

# The Meeting

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CAST

NARRATOR: Can be either man or woman.

OLDER MAN

OLDER WOMAN

STAGE POSITIONS: Side by side, woman at stage left, man to her right

PROPS: Gray or white wigs if actors don't look 'old' enough

INTRODUCTION: Do you recall the words to all the songs that were popular when you were in high school, but you can't remember what you had for dinner last night? Did you ever look all over for the cordless phone and finally discover you left it in the refrigerator? Did you ever rearrange the furniture and then get lost in your own house? Well, maybe you ARE a little forgetful, but you'll feel better about it after you meet the gently wacky characters in this skit entitled "*The Meeting*." As the scene opens, two residents in a retirement home find themselves seated next to each other at dinner and start up a conversation.

MAN: Hello there. What's your name?

WOMAN: Wait a minute. It's on my name tag here. Oh yes. It's EPOLENEP.

MAN: No, I think that says Penelope. You're reading it upside down.

WOMAN: Oh, really? I couldn't tell from across the room.

MAN: You're not across the room. You're right here.

WOMAN: No, I couldn't be. I wasn't here when I came in.

MAN: That's okay. Don't worry about it.

WOMAN: Thank you. You're very kind.

MAN: I used to know somebody named Penelope.

WOMAN: Well, I lived somewhere else.

MAN: Where?

WOMAN: Where what?

MAN: Where did you live?

WOMAN: Oh. Idaho, I think. Yes, it was Idaho.

MAN: Where in Idaho?

WOMAN: It was — uh — St. Louis.

MAN: St. Louis is in Missouri. I think you're confused.

WOMAN: No, I'm Penelope. You just said so yourself.

MAN: Why yes, so I did. It was good of you to remember what I said. Most people don't.

WOMAN: Don't what?

MAN: Don't remember what I said.

WOMAN: What did you say?

MAN: I don't know. I wasn't listening.

WOMAN: I once knew somebody named Norman.

MAN: I don't think I know anybody.

WOMAN: That's okay. There's nobody here anyway.

MAN: I play the flugelhorn.

WOMAN: That must be exciting.

MAN: No it isn't. All I ever get to play is oom-pah-pah.

WOMAN: That's too bad.

MAN: Yes.

WOMAN: Oom-pah-pah.

MAN: Oom-pah-pah.

WOMAN: That's interesting. But not very.

MAN: Say, you're pretty cute. I like your hair.

WOMAN: Why, thank you.

MAN: It reminds me of that old-time movie star.

WOMAN: Rita Hayworth?

MAN: No. Lassie.

WOMAN: But Lassie was a dog!

MAN: What you have got against dogs? When I was a kid I always wanted a dog.

WOMAN: Didn't you get one?

MAN: No. We lived in a very small apartment, so my parents got me a chicken...I named it Rover.

WOMAN: I had a cat once.

MAN: What was its name?

WOMAN: He didn't have one. We were very poor, so we couldn't afford to give him a name.

MAN: I don't understand that.

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