

Sharp Corners Act 1

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[Dr. Jonsey stands stage left to Danny's bed holding a large serated saw.]

Dr. Jonsey : Danny, please sit still.

[Danny, appearing motionless while Dr. Jonsey speaks, stays that way]

Danny : Grraaaa-

Dr. Jonsey : I know Danny. I can't help that it grew there, once it's gone you'll be able to roll over again.

Danny sits still for a moment while Dr. J. wipes the blade with a white cloth. Just as Dr. Jonsey puts the cloth down and positions the blade at Danny's back he lurches suddenly.

Dr. J stifles some laughter.

Dr. J : Danny, that's very ungentleman like.

Dr. J begins sawing at Danny's back with vigor straining her posture to appear as if the blade is sawing through wood. Danny lays motionless as Dr. J puts her right foot on the bed to get better leverage as she begins pulling and sawing some more. Finally Dr. J finishes the process and pulls out a completely arm, from shoulder to hand. The middle finger still extended as Danny had left it.

During this, Jon is sitting on the couch staring at the TV. The spotlight moves over to him and he animates slightly, figiting with his fingers on his lap.

Suddenly Jon sighs very loudly and slaps his hands down on his lap.

Jon : "I'm so fucking bored!"

The TV lights up showing images of children playing cards with each other, laughing, playing board games, hungry hippo, etc. then turns off.

Jon leans forward and begins to fumble with the board games and cards on the coffee table in front of him. Realizing what he's doing he stops and sits back again.

Jon : "I've played those games, at least a million times"

Jon sighs very loudly again.

Jon : "I'm so fucking bored!"

The TV turns on again, showing the same images this time at a higher rate, playing happy music along with the images to accent it's point then again turns off.

Jon bends forward again to pick up an overly large set of cards and starts to shuffle them silently.

Danny shifts more to stage right and shakes the bed, causing his right side of his torso to become exposed as his foot points up as if he was lying on his back.

Slightly startled Jon looks up as the nurses begin got covered the exposed flank.

Jon puts the cards on the table and stares straight out at the audience.

In the background the words "My name is Jon, I'm a robot." plays over the speakers as the lights on the stage fade and focus moves to the front of the stage.

Jon takes off his white cowel wearing blue jeans and a white button down t-shirt underneath, walks tot he front of the stage where the spot light solo's him sitting at a small round table.

Jon : "My name is Jon, I'm a robot. [Jon raises his hands over his head]

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Second spotlight exposes Marny sitting stage left opposite at table.

Sound of people chatting in background permiates the scene.

Marny : "Hello Jon"

Jon pauses a moment, then sighs slightly.

Jon : "I'm a robot!" [Jon again raises his hands above his head, in a V position]

Marny : "Yes, I think you might be."

Jon lowers his arms to the table top.

Jon : [looks at watch nervous and mumbles] "Looks like we have 4 and half minutes left..."

Marny : "Sorry?"

Jon : "Uh, I said what a nice cleft."

Marny : "Nice what?"

Jon : "In...on your chin. Nice cleft" [Jon smiles slightly]

Marny places her hand over her chin and giggles slightly.

Jon : "How many have you had so far?"

Marny : "This is my seventh tonight."

Jon : "Ahh."

Marny : "And you're the first to compliment my CHIN."

Jon : [cowels slightly, then smiles] "It's a very nice cleft."

Marny : [removes her hand and smiles wide] "Thank you!"

Jon energeticaly smjiles back at Marny wide eyed.

Marny : "What do you do?"

Jon : "Funtion."

Marny cocks her head to the right slightly.

Jon : [laughs] Sorry, bad joke. I'm at student at Wilkkan's.

Marny : "Cool. What are you studying?"

Jon : "Nerdulous..." [sighs] "I'll stop. I'm a Math major."

Marny : [shakes her head mockingly but keeps on smiling] "You're the first nerdtician I've met tonight."

Jon : "Excellent!"

Marny tentatively raises her left arm to the table, barely to be noticed

Marny : "I've been at Wilkan's for 3 years, suprised we haven't met."

Jon : "Why so?"

In the background a slight bell fires off signaling the last minute of the date.

Jon : "Well, nearly over then."

Marny : "Oh."

Jon : "Can I see you again?"

