

**Life as a Springer Show:**  
**A You Choose Comedy**  
**by Tom Smith**

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## **CHARACTERS**

TOM, 24

AMY, 24

RYAN, early to mid-20s

JERRY

**Time:** the present

**Place:** a funky coffee shop

*Playwright's Note: Periodically, the action comes to a point of crisis or revelation. At this point, Jerry appears and the audience is asked to choose from a small list of options. Feel free to explore how to best work this: either through group vote (applause), choosing a specific audience member, or some other way. It is important this process go quickly, so as to not kill the overall flow of the play.*

## Life as a Springer Show: a you choose comedy

*Theme music. A funky coffee shop. Tom is sitting drinking a latte and reading a local alternative paper. Periodically he looks up from his paper, searching for someone who is obviously late. In rushes Amy, who throws her bag on the chair opposite Tom.*

AMY

I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry.

TOM

I was just about to give up.

AMY

I know. I got held up. Not robbed, but, you know...at work. I was going to call, but my cell was dying and I couldn't find my cord to charge it. Let me get something to drink. I'll be right back.

*(Goes over to the counter and orders a drink. Behind the counter is a handsome barista, Ryan. Amy flirts with him a little as he makes her a drink.*

*Tom watches all this, amused. Finally, she returns to the table.)*

He is so good-looking.

TOM

Why do you think I come here?

AMY

Guess what he said when I asked him for a single, tall skinny?

AMY/TOM

"Where would you like me?"

*(She looks disappointed.)*

TOM

Well, that's what he said, isn't it?

AMY

I'd like to think he's said it only to me. Why are all the pretty people making lattes nowadays? Doesn't anybody model anymore? The girl behind the counter last time looked like some kind of Nordic goddess.

TOM

Listen, there's something I need to talk to you about.

AMY

It's like you have to be represented by an agent just to pull a shot of espresso.

TOM

I'm serious, Amy.

AMY

What is it?

*(They freeze. More theme music as Jerry enters to applause, hoots and hollers.)*

JERRY

Ok, on today's show we have Tom and Amy, friends for almost ten years. They used to work together and are still close friends. But Tom has a secret he's about the reveal: either that he's had sex with his best friend, he had sex with his best friend's mother, or he had sex with his own mother. By applause, how many of you want Tom has sex with his best friend? How many for Tom having sex with his best friend's mom? How many for Tom having sex with his own mom?

*(Once a clear winner has been established.)*

All right. Let's hear what Tom has to say...

*If Tom reveals...*

*"I had sex with my best friend," go to page 3*

*"I had sex with my best friend's mom," go to page 5*

*"I had sex with my mom," go to page 7*

## I HAD SEX WITH MY BEST FRIEND

TOM

I had sex with my best friend.

AMY

I thought I was your best friend.

TOM

My other one.

AMY

What other one? The only other person you ever hang out with is—Will? You had sex with Will?

*(Tom looks sheepish.)*

Oh my God, you're gay! I always thought you were, but—

TOM

What do you mean you always thought I was?

AMY

Don't get offended but it's sort of obvious. You haven't dated a girl since Melissa. That's was over a year ago.

TOM

You didn't know!

AMY

So what was it like? With Will?

TOM

Pretty great. I mean, I kind of thought that it might be something I'd want to try, but I didn't think I was actually...you know...

AMY

I don't want to shock you, but you seem more surprised by this than I am. So what now? Are you two dating? When did this happen?

TOM

Last night. I have no idea what it means. I wanted to call him today but...I mean, should I?

AMY

Of course! Before you have a chance to over-analyze this!

TOM

But what if it was just a fling?

AMY

Ohmygod, now we can go to all the cool gay bars! I can be your hag!

TOM

Don't say that!

AMY

Oh, you're still a little freaked out, aren't you? That's so cute!

TOM

Shut up!

AMY

Well, I guess compared to that, my news is going to sound pathetic.

TOM

What news?

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## I HAD SEX WITH MY BEST FRIEND'S MOM

TOM

I had sex with my best friend's mom.

AMY

Say what?

TOM

I had sex with my best friend's mom.

AMY

I thought I was your best friend.

TOM

*(Looking sheepish.)*

You are.

AMY

Then how could you have ... I mean... Are you serious?

TOM

I didn't mean for this to happen. Honestly!

AMY

How...when...?

TOM

Last night. After you left to go to work. I was helping your mom clean up after the party, and we were both a little drunk... She more than me.

AMY

You slept with my mother at my birthday party?

TOM

I didn't know she was your mom! I've only ever met your step-mom. And you didn't introduce me to her or anything. I thought she was just a regular party guest. We got to talking about

architecture, and she mentioned she works for a design firm, and— You know I have a thing for older women..

AMY

When did you find out she was my mom?

TOM

Right before.

AMY

What?

TOM

Well, we were already naked, and we were both ready and she said something about how lucky it was her daughter had such cute friends and—

AMY

So you knew she was my mom and your still had sex with her?

TOM

This is really going to screw up our friendship, isn't it?

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## I HAD SEX WITH MY MOM

TOM

I had sex with my mom.

AMY

What?

TOM

I had sex. With my mom.

AMY

What are you talking about?

TOM

*(Looking sheepish.)*

This is so messed up!

AMY

How...when...?

