXY SANDRA KELLY SHE WORKS EVENINGS IN THE DELI...

### **SANDRA**

Some people are born to play the piano. Some people hunger to paint, to write, travel, nurture young people through their troubled teenage years and I can say with all humility that I have never managed to be any of those people. For I have only one destiny in life and that destiny is chickens. Basted, roasted, whole, halved or quartered there's nothing about your supermarket chook that I have not experienced in all its majesty. The greasy pickle of their golden skin crisping under the toil of a deli rotisserie. The smack of herbs and chicken juice running wild over aluminium foil. The gentle crick crick as I crack their delicate candle-wax ribs...

**DAVID** You take your work way too seriously. SANDRA I'm thirty-two Bakery Boy. I have two kids, a beagle with a yeast infection and a husband who works sixty hours a week. I take everything seriously. DAVID Who's the real Sandra; that's what I want to know? SANDRA He would always ask questions like that. DAVID Roasting Chickens can't be all there is. **SANDRA** The Bakery Boy had a habit of making you feel insecure even on a good day. **DAVID** Where's your passion? SANDRA You don't make tiger bread anymore Bakery Boy. DAVID Nobody wanted to buy it. **SANDRA** I bought it. **DAVID** You're weird you have an infinity with chickens. **SANDRA** Bake me tiger bread. **DAVID** Tell me something about yourself. **SANDRA** I told you already. Chickens aren't a passion. NDRA He could never take yes for apansw [Teasing] I'll bake you Tiger Bread SANDRA Go back to your donuts Baker David starts to play the mandolin – the girls vamp. **GIRLS** They underscore Erin who has appeared.

**ERIN** 

My name's Erin, I'm nineteen, bulimic, just failed VCE for the second time and my boyfriend Steve is dumping me for a pretty blonde size nine with amazingly big breasts. [Laugh] Oh... and last week my mum died. I'm not sad. I'm angry with her. She was driving home from her new boyfriend and went straight through a red-light, which strikes me as pretty careless and irresponsible and that's what she always said about me. [Laugh] I went to the funeral. I didn't want to, I wanted to run round the whole house stabbing photos of her with a kitchen knife but I went to the funeral instead and fell over right in front of her grave because it was raining. [Laugh] You think it'd going to be this beautiful vision under an oak tree with ribbons and flowers but it's not. I completely forgot you have to dig a hole big enough to fit the coffin; so around the grave is all this dirt that comes out of the hole and when it rains dirt

turns into mud - and mud is very slippery so I fell over and all I could think about lying there on the ground was my mother and how much I hated her for being dead. I'm sure I'll feel sad eventually. [Laugh]

Beat.

Oh well - time to go to work...

**I SMILE** 

ON THE OUTSIDE I'M AS SWEET AS PIE ON THE INSIDE I'M WISHING THAT YOU ALL WOULD DIE THAT'S MY LIFE JUICY GIRL

WOMEN

JOO JOO JOO JOO JOO JOO JOO JUICY GIRL

**ERIN** 

**I BOUNCE** 

MIXING APPLE AND BANANA CUPS ON THE INSIDE I'M BULEMIC AND KEEP THROWING UP THAT'S MY LIFE JUICY GIRL

WOMEN

JOO JUICY GIRL

**ERIN** 

I GIGGLE AND I BOP I SWING AND SWAY I SING TRA LA LA LA JUICY JUICY NIGHT AND DAY
AS I SHINE MY TEETH FOF THE FIFTEENTH TIME
I'D LIKE TO SHOVE THIS BLENDER WHERE THE SUN DON'T SHINE

**I DANCE** 

EVEN THOUGH MY MOTHER DIED LAST WEEK
I CRY EACH NIGHT BEFORE I GO TO SLEEP
THAT'S MY LIFE JUICY GIRL

WOMEN

BANANA, JOO JOO JOO, BANANA JUICY GIRL

ERIN

MY VOICE — HI — VOICE REACHING HIGHER THAN MOUNT EVEREST I'M PERKY, PERT AND CLINICALLY DEPRESSED THAT'S MY LIFE LUICY CIRL

WOMEN

JOO JUICY GIRL

**ERIN** 

WE'VE GOT RINEAPPLE PASSIONFRUIT

UST READY TO SCREAM

MY BOYERIEND LEFT ME FOR THE CHICK WHO WORKS AT

WENDY'S ICECREAM

STRAWBERRY PASSIONFRUIT THAT'S GOING INSANE
HAVE THIS DREAM WHERE I KEEP THROWING MYSELF
UNDER A TRAIN

Dance break.

SQUEEZE SQUEEZE JUICY JUICY STAY ON THE GO
I THINK I MIGHT BE PREGNANT BUT I DON'T WANT TO KNOW
GIGGLE BOP SWING SWAY KEEP IT SWEET
I COULD BE
ORPHANED DUMPED SINGLE MOTHER OUT IN THE STREET
SMILE
MIXING APPLE AND BANANA CUPS

FANTASIZING THAT YOU'LL ALL BLOW UP THAT'S MY LIFE JUICY GIRL

WOMEN

JOO JOO JOO JOO JOO JOO JOO JOO JOO JUICY GIRL

**ERIN** 

I SMILE YI YI YI YILE SMILE YI YI YI YILE JUICY GIRL.

PIP

It's a well known fact the Bakery Boy didn't really go to stand on a beach by the Indian Ocean. What really happened was he got caught pashing the girl from JB hi fi behind the cake display at Donut King and was arrested after her boyfriend - who works at Starbucks every Friday night - found out and was so overwhelmed with grief he made himself a triple shot orange frappe mochaccino and died of a heart attack in the toilets of K-Mart.

David is rolling dough. He has a charity tin near him. Reuban approaches and drops in two dollers.

**DAVID** 

I could set my watch by you Reuban. Every Friday night, eight o'clock on the knocker, you donate \$2 to our charity of the week.

REUBAN

My mother always says – "you don't give a little, you don't get a little".

**DAVID** 

Is that why you steal two dollars from Best and Less every Friday night?

Beat as Reuban turns to the audience.

REUBAN

Every Friday night for the last three years. Two dollars is exactly the right amount to steal if you want to avoid detection. Anything more they do a count of the till, anything less really isn't worth the trouble.

DAVID

It's time to confess Reuban.

REDIBAN

He was leaving in a week. I thought – what the hell.

DAVID

You're a modern day Robin Hood.

REUBAN

Two dollars buys a whole chicken in Ethiopia

DAVID

You're stealing.

REUBAN

'm protesting.

DAVID

Protesting against what?