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A Ten-Minute Comedy Duet

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****For competition purposes, where no costumes or props (other than two chairs) may be used, the few props in this duet can easily be mimed.****

****If performed on stage, JULIE should wear something resembling a wedding dress. Props would include several large boxes and several plastic knives.****

CAST: MILTON and JULIE

AT RISE: JULIE is hiding behind an object, which can be one of the large boxes. (If props are not used, SHE should mime hiding.)

MILTON: (***MILTON enters, gasping for air***) I just...I just...! (***points to the door***) I just carried on a conversation with a drug dealer!

JULIE: (***JULIE comes out of hiding and stands up***) Is he gone?

MILTON: Why didn't you shoot him? You're the cop!

JULIE: SHHH! He may come back!

MILTON: There I was, setting it all up for you and you didn't do a thing! Not a thing! You could have arrested him! Or shot him in the back! Or something!

JULIE: But I had to catch him *with* the drugs.

MILTON: With or without the drugs, why does it matter? It's *him* you're after! Right?

JULIE: Yes, but without the evidence, the county has no case against him. I have to arrest him *with* the drugs.

MILTON: Okay, okay...How was I supposed to know? Huh? I'm just a law abiding citizen! I don't understand how you undercover cops work!

JULIE: That's why you shouldn't have intruded! Did I ask you to come over and help me with this case?

MILTON: Man, oh man, this is wild! I mean, one minute I'm hearing strange noises in the apartment next to me, and the next minute I'm over here talking to a drug dealer! (***gasping for air***)

JULIE: Please! Will you calm down!

MILTON: Do you cops ever award medals to citizens for helping to catch the bad guy?

JULIE: Yes, occasionally. But they have to *die* first.

MILTON: DIE?

JULIE: And...we haven't caught the bad guy yet.

MILTON: Well, he's coming back! With the drugs! (***laughs***) He thought / wanted to buy some drugs!

JULIE: Did you?

MILTON: No. NO!

JULIE: Then why did you carry on that conversation with him? About the drug drop-off?

MILTON: I was trying to help you!

JULIE: I told you I didn't need your help.

MILTON: How was I supposed to know that? All I knew was that someone was in the apartment next to mine knocking over boxes and making awful sounds. I thought I heard crying. Anyway, I came over to check things out! How was I supposed to know you were a cop working on special assignment?

JULIE: And you just *had* to stick around and watch! You know, I could arrest you for breaking and entering. Or I know, interfering with a police officer's work!

MILTON: Wait a minute! I was about to leave when that drug dealer waltzed in here! What was I supposed to do?

JULIE: Actually, you did help.

MILTON: I did?

JULIE: Yes. He was able to tell you what was going down tonight because he thought you were one of the buyers. So, now I know he'll return soon with the delivery.

MILTON: Yeah, yeah, you should wait for him! Because he did say he'd return with the *stuff*! Hey, good luck with your assignment...I've got to go! See you later!

JULIE: Hold it right there, Milton! You're not going anywhere!

MILTON: But I'm starving! I haven't had dinner!

JULIE: You're not leaving me here all by myself! I mean...I may need your assistance after all.

MILTON: You're going to *force* me to stay here?

JULIE: Yes...if I have to.

MILTON: Oh, great! This is just great! Great, great, great! Do you have a pen and a piece of paper?

JULIE: Why?

MILTON: I thought this would be a good time to write out my last will and testament.

JULIE: Oh, don't be a baby.

MILTON: Can you blame me. Under the...

JULIE: I'm hungry, too. I haven't eaten dinner, either.

MILTON: **(quickly)** Hey, I'll go get us something to eat! Do you like Chinese food? I know this great Chinese restaurant across town! I'll just run over there and get us something to eat! Or if you don't like Chinese food, I could pick up pizza! Heck, I'll even pay!

JULIE: You take one step out of this apartment and you'll never eat again!

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