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PREVIEW: LEAVING THE HOUSE - BEFORE/AFTER BABY

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Cast of Characters

Derek
Tessa

Synopsis

"Leaving the House - Before/After Baby" on Scriptmore is a humorous two-minute script that comically demonstrates how profoundly babies change our lives. Join Derek and Tessa as they navigate the hilarious twists and turns of getting ready to go out before and then after becoming parents. This quick-witted script captures the essence of the transformation that occurs in the routine of leaving the house, offering a delightful before-and-after snapshot that resonates with anyone who has experienced the joys and challenges of parenthood. Before the baby, the process of getting ready may have been a breeze, filled with spontaneity and ease. "Leaving the House - Before/After Baby" by Katherine McMahon, however, brilliantly highlights the comedic realities that unfold as Derek and Tessa adapt to their new roles as parents. From the chaotic search for missing baby essentials to the tiring dance of multitasking, this script provides a lighthearted and still authentic glimpse into the changes that occur when a baby enters the picture. Perfect for parents, soon-to-be parents, or anyone who appreciates a good laugh, "Leaving the House - Before/After Baby" on Scriptmore will be a delightful addition to your script collection. Choose this script for a quick insert in a longer presentation or performance to generate some knowing laughs and give two adult performers the opportunity to bring the funny.

When

Present

Note

Make the dialogue a fairly rapid and natural back and forth.

Exaggerate the difference between the two scenes.

Props (1)

Casual clothes; phone, keys, and wallet in Derek’s pockets; for part two, a stroller and several bags each, exaggeratedly overstuffed. Could have Derek and Tessa remove a jacket, add a scarf, mess up their hair, etc. to show the difference in time between

Act 1

Scene 1

Words appear on the screen: “Leaving the House”, Derek and Tessa enter Stage Left and cross the stage as they talk.

Tessa

Got your keys?

Derek

Yep.

Tessa

Wallet?

Derek

Yep.

Tessa

Phone?

Derek

Yep.

Tessa

Then we’re good to go.

As their conversation finishes, Derek and Tessa exit Stage Right. Lights down.

Words appear on the screen: “Parents Leaving the House”.

Derek and Tessa enter from Stage Left again, this time both carrying several bags and Derek pushing a pram.

Tessa

Okay, so I’ve got eight diapers, wipes, diaper bags, a terry towel, two pacifiers, two teethers, two spare changes, two bibs, the change mat, the baby powder… (*Pauses to take a deep breath*) ....diaper rash ointment, some toys and some snacks.

Derek

And I’ve got the stroller, the carrier, a muslin wrap, stroller clips, a bottle of expressed milk in a cooler bag, some teething gel and some Advil.

Tessa

Derek, the baby can’t have Advil yet.

Derek

The Advil’s for me.

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Derek and Tessa cross the stage and exit Stage Right. Immediately, they turn around and re-enter.

Tessa

Forgot the baby.

Derek

Yep, that’s important.

Derek and Tessa cross once again and exit Stage Left.



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