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CHIEF & MAX

SMART So what's the puzzling new case?

CHIEF A kidnapping.

SMART Who do you want me to kidnap, Chief?

CHIEF No, Max. If anything, I want you to prevent a kidnapping.

SMART Let's stick to business, Chief. You need your best man guarding Professor Dante. Once KAOS finds out about the Inthermo –

CHIEF Yes, but research takes forever. 44 can handle a routine security job. Meanwhile there's an immediate problem.

SMART What, Chief?

CHIEF These blondes!

SMART *(startled)* Blondes?!!

CHIEF In the last four days, three blondes have been abducted in Washington from this area. *(Points to spot on map)* What do you make of that?

SMART It's either a conspiracy or a guy with a very weird hobby.

(Hodgkins enters, carrying a folder marked Top Secret and stands beside Chief's desk)

SMART Wait a minute, Chief. This sounds serious. *(He looks at Hodgkins and back to Chief)*

CHIEF It is, Max. Very serious. *(Chief sits in his chair behind his desk)*

SMART Would you say it is of great importance? *(Looks at Hodgkins, then to Chief)*

CHIEF The utmost importance.

SMART And this information. Would you say it is classified? *(Looks at Hodgkin, then Chief)*

CHIEF Highly classified.

SMART Top secret? *(Glares at Hodgkins)*

CHIEF Of course, Max – Class A Security. What are you getting at?

SMART Did you just say Class A Security?

CHIEF Yes, I did.

SMART Well then, shouldn't we – talk under the Cone of Silence.

CHIEF The Cone of Silence?

SMART Well, this is Class A Security, isn't it?

CHIEF *(rolls his eyes, sighs resignedly)* Okay. The Cone of Silence. *(Flicks switch on his desk)*