

It's Time for Bingo

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CAST

LUCILLE: Resident of the local retirement home. She is prim and proper, always dressing up for every occasion. She is best friends with Rose.

ROSE: Resident of the local retirement home and best friends with Lucille. Usually a nice compliment to Lucille, however this time she is sloppy in manners and appearance. She responds to Lucille like a worthless husband.

Place

A retirement home.

Time

The present. A few minutes before Bingo night .

Setting: A retirement home parlor. There is a nice chair, with a small table beside it. On the table is a can of beer, Rose's cane, and a remote control for the television set. The actors are looking at the television when they look toward the audience.

At Rise: Rose, wearing tennis shoes, pants, a sloppy shirt, and a baseball cap, is watching television. Lucille is dressed up for an evening of Bingo with her cane and handbag as fashion accessories. She has been looking all over the retirement home for Rose.

LUCILLE: *(entering; with a loud voice)* Rosa Lee Griffin, there you are. Let's go it's time for bingo.

ROSE: *(stares at the television; ignoring Lucille.)* In a minute.

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LUCILLE: We're going to be late

ROSE: In a minute.

LUCILLE: You're not moving. Your cane's on the table. Rose, that's not a help chair. You're going to have to move your own bottom.

ROSE: In a minute.

LUCILLE: You're not even ready. I thought it was understood that on Bingo night we show off our good taste by dressing to the nines. You're barely up to a one.

ROSE: In a minute.

LUCILLE: You've not heard a single word I've said. Why are you sitting in that chair?

ROSE: It's in front of the television.

LUCILLE: Well, what are you watching that's so important? *((Lucille stands behind Rose and squints at the TV.))* Fishing? You're watching two men in a boat, fishing? Do you realize how lazy that is? They're just sitting there doing nothing, and you're watching them.

ROSE: Be quiet or you'll scare away the fish.

LUCILLE: Those are television fish. They're not real.

ROSE: *(mimics a man on TV catching a fish)* Get it! That's it, reel it in slow. Easy. Get the net. Get the net. Woo-hoo! That's a keeper. I'll drink to that. *(She raises her can of beer and takes a sip.)*

LUCILLE: You're drinking beer?

ROSE: Yeah, I got a taste for it this afternoon.

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