

My Mother the Huntress

Reading from pages photocopied
Seven, flip it this way, ten
Something about A Global Perspective
No, this way, eight nine, that's right
And Socioeconomic Status

She is in the next room
With the rest of the country
Hunting jobs with a pink highlighter

Here's one says it's for artists
Henna tattoos, amusement park
 [Sweaty fried dough belly shirts]
0000 sky rise window washing
Get to go way up high
In one of those buckets, you know?
 Mmm hmm
 [Buckets of bird shit and muffler breath]
Looking for someone to dress up as
Statue of liberty
 Where?
Route 44
 [Dear God, no.]
Photograph houses for real estate agency
Seven fifty per house
 Hundred?
No.
 Oh.
 [Might as well pack up camp,
 Follow the game to India]
Conduct census surveys
A government job
I could do that

Good evening, Mr./Ms. American Citizen,
I'll only take three minutes of your time:

How many people live in your home?
Of those, how many are over eighteen years of a;
Of those, how many are employed?

When is the last time you used a pink highlighter