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A Three Character Comedy

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A 10-Minute Comedy by  
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SYNOPSIS -- With the help of an overzealous actor at the Olive Garden, a porn star's husband convinces her to do something really degrading -- act in a mainstream studio comedy movie.

## CHARACTERS

LARRY -- Middle aged, a little smarmy

BAMBI -- 20's, porn star

WAITER -- Any age. Struggling actor, struggling bad actor

## SETTING

The Olive Garden

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INT. OLIVE GARDEN -- EVENING

LARRY -- middle aged, looks a little smarmy -- sits at a table scanning the menu. A WAITER approaches with a flourish.

WAITER

(as if auditioning for "Hamlet" only a tad bigger) Good evening good sir. I am Damian and it is my esteemed honor and privilege to assist in your culinary experience this evening.

LARRY

Huh? This is the Olive Garden, right?

WAITER

You are correct. The finest Italian cuisine and bottomless pasta bowl not served directly to the Gods in heaven.

LARRY

Let me guess, you're an actor.

WAITER

Not just an actor. A classical actor. A Shakespearean actor. An artist. Dedicated to plumbing the depths of the human soul in quest of the ultimate truth.

LARRY

How long have you been at the Olive Garden?

WAITER

Eleven years.

LARRY

And what have I seen you in?

WAITER

Did you see "Angels in America" at the Playapalooza Theatre in El Centro?

LARRY

No.

WAITER

Then nothing.

BAMBI ENTERS and crosses to the table. She is in her 20's, dressed a little provocatively (certainly more than occasion warrants).

BAMBI  
Hi, Larry. Sorry I'm late.

LARRY  
No problem.

They hug and she sits.

WAITER  
Good evening fair maiden. I am Damian and it is my esteemed honor and privilege to assist in --

LARRY  
Yeah, yeah, just get us some water.

WAITER  
As you so desire.

He moves off.

BAMBI  
(re the Thespian waiter) This is the Olive Garden, right?

LARRY  
Yes, everything is family style... if your family is the Barrymores.

BAMBI  
I don't get the reference.

LARRY  
Of course you don't.

BAMBI  
This has been a long day. Four sex scenes in six hours. Plus, special effects and multiple cameras.

LARRY  
Sounds complicated. I look forward to seeing the final movie.

BAMBI  
It should be on line tonight.

LARRY  
Listen, I've got some great news. I got you another film.

BAMBI  
Awesome. I can pay for trapeze lessons.