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CAST

JUNE: The appraiser. Nice, serious.

MAGGIE: Outgoing and likable.

HARRY: Maggie's husband. Quiet, amiable.

The characters can be any age, though they should all be roughly the same age.

Place

An antiques fair. Two chairs around a low table, and perhaps a sign reading "ANTIQUES ROADHOUSE" nearby.

Time

The present.

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At Rise: *June is seated at the table. Maggie enters.*

JUNE: Welcome to Antiques Roadhouse at the Greenport Antiques Fair!

(Maggie looks out at the audience, awed. She waves.)

JUNE: Please pretend that the cameras aren't there.

MAGGIE: But they are!

JUNE: This isn't live.

MAGGIE: Oh.

JUNE: It'll all be edited. Sit.

MAGGIE: *(sitting, excited)* I can't believe I'm sitting here with June Bowman! We watch your show every Sunday!

JUNE: What's your name, darling?

MAGGIE: Maggie.

JUNE: And what have you brought for me to appraise.

MAGGIE: A watch. *(loud)* A WATCH!

JUNE: You don't have to speak loudly, there are microphones all over.

MAGGIE: Sorry, I'm nervous.

JUNE: May I see the watch?

(Maggie holds out her arm, revealing the watch.)

JUNE: Oh...you're wearing it.

MAGGIE: Why wouldn't I?

JUNE: It tends to lower the value.

MAGGIE: Well that's silly. If I had a painting, I'd look at it, right? If I had a fancy car, I'd drive it. Watches were made to be worn. My father wore this watch every day for 37 years. And just before he died, he gave it to me, and I've worn it every day since. The watch has done its job well. That should make it the most valuable watch in the world!

JUNE: That's not how it works.

MAGGIE: Well it should.

JUNE: May I examine it?

(Maggie takes off the watch, and hands it over)

JUNE: Oh...it's a Maupausett Grande.

MAGGIE: Is that good?

JUNE: They are quiet, rare, and quite valuable. If it had been left in a box, unworn...it might sell for half a million dollars.

MAGGIE: That's crazy.

JUNE: But it's a little worn.

MAGGIE: It's 45 years worn! That should make it worth a million!

JUNE: And the band isn't original.

MAGGIE: Of course not. It's been replaced a lot. Because it's a watchband!

JUNE: But I'd say, at auction, on a good day...this might sell for three hundred thousand dollars.

MAGGIE: Are you serious?

JUNE: I am.

MAGGIE: That's amazing. That...that changes everything. (*Maggie puts the watch back on, as Harry enters*)

HARRY: Hey, honey, what are you doing?

MAGGIE: Getting my father's watch appraised.

HARRY: Oh, my goodness, it's June Bowman!

MAGGIE: This is my husband, Harry. (*Harry waves at the camera, excited*) It's not live.

HARRY: Oh. Wait, you're thinking of selling the watch? You love that watch!

MAGGIE: I just wanted to know what it was worth.

HARRY: So, what's it worth?

MAGGIE: About...one hundred dollars.

HARRY: That's amazing! But don't sell it. It keeps good time.

MAGGIE: Tell June what you've been doing today.

HARRY: Looking for quilts!

MAGGIE: Harry collects quilts.

HARRY: And sheep!

MAGGIE: Anything with a sheep on it, Harry buys it. (*to Harry*) Go find some more sheep.

HARRY: I'm on it! (*he exits*)

JUNE: He seems sweet.

MAGGIE: Oh, he's sweet. Sweet, boring Harry.

JUNE: Hey—quilts are wonderful things.

MAGGIE: I'm glad you think so...can I get something else appraised?

JUNE: We really should move on. There's a line.

MAGGIE: I need you to appraise Harry.

JUNE: What?

MAGGIE: Yes. Tell me what my husband is worth.

END OF FREEVIEW

You'll want to read and perform this show!