

HUNTING GOODWILL

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CHARACTERS

DEIRDRE and DEANNA: two teenage girls out shopping at a thrift store; they play other characters as the scene progresses. All the items discussed can be pantomimed.

DEIRDRE: Don't you just love shopping here, Deanna? They have everything!

DEANNA: (**almost romantic**) The thrift store!

DEIRDRE: Bargains galore! It's just made for a girl my age! (**holds up an article of clothing**) And you never know where it came from. I wonder if Julia Roberts wore this. Or Beyonce Knowles!

DEANNA: Not in *your* size!

DEIRDRE: (**sees something that concerns her**) Hey, what's this?

DEANNA: (**trying to distract DEIRDRE**) Nothing, Deirdre, put it back.

DEIRDRE: (**aghast**) This... this...

DEANNA: It's junk, Deirdre.

DIREEDRE: (**blurts out**) This is the sweater I got you for Christmas!

DEANNA: No, it's not!

DIERDRE: Is!

DEANNA: Is not. Are you *insinuating* that I gave your present to the Goodwill? I hate it when people insinuate.

DIERDRE: Your name is on the tag.

DEANNA: (**takes it and examines it**) Since when is my name Made In Cambodia?

DIERDRE: Turn it over.

DEANNA: Wash in Cold Water.

DIERDRE: That's what your name *should* be. Look... (**points it out**) d-e-a-n-n-a!

DEANNA: (**caught**) Oh, yeah, that's me.

DEIRDRE: What's wrong with this sweater?

DEANNA: Honestly?

DEIRDRE: Sure. We're friends. Depending on what's wrong with this sweater, of course.

DEANNA: Ugly, itchy, and it makes my thighs look fat.

DEIRDRE: Your thighs?

DEANNA: Don't ask.

DEIRDRE: I have to, now.

DEANNA: Because it had a slimming effect up here, and it turned into a fattening effect down there.

DEIRDRE: (**avenging her slight**) Well, Deanna, I sold the CD you gave me to the used record store!

DEANNA: Good. I can't believe you like that band anyway.

DEIRDRE: It wasn't a band. It was *German Beer Drinking Songs: An Anthology*.

DEANNA: Oh, you got the anthology? That means Uncle George got the one with the...

BOTH: (**excited**) Parental Advisory!

DEANNA: It's ok. He doesn't understand those words anyway. (**thinking**) But he sure says them a lot these days.

DEIRDRE: Well, I'm taking it back home. Someone else will appreciate that sweater.

DEANNA: Someone with fat thighs.

(DEIRDRE takes the sweater and tries to leave. Meanwhile, DEANNA plays CASHIER and calls after her.)

DEANNA: (**as CASHIER**) Young lady! Where are you going?

DEIRDRE: Out. With *my* sweater. Can you believe she gave it to the thrift shop?

DEANNA: You have to purchase it before you waltz it out the door like it's a dance partner. This is not a library.

DEIRDRE: It's mine!

DEANNA: It's yours when you pay for it. Now, it belongs to the Goodwill.

DEIRDRE: I paid for it once already. Then she took it and donated it to the less fortunate.

DEANNA: We sell things to the less fortunate.

DEIRDRE: Deanna's going to be a *lot* less fortunate when I'm through with her. I already paid forty five dollars for it.

DEANNA: So now it's four fifty. You're getting a bargain. You should have bought it here first.

DEIRDRE: (**sarcastic**) How could I do that?

DEANNA: It's so ugly whoever got it would have brought it here in about three days.

DEIRDRE: I'll give it to Cousin Susie. If she dumps it back here I guess it'll be a buck and a quarter next time. (**amused with herself**) This isn't a bad deal.

DEANNA: If she dumps it off back here I'm keeping it.

DEIRDRE: You like it?

DEANNA: No, I just want to take it out of circulation. Now pay up!

DEIRDRE: Okay... *(SHE gives DEANNA some money, also in pantomime, DEANNA wanders off, and resuming her original character, sees something familiar.)*

DEANNA: Dierdre, look! It's Bristles!

DEIRDRE: Bristles?

DEANNA: My teddy bear. My mother took it from me four years ago. *(annoyed and hurt, thinking back)* She said I was too mature for it. I'm like: me, mature? Who are you kidding? I can't believe it's been sitting here for so long. *(remembering back)* I'll never forget that day...

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