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CAST

ALICE JONES: Ben's sister

BEN JONES: Alice's sister

LILY SMITH

ELSIE BROWN

JIM BLUE

Setting: JONES home with ALICE, LILY and BEN present.

ALICE: Ben, when are you picking up those plane tickets? I've been reminding you for the last three days.

BEN: I'm going right now as soon as Jim gets here. He had to take his Bassett hound for a walk first. Oh, I believe he is here now. *(goes to open door)* Hello, Jim.

JIM: Hi, Ben. Would it be O.K. if I left my dog here while I ride along with you? Didn't want to walk all the way back home. Alice, do you mind?

ALICE: Only if you leave him outside.

JIM: O.K. Alice. If I tie him up real good will you keep a good eye on him? I sure don't want to lose him.

BEN: Don't worry, Jim. You could trust her with the Crown Jewels, right Alice?

ALICE: Jim, do you think your dog is worth the Crown Jewels?

JIM: To me he is. Thanks much, Alice. Well, Ben, let's go. *(they leave)*

LILY: Let's hope he is tied up good so he doesn't run away. Dogs like to do that.

ALICE: Elsie called a while ago and said she was coming over. Had something exciting to tell us.

LILY: Elsie? Oh, she always has something exciting to tell. Oh, there she is now.

ALICE: Come on in, Elsie. I was expecting you. What goes?

ELSIE: (*comes in all excited*) You would never guess. Alice, Lily, remember how I complained about the fact that women were using that cream for their wrinkles? You know, the stuff that is used for hemorrhoids.

LILY: Sure, but women say it works good.

ELSIE: Well, I don't fancy using something made for people's bottoms on my face. You know.

ALICE: I suppose. But if it works, who cares?

ELSIE: Well, I do and I'm sure there are others who do also.

LILY: So Elsie, I assume you decided to do something about it?

ELSIE: I sure did. I've been experimenting with different mixtures. I remembered that astringent is an important ingredient for shrinking skin so I added creams to it and I think I have something now.

ALICE: Did you try it on someone? You sure couldn't try it on yourself as you don't have any wrinkles and I don't want to be your guinea pig.

ELSIE: That is my problem. Everyone is afraid it might hurt their skin and I can't convince them otherwise. What can I do?

ALICE: Why don't you ask a man?

ELSIE: Are you kidding? I tried to ask Dan Rivers. He has a face like a road map. He told me to get lost.

LILY: Say, Alice and Elsie, you could try it on a dog. You know. How about Jim's dog tied up outside?

ELSIE: Do you think I could?

ALICE: Don't think it would hurt.

ELSIE: Oh, no. It wouldn't. He might be just the perfect one. I noticed before I came in that he sure had a wrinkled face for a dog.

ALICE: It's a Bassett Hound. They all look like that.

LILY: Go ahead and try it, Elsie. Can't hurt anything.

ELSIE: O.K. I'll try. *(she leaves)*

LILY: Say, I wonder if that dog might bite her.

ALICE: No, I don't think so. They are usually gentle dogs. Well, we will find out soon enough.

LILY: If he does, it will be too late now. So far it is pretty quiet.

ELSIE: *(comes in all excited)* It worked! It worked! Would you believe all his big wrinkles are gone? Oh girls, it is a dream come true!

LILY: I've got to see this. *(goes to look and returns)*

ELSIE: Can you believe it, Lily?

LILY: Alice, you have got to see that dog. He does not look the same. His wrinkles are all gone.

ALICE: This I have to see. *(goes to look and returns)* Oh, my goodness sakes! Elsie, you have something there. Boy, get a patent on it and your fortune will be made.

ELSIE: It is a miracle! Just imagine what it will do for everyone who has wrinkles. I just knew some day I could do something for us women. Just think how this sounds. Why look like a prune when you can look like a peach.

LILY: Say, that is clever. Now Elsie, you had better get yourself a lawyer so you can get a patent on it. Or Alice, do you have any idea what steps she has to take?

ALICE: First of all, Elsie, I congratulate you. What a boon for women and some men. But we won't mention names.

LILY: Yes, congratulations.

ELSIE: Oh, thank you so much. I am so thrilled to think I could do something. Oh, girls, I have to let some of my other friends know. Thanks ever so much for the loan of the dog. *(she exits)*

ALICE: Oh, my God. The dogs face! Lily, do you realize that dog does not look the same? What are we going to do?

LILY: You are right. He does not. You know, I never gave it a thought. I wonder if it will stay like that.

ALICE: What will Jim think? Dare we tell him the truth?

LILY: Heavens no!

ALICE: I think you're right. Maybe he won't notice when he takes the dog home.

LILY: That may be. Let's pretend we do not know anything about it. Just act surprised like them. Oh, oh, isn't that Ben and Jim coming now?

(The two men come in)

BEN: Hello, girls. We're back. Got the tickets, Alice. Now you can be sure about your trip next week.

JIM: Guess I might as well pick up my dog and go home. Was he any bother, Alice?

ALICE: No. I did not hear one peep out of him. Sure is a quiet dog.

JIM: That he is. So thanks. We'll be on our way. *(he exits)*

ALICE: Ben, does Jim take good care of his dog?

BEN: Oh yea, he won blue ribbons at dog shows.

LILY: Oh, really?

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