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CAST

SARAH

TRACIE

BARB

ANNE

Place

A restaurant.

Time

The present.

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Setting: *A table in a local restaurant. Lunch is finished, and the bill is on the table.*

At Rise: *The friends are sipping coffee at their table.*

SARAH: So he says to me, "I think you should cut back on meeting the girls for lunch. Instead of once a week, you'd better only go once a month."

TRACIE: You've got to be kidding me. What about cutting back on his golf?

BARB: You got that, sister.

SARAH: My thoughts exactly. So, you know what I said to him?

ANNE: You said, "Yes, dear. Whatever you say, dear."

SARAH: No! I looked him square in the eyes and said, "Bite me!" (*They all laugh*)

TRACIE: I would love to have seen the look on Jeff's face at that moment. What did he say?

BARB: He probably tried to bite her.

SARAH: After the initial shock, he grumbled, "Well, I guess that's off the table, so to speak." And we both laughed. He didn't say another word about it.

ANNE: So, once a week is still on?

SARAH: Absolutely. I later told him I'd start doing some extreme couponing to make up the difference.

ANNE: Have you ever tried that? It's a LOT of work! Clipping, clipping, then you have to file them, then you have to remember to bring them!

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SARAH: No problem! After a month or two, he'll forget all about it.

TRACIE: Speaking of coupons, I have two three-dollar coupons for today. Whose turn is it to get the check?

BARB: It's mine. Give me those things. (*Tracie hands her the coupons. Barb glances at the check and starts to dig in her bra.*) Oh no....

ANNE: What's wrong?

SARAH: Barb, don't tell me you didn't bring a purse again. I thought that was only on non-pay days.

BARB: I do NOT carry a purse. Ever. This is so much easier. (*She is realizing she can't find her credit card.*) It must have slipped down or something. I had my driver's license in here too!

SARAH: Barb, maybe you forgot them at home.

BARB: (*searching frantically*) No, I'm certain I brought them! Oh, Lord, they must have fallen out the bottom. (*She stands, shaking the bottom of her blouse and checking the floor.*)

TRACIE: Barb, don't worry, I'll get the check.

ANNE: No, you got it last time. I'm supposed to pay next week, so I'll just trade weeks with Barb.

SARAH: Nonsense, we can just split it three ways.

BARB: Forget the check! I've lost my driver's license and credit card! (*She gets more risqué in searching her bra. This embarrasses the other women.*)

END OF FREEVIEW

You'll want to read and perform this show!