

Hesitating

Introduction

Making progress is never easy. In this scene, we step back in time to Ancient Rome and find a fashion model and his designer discussing the latest innovations in clothing.

- 1 NERO: Oh, Cleo, you are just the cat's meow when it comes
2 to designs.
- 3 CLEO: Thanks, Nero, but you know, I couldn't have done it
4 without you. You make all my stuff look great on the
5 runway.
- 6 NERO: But I gotta tell ya. This outfit *really* makes me
7 uncomfortable.
- 8 CLEO: Really? But *why*?
- 9 NERO: I don't know. I'm afraid it's just too — too over the
10 top.
- 11 CLEO: Nero, what are you talking about? Dude, you're my
12 best model. *You* sell my designs! For the last six
13 seasons. People are going to see you in this and it'll be
14 flying off the rack!
- 15 NERO: I don't know about this one, Cleo.
- 16 CLEO: Trust me. People are going to love this outfit. And
17 this time next week, everybody who's anybody in Rome
18 will either be wearing one or wanting one.
- 19 NERO: Do you really think so?
- 20 CLEO: I know so. This is going to change history!
- 21 NERO: But look at it! The idea is just so ludicrous: You've
22 sewn two tubes together and joined them in the middle.
23 And you're supposed to pull them up your legs and tie
24 a rope around your waist? And what did you call them?
25 *Pants!* And these are for men?

- 1 CLEO: Mmmm-hmmmm. I know. Yep. They're going to be
2 the next big thing. Exciting, isn't it?
- 3 NERO: But they're going to show off the shape of my legs
4 — and my rear!
- 5 CLEO: Don't worry, your tunic will cover it up!
- 6 NERO: But what if, Cleo? What if they *don't* catch on? Don't
7 sell?
- 8 CLEO: Oh, but they will.
- 9 NERO: But, what if they don't? What are we going to do
10 then?
- 11 CLEO: Well, if that happens, I'll just take them all back, cut
12 'em up, and use them on my next project! It's going to
13 be kinda like a tunic, but it's going to have arm
14 coverings attached. I think I'll call it "a coat." So, if they
15 don't work on the legs, we'll make 'em work on the
16 arms!