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THE EXAM
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Cast:

RALPH: A man in his 60s
A GOWNED DOCTOR: Non-speaking and optional

The setting: An examination room in a doctors office. All that is needed is a metal table with a scared man on top.

At Rise: The light comes up on Ralph, in a hospital gown, lying on his side on an examination table. Hes facing the audience. His knees are drawn forward.

PRODUCTION NOTES:

In an alternate version, the lights come up with foreboding music. A masked, doctor in a lab coat wheels Ralph onto stage. Ralph is in his examination position, lying on his side, knees forward, eyes wide open in terror. The doctor brakes the table and steps behind Ralph. With a flourish he snaps on a glove. He pulls out a giant bottle of lube and tests it by squirting it in the air. And then a phone rings off stage. The Doctor goes to answer the call, leaving Ralph in position, facing the audience.

RALPH: I wouldn't be here except Junie cut me off beer. On account of my weight. So I began hiding a little reserve supply in the garage. That I'd sneak into of an evening. Which woke me up once or twice in the night. Junie had no way of knowing I was getting up because of illicit beer. Junie, bless her caring little heart, went on the internet and discovered that peeing in the night can be a warning sign of prostate cancer...

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