

DAVE

Are they still hiring security men at the Mall?

TRANSITION

(The factory. Dress rehearsal. ETHAN enters and hangs up a make-shift curtain, HORSE enters, he is practicing his dance moves.)

HORSE

It ain't working, Lord, it ain't getting any bigger. What am I gonna do? Today's our dress rehearsal. Our undress rehearsal.

(He paces and frets as the others warm up backstage.)

HAROLD

Where are they? It's bad form to keep an audience waiting. I hate it when it happens to me.

ETHAN

We can't start without Dave.

MALCOLM

Jerry is getting him. He must have forgotten the dress rehearsal.

JEANETTE

START Anything the matter, Horse?

HORSE

That is. My nickname. I'm not a horse. They're all expecting me to overwhelm everybody with the size of my ... I'm sorry, Jeanette, I can't use words like penis or Johnson in front of a lady. It's my upbringing.

JEANETTE

I appreciate that. So you're trying to tell me you've got a small dick, Horse?

HORSE

I'm telling you no such thing! I'm average.

JEANETTE

Most men are. That's why it's called average. Let me look: I'll tell you if you're average or not.

HORSE

Are you crazy, woman?

JEANETTE

No, but I've been married eight times, so I guess I know what average is. Now quit worrying. Come the moment of truth, nobody's gonna be thinking of anybody's size but his own. Besides, they didn't hire you because you were big. They hired you because you were good.

HORSE

Thank you, Jeanette. Sometimes you need to hear something like that: That it's not being a big black man.

JEANETTE

I're gonna show these boys it's not a mans size but what he does with it that matters.

HORSE

Man, where have you been all my life?

END

NATHAN

Can't hold them much longer.

MALCOLM

They're all so old, Nathan.

NATHAN

Of course they're old. They're from the rest home. They're on an outing.

JEANETTE

Senior citizens can be a great audience. Of course they can turn on you, too. Look at what they did to Eddie Fisher. It's bad luck to peek, Mr. Simmons

HORSE

You got my aunt out there!

NATHAN

I didn't know she was your aunt.

(JERRY enters.)

JERRY

Everybody ready? Lets do it.

ETHAN

What happened? Where's Dave?

JERRY

He's not coming. He's taking that security job at Wal-Mart. I knew he was a loser.

(He quickly starts to change.)

NATHAN

Dave's your best friend.

JERRY

Was, Nath, was. Let's get going, Jeanette!

JEANETTE

I don't know why I'm nervous. Who's gonna be looking at me?