Marny looks over her shoulder at the gathering at the bar.

Marny : [still looking over her shoulder] "I'm sorry hon, I'm nearly late for another romantic discussion."

Jon stares, then laughs causing Marny to join in.

Later that evening, Jon and Marny are chatting at stage right, holding tumblers.

Jon : "See, that's why I've always said Matt Murphy could beat Doc Ock."

Marny : "He's got all those arms!" [waves her hands around like tentacles]

Jon laughs and nearly spills his drink.

People are socializing around them but the two are caught up and don't notice.

Jon : [looks at his watch] Oh damn, I should get going.

Marny : "Ok, my mom'll get worried anyway."

Jon : "Marny, can I see you again?"

Marny : "Yes...Jon?"

Jon smiles and continues to look at Marny straight in the face.

Marny : "I'm a robot too."

Fade to black.

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Actors get into "hospital" gear and lights come back up.

Jon, sitting on the couch again, staring at the audience, begins to laugh softly. TV flashes pictures of Roses in a vase, dogs eating noodles, the color red then purple, then red again.

Focus shifts to Dr. Jonsey who is on the phone standing between Jon and Danny.

Dr. J : "Yeah, it came off in one piece."

Dr. J nods while she listens to the phone receiver.

Dr. J : "Let her know it'll be ready this afternoon."

Dr. J hangs up the phone and stares intently at Danny's monitor.

Turning to Danny, Dr. J responds to Danny's query on the monitor.

Dr. J : "It's usable, good boy!"

Dr. J resumes reading the monitor and laughs.

Dr. J : "I don't think she'd appreciate that suggestion..." <speaking louder so Jon can hear her> "maybe she'd like a bigger set then."

Dr. J laughs as Danny's body convulses.

Jon looks over to Dr. J and sticks out his tongue.

Dr. J walks over to Jon, standing stage left of him.

Dr. J : "I'm just teasing."

Jon : "Whatever." <turns away>

Dr. J shakes her head.

Dr. J. : "Are you still seeing them?"

Jon : "No."

Dr. J : "No green spots? No yellow lines? No blue triangles?"

Jon replies back to Dr. J without looking at her.

Jon : "The blue triangles come back...sometimes. None of the others."

Dr. J : "Where do you see them?"

Jon : "On my nose...right on the tip."

Dr. J touches the tip of Jon's nose with her index finger than WHOOPS loudly.

Jon faces Dr. J and they share a laugh. Dr. J then grabs her notepad from her right pocket and scribbles a note.

Jon : "What? Is that important?"

Dr. J : "Well, we may have to grow you a new nose. Danny? Can you grow Jon a new blue nose?"

Danny convulses as Dr. J giggles. Jon stares at the audience.

Fade to blue then black.

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Jon and Marny laying on their backs, arms touching in a park that's part of the campus. Dark green and purple flood in the sides of the stage.

Jon : "Look, I can see one right there." [Pointing up]

Marny : "Huh?" [Raises her arms out the places her hand over Jon's extended hand]

Jon : "Right there."

Marny : "Dude, that's Mars."

Jon : "I know, that's where."

Marny : "You want to live on Mars?" [giggles]

Jon : [laughing] "We'll need to create our own atmosphere but-"

Marny : "-we don't need to breath-"

Jon : "-we can get Jonsey to loan out some-"

Marny : "-extra body parts-"

Jon : "YES!" [reaches over and tickles Marny under her breasts laughing]

[Marny and Jon roll around laughing and tickling each other for a moment]

Marny : [still laughing] "Hey Jon?"

Jon : [continues tickling]

Marny : "Hey JON!"

[Jon continues despite Marny's obvious tone until an audible zap noise breaks their glee and Marny's hand starts smoking profusely]

Marny : "Hey!"

[Jon sits up with a start looking over Marny with concern as she cradles her smoking hand and shrugs at him.]

Marny : "It's just a finger."

Jon : "Shit! Jonsey is gonna be pissed!"

[Marny sits up with Jon laying her head on his shoulder still rubbing her smoking hand]

Jon : [Looks at his hands and laughing] "Do you want one of mine?"

[Marny snorts a laugh and leans over kissing Jon's cheek soothingly]

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<Conversation between Dr. Jonsey, Marny with Jon overlistening belongs here>