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SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

By Margie Semilof

CAST

BEVERLY: an older woman looking to jazz things up, any race

AL: Beverly's older husband who has lost his mojo, any race

Place

Beverly and Al's kitchen.

Time

The present.

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*At rise: (Al enters the kitchen and notices a small box on the kitchen table. Beverly is at the table, reading a piece of paper. He sits and points to the package.)*

AL: What's this?

BEVERLY: It's a surprise. Something for us to try.

AL: Beverly, you know I don't like your surprises.

BEVERLY: For god's sake, Al. Make an exception.

AL: All right, all right. What is it?

BEVERLY: Why don't you open it up and see?

*(he removes the top and looks inside the box.)*

AL: It's a plastic egg?

BEVERLY: Read the box.

*(Al scrutinizes the box.)*

AL: Whoa! Is this what I think it is?

BEVERLY: What do you think it is?

AL: It's a, it's a—you know.

BEVERLY: It's called a vibrator, Al.

*(he abruptly puts it down like its kryptonite.)*

AL: Where did it come from?

BEVERLY: I ordered it on the internet. And since I know you will ask, it cost \$100 plus tax.

AL: You bought yourself a \$100 sex toy on the internet?

BEVERLY: It's not for me. It's for us!

AL: What the devil has gotten into you?!

BEVERLY: Aren't you going to take it out and look?

AL: I can see it just fine in the box.

*(Al stands over the box and looks inside.)*

BEVERLY: I thought it would be something fun to try.

AL: We've been married 40 years and now you want something fun?

BEVERLY: I feel like we're in a rut.

AL: A rut? We just got home from two weeks of camping and fishing up at the lake!

BEVERLY: I know. I've still got piles of laundry.

AL: That was a great time!

BEVERLY: Glad you thought so.

*(she turns her attention back to the instructions.)*

AL: Honey, you ran the camp like a real boss!

*(ignoring him, she points to the paper)*

BEVERLY: Young women today really know how to take charge.

AL: Young women like camping and fishing. Always have.

BEVERLY: I'm talking about this! *(points to box)* It was designed by a young woman engineer. She trained at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Isn't that wonderful?

AL: Ask her parents who paid her tuition and see if they think it's so wonderful.

BEVERLY: She has her own company and it makes lots of money. They should be very proud.

AL: Call me an old fart, but I don't think I could tell the guys that my daughter's company made sex toys.

BEVERLY: You're an old fart.

AL: Hey!

BEVERLY: You told me to call you an old fart, so I did! Al, listen to me. Young women today ask for what they want when it comes to physical intimacy.

AL: Well good for those young women. What does that have to do with you?

**END OF FREEVIEW**

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