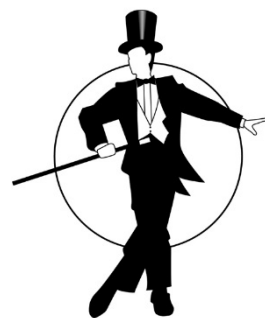


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CAST

WALTER: A resident at the Villa Estates, and waiter at Villas Grill. He carries a lot of years, and shuffles when he walks, yet has a quick wit and even disposition. He can't hear for beans, and loves to tinker with modern electronics.

AGNES: A seventy something divorcee. Pushy, edgy, and a bit crass. But she'd do anything for her bosom buddies.

ROSIE: Seventies. Wants to live life to the fullest. She's all energy and laughter. Vivacious and fun. Not the sharpest pencil in the box, but very caring.

BEA: Late seventies, early eighties. Still on the newest fad diet after all these years. She's very careful about her appearance and primps a lot.

GLADIS: Late seventies, early eighties. Tends toward gossip and is incredibly flighty. Always trying to fix things.

PHARMACIST: (voice over) Male or female. Cheerful, helpful, and somewhat confused. Can be played by a Chorus member.

SIRI: (voice over) Formal. Robotic. Can be played by a Chorus member.

ALEXA: (voice over) Very formal and robot-like. Can be played by a Chorus member.

CHORUS: A Greek-inspired speaking chorus. The preference is to have seven members, with the 7<sup>th</sup> having the most solos and the troublemaker. The number may change according to the needs of the producing theatre company.

Place

The Villa Estates Grill.

Time

The Present.

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*(Bridal music) Chorus splits. Half of Chorus enter stage right as brides carrying slightly wilted flowers. Groom Chorus members enter stage left donning wilted flower boutonnieres. They meet and partner. Chorus #7, as flower girl, is last down the aisle, with basket, pretending to throw petals. They turn to audience as recitation begins.*

CHORUS: Loving has no time limit.  
Caring has no bound.  
When someone peaks your lusty self,  
Be thankful they've been found.

*Chorus crosses upstage and sits on bench observing the exchange about to take place.*

*(Bea, Gladis, and Agnes cross to the upstage table at the Grill. They're all looking at copies of the same book, flipping through pages. Agnes looks at her watch. Shakes her head.)*

AGNES: So, ladies, we're all here for Book Club...all but Rosie. Once again, waiting for Rosie.

BEA: Well, she's a little bit busy now that she and Walter are a thing.

AGNES: Thing all right. Every night they're a thing. Every morning another thing!

GLADIS: And another thing and another thing—

BEA: *(interrupting loudly)* Another thing—

*(They all laugh at how clever they are.)*

GLADIS: No, really, I'm happy for them both. After Walter's wife passed, he was so despondent. Every time he'd pour our coffee at the restaurant, he'd miss the cup.

BEA: I know. Last time we were here he had to change the table linens three times. Poor man.

GLADIS: So I'm glad Rosie brought him the casserole.

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AGNES: Yeah, she always did have a “thing” for him...get it? Thing?  
*(laughs at her own cunning and they started giggling again at “thing.”)*

*(They stop laughing abruptly when Rosie enters giggling and arm in arm with Walter.)*

ROSIE: *(sits at the table and blows a kiss to Walter.)* Sorry I’m late, girls. We were *(looks at Walter and smiles demurely as Walter leaves)* uh, going out for a walk ‘cuz Walter had something he wanted to talk to me about. But we had to come back for his medicine because he got a little short of breath. He said I should wait here while he gets it, so I can talk a little about the book, although I didn’t really read it. I’ve, uh, been occupied.

BEA: What do you think he’s up to, Rosie?

AGNES: He’s up to 92 his last birthday!

GLADIS: No, I think he’s up to at least a few minutes of Shnookeling.

AGNES: Shnookeling?

GLADIS: *(Raising her eyebrows in a “you know” gesture)* You know...shnookeling.

*(Walter enters, panting a little; Rosie turns to see, rushes to him and leads him to a chair)*

WALTER: Oh thank you Shnookums.

GLADIS: See? Shnookums leads to shnookeling.

GLADIS, AGNES, BEA: *(to each other in half whisper)* It’s a thing.

ROSIE: *(oblivious)* Here, sit. Are you all right? What is it?

WALTER: *(Still huffing and puffing, sits.)* I’m fine, Rosie, just fine. Come. Sit here next to me. I was going to take you on a walk, to talk to you, but we’ll just have to talk here.

BEA: You want privacy? We can leave.

*(Walter gestures for them all to stay.)*

WALTER: No no. You should all stay. You’re her friends.

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GLADIS: Oh my God! He's dying. He's gonna break it to her!

AGNES: Sh! Sh!

*(The three women huddle to listen closer. Walter then struggles to get down on one knee as he begins his spiel.)*

WALTER: *(groaning a bit)* Now then. We're not getting any younger, you know. Next week you have a birthday and—

ROSIE: Oh don't remind me. But I'm lucky. Even at 84 I have a wonderful companion to share my birthday with.

WALTER: I know. I feel the same way. At 92 I'm just happy when I wake up and realize I'm not permanently horizontal. *(eyes the ladies)*

BEA: *(whispering)* Uh oh. Here it comes...the bad news!

**END OF FREEVIEW**

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