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CAST

STARLIGHT MOON: Not her real name. An upbeat person who likes to drive fast and lies as effortlessly as a congressman.

OFFICER BRODY: Police officer.

CAPTAIN ELLEN: Officer Brody's boss.

NOTE: Officer Brody can be male or female.

Place

On the side of the highway in a car.

Time

The present.

Props

Canned Music

Beer Can

Ticket book

Officer costumes (2)

Driver's license

Registration

A car or a mockup of a car.

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ACT ONE

Setting: A car parked beside a highway.

At Rise: STARLIGHT sits in the car. (SOUND CUE: loud music) She is tapping her hands in time to the music and chewing gum. OFFICER BRODY approaches the car cautiously from the rear. He carries his ticket book.

OFFICER BRODY: You mind turning down the radio, ma'am?

STARLIGHT: Of course not, officer. (She turns the radio down. SOUND CUE: The music subsides a little. She continues tapping along to the music.)

OFFICER BRODY: (loudly) 'Down' means off, ma'am.

STARLIGHT: Why didn't you say so? (She turns the music off. She continues tapping as though the music is still playing in her head.)

OFFICER BRODY: You know why I am stopping you, ma'am?

STARLIGHT: Because you couldn't get better than 'C's in high school?

OFFICER BRODY: No. I meant the reason I pulled you over today. Not the reason I am a cop.

STARLIGHT: (throwing up her hands) How should I know? You are the cop.

OFFICER BRODY: You know what the speed limit is through here?

STARLIGHT: Once again, shouldn't you know the answer to that?

OFFICER BRODY: (writing in his book.) It is fifty miles per hour. I clocked you doing seventy...

STARLIGHT: Really? I usually go through here a lot faster than that.

OFFICER BRODY: At least seventy in a fifty mile per hour zone.

STARLIGHT: (unconcerned) I suppose you are right. I was busy texting. Multi-tasking is not one of my strong suits.

OFFICER BRODY: Can I see your license and registration, please?

STARLIGHT: (*smiling to herself*) Funny thing happened to my driver's license.

OFFICER BRODY: And what would that be?

STARLIGHT: Last week, a person dressed much like yourself stopped me and took my license away from me. Isn't that the darndest coincidence? One of you people took it away, and the other one wants it back. You all should get together on these things.

OFFICER BRODY: What is your name, ma'am?

STARLIGHT: My name? Oh! My name is Starlight. Starlight Moon.

OFFICER BRODY: (*writing*) Moon. Comma. Starlight. That is an odd name. Is that your real name?

STARLIGHT: Oh, yes. It is an Indian name.

OFFICER BRODY: Are you an Indian?

STARLIGHT: My father was. He was half Cherokee. The other half was drunk.

OFFICER BRODY: (*writing*) You don't say. Let me see your auto registration.

STARLIGHT: That is going to be difficult, too.

OFFICER BRODY: And why would that be?

STARLIGHT: This isn't exactly my car.

OFFICER BRODY: What do you mean 'isn't exactly your car'?

STARLIGHT: I found it at the 7-11 with the keys in it, and the motor running. I'm just borrowing it for the afternoon.

END OF FREEVIEW

You'll want to read and perform this show!