

VESTA, PASTA & CANASTA 1

Enter Vesta, Canasta and Pasta, sultry, casual, laid back temple maidens.

VESTA Hallo. I'm Vesta. We are the maidens who attend the temple of Neptune. (*indicating behind her*)
PASTA I'm Pasta. We set the candles.
CANASTA And I'm Canasta. We trim the wicks.
VESTA It's very boring...
PASTA It gets on our wick...
CANASTA You expect jokes like that in a pantomime, don't you?
VESTA We keep out the riff raff.
CANASTA Do some food tasting.
VESTA A bit of escort work for the VIPs. The tips are good.
PASTA We do chants and stuff.
VESTA We sort of dance about a bit.
PASTA We can even dance and chant at the same time... You know, like... (*modern pop group*)
VESTA Like this...
They do a casual, sophisticated turn of the stage.
PASTA Pretty good, eh?
CANASTA Then there's the rough work...
VESTA Polishing statues.
PASTA Dusting columns. Scrubbing floors.
CANASTA There's a panto joke in there somewhere, as well.
VESTA Lots of parties.
PASTA Yes! The parties are great.
CANASTA Posh an' Beckius (*or whoever*) were at the last one.

VESTA, PASTA & CANASTA 2

Enter Vesta, Pasta and Canasta. They move forward and talk to audience.

VESTA Hello again.
PASTA We're with some VIPs over there. (*indicates behind her*)
CANASTA VIPS... that's Very Important Pompeiians.

Chorus man 1 enters as guest.

1st MAN (*to maidens*) When do I get some food, peasant women?
VESTA Food? You can have a smack in the gob if you like.
1st MAN What?
PASTA She said the corn on the cob is ripe.
1st MAN No. I want pizza.
CANASTA And would you like your pizza cut into four or eight pieces, sir?
1st MAN Cut it into four pieces. I couldn't possibly eat eight pieces.
CANASTA Very well, sir.
1st MAN Bring it to me over there. (*bows and exits or takes up place at back of stage*)
VESTA Huh! He'll be lucky.
PASTA Yes, the pizzas will be a bit late arriving.
CANASTA Oh, why?
PASTA Well, when I phoned the order through they said that if they didn't deliver in 30 minutes we'd get our money back.
PASTA So I didn't give them the address!
VESTA Really! That was clever of you!

Chorus man 2 enters as guest.

VESTA Oh, he looks nice. (*goes to man*) Excuse me, handsome. Would you like some super fun?
2nd MAN (*looks Vesta critically up and down*) Soup or fun? I'd prefer the soup. (*exits*)
VESTA Oh, please yourself. (*shrugs*)
CANASTA Come on. Let's see if there's anything happening over there.

The three move away and merge with the guests.