TOM

Last night. After you left to go to work. I was helping clean up after the party, and we were both a little drunk... She more than me. And I didn't know she was my mom; you know I've never even seen pictures of my birth mom. She came in with that guy you work with—Stephen—and he left early. She wanted to stay, and Stephen asked me if I would bring her home. Well, we got to talking about architecture, and she mentioned she recently moved here because of a new job at a design firm, and—

AMY

Are you being totally serious here? You screwed your own mother? Like Greek-tragedy-screwed her?

TOM

You know I have a thing for older women.

AMY

When did you find out she was your mom?

TOM

Right after we did it.

AMY

What was that conversation?

TOM

Well, we got to talking, and she asked me how old I was and I told her I was 6, which, you know, I am because I was born on a leap year. And she said she had a son who was a leap year baby and she asked if I lived here all my life and I said no, I was from California and then we kinda started putting two and two together.

AMY

I cannot tell you how many ways you've just creeped me out.

TOM

What about me? Do you realize how many years of therapy I've just dedicated myself to?

AMY

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JERRY

Wow! That must be shocking news for Amy. But Tom isn't the only one with a secret. Amy is about to reveal one of her own. She's either about to reveal that she was filmed having sex with the janitor at work, she's going to become a nun, or that she had sex with the barista. By applause, how many of you want Amy to reveal she was filmed having sex with the janitor? How many for Amy becoming a nun? How many for having sex with the barista?

*(Once a clear winner has been established.)*

Yeah, I thought so. Ok, let's hear from Amy now.

*If Amy reveals...*

*"I was filmed having sex with the janitor at work," go to page 10*

*"I'm going to become a nun," go to page 12*

*"I secretly had sex with the barista," go to page 15*

## I WAS FILMED HAVING SEX WITH THE JANITOR AT WORK

AMY

I was filmed having sex with the janitor at work.

TOM

What?

AMY

They finally caught on to the fact that someone was using the conference room for play rehearsals and making photocopies after hours. My boss put in a security camera. This morning I was asked to go to his office, and he showed me a security tape of me not only making photocopies, but also getting it on on top of the machine.

TOM

Who were you doing it with?

AMY

Jeremiah. He's the weasely little janitor everyone hates.

TOM

Then why'd you do him?

AMY

He has a reputation for being huge. You know I'm a very curious person.

TOM

And?

AMY

Like a stallion. A black stallion.

TOM

Did you get fired?

AMY

I was late because I had to pack up my office.

TOM

So how many jobs has this been now?

AMY

Officially, this is the only one I've been fired from. The others I quit when I found out they were going to let me go.

TOM

Wow.

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## I'M GOING TO BECOME A NUN

AMY

You know how I've been going off on these weekend retreats, right?

TOM

Yeah, those meditation things.

AMY

Well that wasn't exactly the whole truth.

TOM

Do you have a boyfriend?

AMY

No! Well, kinda, I guess.

TOM

What's his name? Do I know him?

AMY

You know him, yeah. He's pretty famous.

TOM

Oh my God! A celebrity! Who is it?

AMY

Don't freak out.

TOM

Is he an actor? Musician?

AMY

God!

TOM

What's wrong with me asking that?

AMY

No, not "God!" God.

TOM

God is your boyfriend?

AMY

Soon to be husband.

TOM

I don't get it.

AMY

Tom, I've been going away on retreats with the Catholic Church. I've in process to explore whether or not I want to dedicate my life to God. And I do. I'm going to become a nun.

TOM

Ok, sure.

AMY

That's it? You aren't freaked out even a little bit by that?

TOM

Amy, in the past two years you've joined and quit the Peace Corps, started your own online business, dated I don't know how many guys—

AMY

Hey now!

TOM

This is just one more thing you'll move on from next week.

AMY

I won't. I'm serious about this. I've given up sex. It's been three months!

TOM

No!

AMY

Think about it, Tom. When was the last time you heard me talk about banging someone in a bathroom? Or steaming up a car?

TOM

I don't know. What about...? My God, it has been a while.

AMY

Since I started going to the retreats.

TOM

So you're serious about this?

AMY

Yes! I'm going to become a nun.

TOM

Wow.

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## I HAD SEX WITH THE BARISTA

AMY

You know that barista behind the counter? Ryan?

TOM

Yeah. Hey, how do you know his name?

AMY

I screamed it during my orgasm last night!

TOM

You what?

AMY

We're sort of dating. If you can call it that.

*(She waves to Ryan; he waves back.)*

TOM

Since when?

AMY

On and off for two weeks.

TOM

How come you didn't tell me?

AMY

I'm telling you now.

TOM

But you've been humping for two weeks.

AMY

Did you know he's got a teeny tiny tattoo on his back?

TOM

I can't believe you've kept this secret! We're supposed to tell each everything! What kind of tattoo?

AMY

A butterfly.

TOM

A butterfly? Are you sure he doesn't want to date me?

AMY

He's really good in bed. A moaner.

TOM

Is he hung? I bet he has a small dick.

AMY

He does.

TOM

Thank God.

AMY

Does that make you feel better?

TOM

Wait, are you lying? He's hung like a horse, isn't he?

AMY

No. Just the size of a...stallion. A black stallion!

TOM

I can't believe you're dating the barista! Wow!

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