



ROOM 207
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Extract

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A one-act light comedy play

SYNOPSIS

John has arranged to meet Janet at a hotel lounge after making contact on an online dating site. Janet has never dated like this before, but this is not the case for John, or so it seems. On behalf of Janet, the waiter has discovered that John's room number is two zero seven. This conjures up amusing thoughts with the waiter which makes Janet more uneasy about the situation. After meeting, Janet excuses herself to, 'powder her nose', and within moments Mary enters wearing an identical dress. John momentarily mistakes Mary for Janet and slowly finds himself in a difficult fix because Mary is his wife!

TIME:- The present

RUNNING TIME:- 12 minutes approximately

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CAST

2 male, 2 female

John
Waiter
Janet
Mary

The play is set in a hotel lounge

On stage there is a coffee/lounge type of table and three chairs. Additional furnishings are optional as is a carpet or rug which the table and chairs could be positioned on

Additional properties required by the script:-

A tray, glass containing substitute double Gin and Tonic with a lemon slice, a small glass of beer, a cup and saucer of white coffee for the **Waiter**

A mobile telephone in a purse or handbag for **Mary**

Costuming:- **John**, wears smart casual - **Waiter**, to suit a hotel waiter - **Janet** and **Mary** wear identical dresses with different accessories

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Janet enters stage left a little unsure looking about nervously

Waiter: *(enters right)* Are you waiting for someone, Madam?

Janet: Yes, a friend. Well not a really a friend, I haven't met him before but we have been chatting for some time on-line.

Waiter: On-line, Madam? *(Realizing)* Oh, I see, you have arranged to meet someone from an on-line dating site?

Janet: Yes. I have never done this type of on-line dating before and I am a little nervous with the first meeting.

Waiter: It's quite a common feeling, Madam. I witness many such assignations all the time. Has the gentleman in question a room here at the hotel?

Janet: *(with alarm)* Oh, I hadn't thought of that. It would be somewhat sleazy if he has.

Waiter: You need not worry, Madam. The hotel policy is not to speak about what the staff have seen. However, with a few words I can deduce the possible intentions of the gentleman on madams behalf. Now, may I get you a drink?

Janet: A Gin and Tonic, please. *(Sits)*

Waiter: Ice?

Janet: No ice, just a slice of lemon.

Waiter: As you wish, Madam. *(Turns to leave right)*

Janet: I think you had better make it a double, waiter. My nerves are going to need it.

Waiter: Very well, Madam. *(Exits rights)*

Janet: *(quietly to herself)* I wish I had insisted meeting at a corner cafe now. What if he has a room here? Well Janet, you will have to engage the brain first before letting your tongue agree to suggestions of going somewhere private and comfortable!

John enters right and tentatively goes to Janet

John: Excuse me, it is Janet, isn't it?

Janet: *(stands)* Yes, I am. And you must be, John.

They greet each other

John: Please sit. Would you like a drink?

Janet: I've already ordered, thank you.

Waiter enters right with the drink on the tray placing it in front of Janet

John: Can I have a small beer please, Waiter?

Waiter: Certainly, Sir. Would that be charged to the room, Sir?

John: And include the ladies drink on my bill too, please. Room two zero seven.

Waiter: *(looks at Janet)* That will be the one with the king size double bed overlooking the sea. *(Turns and begin to exit right)*

John: That's a nice dress you're wearing?

Waiter stops and faces Janet. He mimes the following making sure the audience can see perfectly. Janet watches him. He points upstairs with gusto, (mouths) room two zero seven - indicates a large bed - winks - puts the thumbs up and exits briskly

John: *(puzzled)* Are you O.K?

Janet: *(in a daze)* What! *(Being more responsive)* I'm sorry, did you say something?

John: I said, "that's a nice dress you're wearing?" I feel I've seen one like it before somewhere but can't think where.

Janet: Oh, this. It was in a sale last week. They had it displayed in the shop window.

John: That's where I must have seen it then.

Janet: *(a little uneasy)* I thought, maybe - well - oh dear, this is the first time meeting someone like this and I'm a little nervous. I mean. And now - well ...