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PRESENTS

BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES?!

Split Stage

SCENE I Family at home sitting in kitchen - trying to balance their budget. Bills, bills, bills!

Teen daughter enters with her supposed problems. Parents make light of problem..."teenagers don't know what problems are"

Teen daughter speaks to audience addressing teenage problems that she has seen and knows. She introduces Scene II which is a memory (dream).

Teen daughter introduces each following scene which is performed stage right.

SCENE II - New Girl

SCENE III - Fashion: Brand Name Popularity

SCENE IV - Alcoholic Parent

SCENE V - Teenage Pregnancy

SCENE VI - Family's final closing

SCENE II - New Girl

Setting: School Classroom

Teacher: Good morning, class! Good morning, class! Attention!! If you want to talk go ahead. I can wait! Are you finished? Thank-you! Now will you go back to your seats, please. I have a surprise for you. Class, I would like you to meet Jenny. Say hi to Jenny.

Class: Hi, Jenny. (Unexcited)

Teacher: Jenny, you can sit behind those two girls. Class I am going out for a couple of minutes, I am trusting you to keep quiet while I am gone.

Girl 1: Hi, Jenny, so how do you like Goose Bay so far?

New Girl: It is o.k. but not as nice as Manitoba.

Girl 2: Manitoba! Wow! Did you live anywhere else?

New Girl: Yeh, I lived in Quebec, British Columbia and Ontario.

Girl 3: You lived in Quebec! Wow! I bet you know a lot of French.

New Girl: Well, I know quite a bit. Where have you guys been?

Girl 1, Girl 2, Girl 3: We have not been anywhere else. Can you believe her?

New Girl: Well you must see Quebec this, time of year. It is beautiful.

Girl 1: What a bragger!!

Girl 3: Well you must see Quebec this time of year. (Snobby)

Girl 2: Can you believe her.

Girl 1: And look at her clothes. She thinks she is in style. Pah!

Girl 3: She will be laughed out of the arcade.

They start giggling.

New Girl: What did I do wrong?

New girl gets up and starts gathering some papers.

Girl 3: Hey, you guys want to go to the dance on Friday night? Dad said he'd drive me and some friends.

New Girl: Great. What time will you pick me up?

Girl 3: Not you, stuck-up!

Everybody starts laughing.

New Girl: It sure is going to be hard making friends here.

SCENE III - Fashion

Jackie and Sharon - fashionable girls

Michelle - unfashionable girl

(In corridor at lockers)

Sharon: Hi, Jackie! Having trouble with your locker again?

Jackie: Yeah, I can't seem to get this stupid, dumb, idiotic thing open!

(Fights to get the locker open.)

Sharon: Are you going to the dance tonight?

Jackie: I might, if I ever get this, this, junky thing open.

Sharon: What are you wearing. I bet it's something terrific.

Jackie: Well, I got this great pair of acid-washed jeans!

Sharon: Wow! I'll wear...

Michelle: Are you guys going to the dance?

(She butts in.)

Jackie: Not with you!...anyway, I also got a new roots t-shirt.

Sharon: Great!

Michelle: Whats roots?

Jackie: You don't know what roots is?

Michelle: No! (Sadly)

Sharon: If you don't know what roots is, you must be some dumb!

Jackie: Let's ignore her, she's too dumb. Anyway, to top it all off, I got this new pair of pink trimmed reeboks.

Sharon: Na, go on!

Michelle: I got reeboks too!

Jackie: Yeah, where?

Michelle: At home!

Sharon: You look so poor, you can't even afford Bay Sports! Look at her clothes (to Jackie).

Jackie: Darn, I can't get this thing open. Come on, let's go.

Sharon: Yeah, come on.

Jackie: What a knob.

(Sharon and Jackie keep calling her names and they walk off!)

Michelle: Gee, nobody likes me because of my clothes. I wish I had the money to buy some FASHIONABLE ones. Glory, I wish I wasn't a teenager.

SCENE IV - ALCOHOLISM

Scene - Mike has an alcoholic mother who doesn't really care about nothing but her booze.

Mike: Come on in. Excuse the mess. I didn't have time to clean, Mom is out of town.

Shawn: That's o.k. My house is messier and my mom is home.

Mike: Well, let's get to work.

(Mother staggers in. Has a dreadful hangover and headache).
(She doesn't notice Mike and Shawn. Mike gives mother look.)

Mike: Mom, stop the racket! My head is pounding.

Mike and Shawn - Silence.

(Mom staggers over to fridge, looks. No beer)

Mom: (Picking empty bottles out of the fridge). Mom, have you been drinking my beer?

Mike: Of course not.

Mom: I told you I don't want every Tom, Dick and Harry in this house.

Mike: We're doing our Science project.

Mom: Let me see! (Grabs project)

Mom: This is garbage. (Rips it up)

Mom: Get out of my house kid! And don't come back!

Mom: Oh Mike. What am I going to do with you? Your teachers are useless.

Shawn: I'll finish my project tonight. Bye!

SCENE V - Pregnancy

Characters: Shelly (Pregnant girl) - Colette
 Mary Joe (Friend) - Tracey
 Girl 1 - Joanne
 Girl 2

Setting: Recess time. In the girls washroom. Shelly is leaning against the sink crying. Mary Joe enters.

Mary Joe: Hey, what's wrong?

Shelly: (Sobbing) It's nothing, just leave me alone.

Mary Joe: Come on, Shelly, we've been friends for 5 years. You can tell me anything.

Shelly: I can't. I just can't. (Still sobbing).

Mary Joe: Come on, Shelly.

Shelly: Mary Joe, if you really want to know that bad, I'm pregnant, O.K., I'm pregnant. (Shelly with her hands over her eyes).

Mary Joe: Oh my God. Why didn't you tell me before?

Shelly: It's not something that I'm going to blab all over the school.

Two girls enter. They see Shelly crying and start whispering. They start fixing their hair in the mirror.

Mary Joe: Did you tell your parents yet?

Shelly: Of course not. I'm not just going to say to them, "Hey Mom and Dad, did you have a nice day and by the way, I'm pregnant."

Two girls leave the bathroom still whispering about what Mary Joe and Shelly were talking about.

Mary Joe: Does anyone else know?

Shelly: No, just you.

Mary Joe: (Hugs Shelly) Everything is going to be alright.

Shelly: I wish I could be so sure.

Mary Joe leaves the washroom.

Shelly: Why do I have to be a teenager?