

GEORGETTE

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IT SHOULD BEEN YOU

JUDY

FINE! I'll make nice her way!

ANNIE

Just remember Judy, that which doesn't kill us—

JUDY

Makes us wish we were dead.

GEORGETTE *opens the door.*

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Knock knock.

JUDY

(sweetly)

Come in.

GEORGETTE *enters.*

GEORGETTE

I'm ready to be made beautiful.

Like a deer in headlights, JUDY doesn't know what to say to that.

JUDY

Come in?

JENNY

It's hard to imagine you more beautiful than you already are, Mrs. Howard.

GEORGETTE

How kind of you.

JENNY *indicates to her mother — "like that."*

JUDY

We have a chair all set up for you. Devon will be back momentarily.

GEORGETTE

Oh, dear, I've already had my hair done by Elsie. No one else touches it, Elsie's magical. I just need a quick spritz. Didn't Brian tell you?

JUDY

(annoyed)

If he had, I wouldn't have hired Devon at three hundred bucks a pop.

GEORGETTE

Oh, I'm happy to pay Devon if money is a problem for you.

JUDY

And just what makes you think—

(off Jenny's look)

Something so silly. There's nothing I enjoy more than wasting money.

GEORGETTE

Then we are going to be great friends because there's nothing I enjoy more than wasting other people's money.

#7 – Nice

BOTH laugh. Then EVERYONE freezes except JUDY, who looks at the audience.

JUDY

(sings)

I HATE NICE
NICE IS WRONG
IT'S PRETENDING YOU'RE WEAK WHEN YOU'RE STRONG
CAUSE YOU'RE WALKING ON EGGHELLS.
GOD HELP ME, VEY IZ MIR
I'M NO GOOD AT FAKING SINCERE
TO BE NICE.

EVERYONE freezes. JUDY turns back to them.

JUDY

Thank you for the rehearsal dinner last night, Georgette, the food was delicious.

GEORGETTE

The Hampshire Club does do a good job, don't they? I think their secret is that they put bacon in practically everything.

Silence. Tension.

JUDY

(as "nice" as she can muster)

Rebecca's Uncle Morty keeps kosher. He doesn't eat pork.

GEORGETTE

Not even bacon?

[Redacted]

JUDY

(sings)

[Redacted]

(JUDY)

NICE IS LIES
IT'S BEFRIENDING A BITCH YOU DESPISE
WHEN YOU JUST WANNNA PUNCH HER
MOM PLEASE DON'T MAKE A SCENE
CAREFUL NOT TO SAY WHAT YOU MEAN
THIS IS NICE?

UNFREEZE.

GEORGETTE

Well, I won't tell him if you don't. Look at us, keeping secrets together. We're practically family already.

JUDY

(laughing weakly)

Hah, hah, hah.

GEORGETTE

It comes as no surprise to me, after all I was a member of the first sorority at Radcliffe to allow people of the Jewish persuasion. I'll never forget the little Hebrew girl—Miriam... Miriam... We were great friends. Miriam something—Steen... Stein? Which is it? I really wish you people would make up your mind on that one.

FREEZE.

JUDY

(sings)

DO SOMETHING JUDY
PUT HER IN HER PLACE
TO PROVE TO THEM JUDY
YOU'VE GOT STYLE AND GRACE
SMILE THEN THRUST AND PARDON
DON'T APPEAR CONTRARY
KISS AND EMBRACE

THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU CALL NICE
IT'S BALONEY
THE NICE YOU KNOW
IS REAL, NOT PHONY.
FOR YOU NICE IS A SWEATER
A NICE BOY, NICE KIPPERED HERRING.
IF YOU DON'T SPEAK UP SOON YOU COULD START SWEARING.

~~UNFREEZE. JUDY~~

(JUDY)

It's Stein. With an I.

GEORGETTE

(couldn't care less)

Now we know. Isn't this fun?

JUDY

(dryly)

I can't remember having so much fun.

GEORGETTE

Me, neither. Fun, fun, fun. What a good idea.

JUDY

Thank you.

(almost by accident)

And you were right about Elsie. It's amazing what she can do with such thinning hair.

THEY look at her. THEY can't believe JUDY said that. JUDY can't believe it either.

~~EVERYONE FREEZES except JUDY, who turns to the audience and smiles.~~

(sings)

I LIKE NICE
NICE IS SWEET.
IT'S SUSPENDING YOUR ETHICS TO BEAT
FANCY PANTS AT YOUR OWN GAME.
OH BOY, AM I PERKLEMP?
IT'S BETTER THAN I EVER DREAMT
PLAYING NICE.

~~UNFREEZE.~~

GEORGETTE

Oh, please. You're just saying that.

JUDY

But, it's true. It's like your whole face has been lifted.

~~FREEZE.~~

~~*(sings)*~~

~~HERE'S TO YOU~~