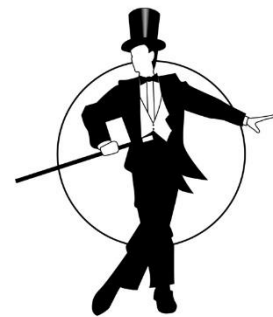


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LOUIE AND LOUISE

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CAST

LOUISE PARKER: A large, domineering type.

LOUIE PARKER: Her husband, small and meek.

RITA KRAUS: Louise's friend.

Place

A middle class home.

Time

The present.

Setting: There is a table and a couple chairs off to one side. A couch center with a table in front. There are typical knick-knacks spread about. There should be a good supply of magazines or papers about the room.

At Rise: LOUISE is sitting at the table talking to her friend RITA. She is upset and trying to collect herself.

LOUISE: I'm telling you, Rita, he's finally gone off the deep end. I don't know what to do. I've tried everything I can think of, but he's flipped.

RITA: Well maybe it was something you did, that set him off.

LOUISE: I didn't do anything. Louie is the crazy one here, not me.

RITA: Have you suggested counseling? I've heard that it sometime helps with these really tough cases.

LOUISE: Of course, I suggested counseling, but he won't hear of it. I tell you, I'm at my wit's end. If he doesn't come to his senses soon, I won't be responsible for my actions. Wait a minute, here he comes again.

(LOUIE enters. He goes around the room lifting papers and magazines. He looks at them for a second and says, "That's not it." and puts them back.)

LOUISE: Louie, we have a guest. *(he ignores her)* LOUIE! *(he still ignores her)* See? Nothing. He just goes around the house morning, noon, and night, picking up things, looking at something, and saying, "That's not it." Then he puts it down and leaves.

RITA: How long has this been going on?

LOUISE: I don't know. Three or four weeks now I think.

RITA: And all he says is, "That's not it?"

LOUISE: Yes! That's all. I tell you, he's flipped.

(LOUIE goes to the table, picks up RITA's purse, and looks inside)

RITA: Hey!

LOUIE: *(examining the purse)* That's not it. *(he puts the purse down, continues to look around the room and exits)*

LOUISE: There, see what I mean? I tell you I can't take this anymore.

RITA: Yes. I do see, you poor dear. I've heard of cases like this. Sane for years then suddenly — *(she snaps her finger)* They snap. You need to be careful.

LOUISE: Careful? Why?

RITA: Well, if he's like this now, who's to tell what he'll do next?

LOUISE: What do you mean?

RITA: Well, he could get violent.

LOUISE: Louie? Violent? Never. I trained him over the years to do exactly as I say. He can't even find his socks unless I tell him where to look.

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