

JANIS

HANDS ON A HARDBODY

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(CINDY gives MIKE a curious look; he goes out to answer JANIS' cry.)

Yes Janis?

START JANIS. She done it, second time today. Had her lipstick in her right hand, and lifted up her left hand to take the top off so she could screw it outta the tube -

HEATHER. I did not!

JANIS. Was too - I saw it -

HEATHER. That's not true -

JANIS. (emphatic) I saw! You was screwing it outta the tube -

MIKE. All right, people, calm down. Now I been watching on the monitor inside -

JANIS. - both hands was off the truck, ten seconds or more -

MIKE. - I didn't see anything like that -

JANIS. - I'm two feet away, how far are you? -

MIKE. - if you'd worry 'bout yourself as much as you worry 'bout others -

JANIS. Just look at her lips! Red as roses. You think she did that single-handed?

MIKE. Ms. Stovall, did you take your hand off the truck?

HEATHER. (also rote) No, sir.

MIKE. (to JANIS) One more false alarm, and I'm gonna have to disqualify you.

(HEATHER narrows her eyes at JANIS, fuming. JANIS is red with rage.)

STOP JANIS. It's a fix! Whole thing's a goddamn fix!

(DON rushes on from the side-lines.)

DON. What happened, angel?

(SONG. IT'S A FIX)

JANIS.

THAT YOUNG LADY THERE

WITH THE LEGS AND THE HAIR

WELL, SHE'S CHEATED ON THIS SINCE DAY ONE!