

# Witch One

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CAST

FRANCINE: Middle aged female.

TRUDY: Middle aged female.

Place

*Lobby of a large upscale hotel.*

Time

*Present.*

*Setting: Plush lobby of an upscale hotel where there is a wedding as well as a convention going on.*

*At Rise: FRANCINE is waiting in the lobby of the hotel. She is tastefully dressed. TRUDY enters breathlessly. She too is dressed tastefully but wears a witch's hat.*

FRANCINE: Are you all right?

TRUDY: *(breathlessly)* I guess so.

FRANCINE: What's the trouble?

TRUDY: Nothing. I'm fine.

FRANCINE: I just saw some firemen rushing in.

TRUDY: There was a problem on the seventh floor.

FRANCINE: Gads! That's our floor.

TRUDY: They made everyone evacuate.

FRANCINE: Do you think our room is all right?

TRUDY: Oh, sure. We weren't affected at all.

FRANCINE: What happened?

TRUDY: Some stupid bride to be hung her long, gorgeous wedding dress on one of the sprinkler heads and it set off the entire sprinkler system. There were four inches of water in that end of the floor. It was kind of funny. I mean kind of funny once you understood the whole situation.

FRANCINE: I have this strange feeling, Trudy, and I hope I'm dead wrong, but are you somehow involved in this? And I want the truth.

TRUDY: You won't tell will you?

FRANCINE: I knew it. Trouble always seems to follow you. All right, come on, what happened?

TRUDY: Look, she was a spoiled brat and deserved it and worse.

FRANCINE: What did you do?

TRUDY: We were all waiting to get on the elevator and she made a nasty remark about my hat.

FRANCINE: And what was that?

TRUDY: Well, she said, "Cute hat. Is it real? I bet you're a witch. Are you going to turn somebody into a toad?" And she kept laughing and everybody was looking at me. Then we all got off the elevator on the seventh floor. As I walked away she said, "Be sure to cast a couple of good spells. That is if you can." What a mean thing to say! So I did. When she left her room, I stuck her dress on the sprinkler head.

FRANCINE: You didn't.

TRUDY: Yes, I did. I actually surprised myself. I didn't think I was that good but the dress went up there on the first try. And it looks like it stayed, too!

FRANCINE: How did you manage to do it?

TRUDY: It was easy. When I heard her leave the room, all I did was concentrate on me hanging that beautiful wedding dress from a sprinkler head, cross my arms, blink 3 times and wait. And, baby, it worked because within 5 minutes the next thing I heard was her running down the hall screaming.

FRANCINE: You never should have done that.

TRUDY: Look, she deserved it. She was poking fun at me and at our profession. I didn't like that so I decided to have some fun. I hope she remembers this for every single one of her wedding anniversaries. "Be sure to cast a couple of spells tonight. If you can!" I'm tired of being made fun of and not being able to do anything about it.

FRANCINE: Come over here. Let's not be conspicuous. Will you give me that thing? *(She grabs the hat and stuffs it into her tote)* Look, we could get into a lot of trouble over what you've just done. If anyone in the main office gets wind of this, we are both out the door. How could you be so irresponsible? You know the company is running lean and mean. They are looking for an excuse to get rid of both of us. Expenses are up. Sales are down. People are getting away from spells and potions. Oh, and broom sales are way off, too. Everybody is buying that cheap plastic stuff from China or Pakistan. They could use this as an excuse to whack us. We're to an age when we're a liability. They'd love to get rid of you and I.

TRUDY: I know. I know.

FRANCINE: Now they're saying that over eighteen percent of the basic spell package goes to the retirement fund. That is not the Platinum or Premier Spell Package. That's more they tell me. This is just the medium grade stuff. It's hard for the company to keep up.

TRUDY: I don't believe it. We don't have that much competition.

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