

SIX OF ONE

Comedy

Role 1 - F - 30 to 65

Role 2 - M - 30 to 65

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(SUSIE is sitting at a small dressing table.)*

SUSIE: John? (Beat) John?

(JOHN comes into the room. His manner suggests that he doesn't want to stay.)

JOHN: Yes, dear?

SUSIE: Have you seen my hairbrush?

JOHN: No.

(JOHN leaves.)

SUSIE: John?

(JOHN comes back into the room.)

JOHN: Yes?

(SUSIE holds up a brush.)

SUSIE: What's this?

JOHN: A brush.

SUSIE: Yes, I know. But it's not my brush.

JOHN: It isn't.

SUSIE: My brush is brown.

JOHN: That looks brown to me.

SUSIE: No, John. This is a distinctly different brown than the brush that belongs to me.

JOHN: It is?

SUSIE: Yes. So, whose brush is this?

JOHN: Mine.

(Beat.)

SUSIE: What color is your hair, John?

JOHN: Brown.

SUSIE: Then how can this be your brush?

JOHN: I use it.

SUSIE: For what?

JOHN: It's not important.

SUSIE: Oh, yes it is. Nice try, short stuff, but I want the truth.

JOHN: You do.

SUSIE: Yes.

(Beat.)

JOHN: It's for my gorilla costume.

(Pause.)

SUSIE: How am I supposed to react to that?

JOHN: I don't know. Surprised?

SUSIE: Astonished. That's the word I'm looking for. Astonished.

JOHN: I see.

SUSIE: Where's the monkey suit?

JOHN: In the bedroom closet.

SUSIE: You're kidding.

JOHN: No.

SUSIE: Where in the bedroom closet?

(SUSIE leaves the room.)

SUSIE: (offstage) Jesus!

(Susie comes back into the room.)

SUSIE: How long have you had this thing?

JOHN: Two years.

SUSIE: Two years?

JOHN: Yes. It started to look ragged. That's why I bought the brush.

JOHN: I got a day job.

SUSIE: You have a day job.

JOHN: Yes.

SUSIE: You're an accountant.

JOHN: No.

SUSIE: What do you mean, no?

JOHN: I'm not an accountant anymore.

SUSIE: You're not.

JOHN: No.

SUSIE: Why not?

JOHN: I quit.

SUSIE: When? When did this happen?

JOHN: Two years ago.

SUSIE: Two years ago?!

(BEAT)

JOHN: I got fired from my job And I've been doing strip-o-grams ever since.

SUSIE: So you strip.

JOHN: Yes.

SUSIE: No.

JOHN: Oh, yes. I like it.

SUSIE: This is too funny.

JOHN: I tell jokes too, you know. It's part of the act.

SUSIE: I don't know you.

JOHN: You should see my act!

She walks off stage