

Mock Sides: Original Scripts for Workshop Actors

BIRTHDAY PRESENT

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Synopsis:

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Comedy - Female - 25+

Anna comments on her birthday present she received from her husband.

ANNA

Wow honey, you really didn't have to do this you know... All I really wanted was to enjoy a nice evening out to dinner and maybe a little alone time later on... I know it's my birthday and that is very sweet of you. How did you know I wanted my very own circular saw?.. And to think, it's all mine. I can't imagine what I would do without it..

(pause)

No, of course I like it. I can't tell you how many times I wished I had one. Any time something got in my way I can remember thinking, "If I could just saw that bad boy in half my life would be perfect."...

(pause)

Sarcastic? No, I'm not kidding. In fact, I have a list of things somewhere that I have been dying to cut in half, like... the tree right outside our bedroom. It provides too much shade in the morning. It causes you to sleep in far too long in the mornings. You know how much I love sunlight. It's like nature's alarm clock. Oh, and then there is the kitchen table. I have been wanting to put an extension in there for the longest time. You know, spread us apart a little bit more. Just in case we have company...

(pause)

No, I'm not mad. I can't wait to call all of my girlfriends and tell them what a wonderful husband I have for giving me a circular saw for my birthday. It even matches the tool kit that I got you for your birthday. See how thoughtful you are? And to think, all Sandra got for her birthday was a stupid ring and a week long cruise.

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ANNA (CONT'D)

Boy is she going to be jealous.

(Starts to leave)

What's that? Oh, I'm just going to our room. Our bed is kind of small and I wanted to make it a little bit bigger. You know, really let us stretch out. Almost like we are at separate parts of the room..

(pause)

Don't be silly, you don't have to take it back. I am sure I will come up with a million and one uses for it.

(Handing it back to him)

Well if you insist, I suppose you can take it back. Don't be gone too long. I have dinner reservations for us at 7...

What's that? A surprise at 6?

Ooooooh, I can hardly wait. Hurry back.