

- 1 PAT: Let me guess, you hyped up on Red Bull before you  
2 tried out, right? How many cans?  
3 JO: *(A little cry)* Yes! *(Then, in cheer voice)* Five, five, alive! We  
4 don't take no stinkin' jive!  
5 PAT: Five cans, huh? Whoa. *(Gets out cell phone and dials.)*  
6 I'm calling your parents.  
7 JO: *(In cheer voice)* Don't wanna lose, don't wanna flop, call  
8 me some help, 'cause I can't stop!

# Fired

## Introduction

Think your day's been bad? Wait until you hear about PAT's!

- 1 PAT: *Aaaagh!* Mom, this is the worst day of my life! I've  
2 dreamed of being a Disney mermaid all my life, and  
3 when I finally get to be one, I get fired!  
4 ROBIN: Fired? You got fired? Honey, what happened?  
5 PAT: It was my costume. Maybe I got the wrong suit — I  
6 don't know. It just came apart!  
7 ROBIN: Came apart? You mean your mermaid outfit?  
8 PAT: Yeah. Right in the middle of the Swoop Maneuver!  
9 ROBIN: The Swoop Maneuver?  
10 PAT: You know. That part where we have to do that quick  
11 deep-divey move thing, and then that little twisty move,  
12 and then we all shoot back up to the top? Well, when I  
13 did it, the whole outfit just peeled off of me like I was a  
14 banana!  
15 ROBIN: How awful!  
16 PAT: And that's not even the worst of it! We were doing a  
17 special performance for the Vienna Boy's Choir! So there  
18 I was, shooting straight up for the top when I suddenly  
19 felt wetter than usual and I looked down and my — my  
20 — my tail was gone!  
21 ROBIN: Oh, dear! What did you do then?  
22 PAT: I screamed! Except you can't scream under water so I  
23 inhaled about a gallon of water, and I thought I was  
24 going to drown, but it was too late!  
25 ROBIN: Too late?

- 1 PAT: *(Defeated)* Yeah. Mother, do you know what happens  
2 when three hundred fat little Venetians all scream high C  
3 at the same time? They shatter glass.  
4 ROBIN: You don't mean — !?  
5 PAT: Yep, the whole front panel of the aquarium shook,  
6 cracked, and collapsed! And fifteen mermaids and fifty  
7 thousand gallons of water gushed into the auditorium!  
8 And me? I ended up lying naked across the laps of a half  
9 dozen sex-crazed pubescent Austrians! Oh, Momma it  
10 was so embarrassing!  
11 ROBIN: Now, now, come here and let Momma hold you. It'll  
12 be OK. *(A beat)* Of course, you know that, actually, they  
13 were Viennese, not Venetians. Venetians are window  
14 shades.

# Frustration

## Introduction

It's springtime and prom dresses are busting out all over — just ask BETTY and VERONICA!

- 1 BETTY: Here. This is it. This is the one!  
2 VERONICA: Oh, yeah, Betty. That's it. That looks great. It's  
3 so hot.  
4 BETTY: Will you help me zip it up in the back?  
5 VERONICA: Sure thing. *(VERONICA attempts to zip it up some  
6 more, but it won't go up.)* Uh ... I ... man, Betty, it won't  
7 go.  
8 BETTY: No! It has to go. Try harder.  
9 VERONICA: I am trying harder. It won't budge.  
10 BETTY: Shoot! I knew something like this would happen!  
11 VERONICA: Have you put on a little weight?  
12 BETTY: *(Nattily)* No! I haven't put on any weight and I resent  
13 the implication.  
14 VERONICA: Sorry. Sorry. Maybe they've got it in a bigger  
15 size.  
16 BETTY: No. She said this is the only one they've got.  
17 VERONICA: Bummer.  
18 BETTY: Great! Find the one dress I like and it doesn't fit. I  
19 can't believe this. *(BETTY reaches back and tries to zip up  
20 the dress herself. She grunts as she tries.)*  
21 VERONICA: I don't think it's going to work.  
22 BETTY: Shut up, Veronica! You're not helping.  
23 VERONICA: Sorry. Sorry. Don't blame me. I'm not the one  
24 who's gotten bigger.  
25 BETTY: The only place I've gotten bigger is here. *(BETTY*