

The Prodigal Sock

A Short Domestic Comedy

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Description

14-15 minutes

“There was a sock at the door.” Well, we’ve all got to start somewhere and a bad pun and a search that gets slightly out of hand along are always a good place to find a story. The characters are broad, but this silly satire will get funnier and more layered the straighter you play the parts. It’s serious business, trying to find a loved one, sock or not.

Cast

Announcer: All-American announcer

Joe King: Regular guy

Elaine: Regular wife who is probably a little bit smarter than the regular guy

Ms. Rumble: Officious

Snivel: Nastily officious

Agile: Have fun with this voice somewhere between Peter Lorre and Sidney Greenstreet

Sexy Woman: Anything from husky to kittenish will work

TV Voice: This can be a double up part and should sound different from the Announcer is both tone and rhythm

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3 **SFX** LOUD SPIN CYCLE WASHING MACHINE
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5 ANNOUNCER: Laundry Day, the 21st century.
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7 JOE KING: (COMING ON MIC) (HUMMING TO SELF) Hmm,
8 hmm, hmm...
9
10 **SFX** WASHING MACHINE STOPS - OPEN WASHING
11 MACHINE
12
13 JOE: (STOPS HUMMING) Huh! Huh? Hoo!!!! Oh,
14 no, Oh gosh. Where is it? It's got to be here.
15 Where could it be?
16
17 **SFX** FRANTIC SEARCHING SOUNDS
18
19 JOE: Oh, this is horrible. It can't be.
20 (SHOUTS OFF MIC) Elaine, Elaine, have you
21 seen my sock?
22
23 ELAINE: (OFF MIC) No, I haven't.
24
25 JOE: Well, you've got to help me.
26
27 ELAINE: (COMING ON MIC) All right, was it clean or
28 dirty?
29
30 JOE: Clean, of course. Nobody ever loses the dirty
31 ones.
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33 ELAINE: Very true. Have you looked in the dryer?
34
35 JOE: Yes.
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37 ELAINE: Stick your head all the way in?
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39 JOE: Of course.
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41 ELAINE: How about under the couch?

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2 JOE: Yes.
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4 ELAINE: The bed?
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6 JOE: Yes. (GETTING IMPATIENT)
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8 ELAINE: How about, have you looked on your foot?
9 (GIGGLES)
10
11 JOE: Ah, this is serious, Elaine. It's missing. Don't
12 you understand--my favorite sock is gone.
13
14 ELAINE: It'll turn up.
15
16 JOE: It will not. It's gone. It's out of here.
17 (UNDER BREATH) Oh, what did I do to deserve
18 this?
19
20 ELAINE: Well, it couldn't have disappeared into thin air.
21
22 JOE: It could to. Remember what happened to the
23 needle-nose pliers.
24
25 ELAINE: That's different. Hey, what are you doing?
26
27 **SFX** PICK UP PHONE DIAL
28
29 JOE: Calling the Kludspars.
30
31 ELAINE: You can't just call the Kludspars--
32
33 JOE: Hello, Sam? Yeah, fine...(FOR EFFECT
34 MUFFLED PHONE VOICE REACTS)...How are
35 the kids?...(JOE SCREAMS) What the heck
36 have you done with my sock?
37

1 ELAINE: Gimme that--they're our neighbors. Yes, hi
2 Sam...Oh yes, it's a shame...he's a little
3 worried. By the way, I've been working on the
4 crossword puzzle, you know the New York
5 Times and I'm stuck on this one--a five letter
6 word for lazy creature...sloth?...well that'll do
7 it. Why didn't I think of that? So, you're sure
8 you haven't seen Joe's sock?
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10 JOE: (IN BACKGROUND) Liar, liar, pants on fire.
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12 ELAINE: Joe, stop that or I'll hang up.
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14 JOE: I don't care. He's a thief. He's got my hedge
15 clippers and my sock. As a matter of fact,
16 he's got my hedge clippers, my sock, and he's
17 probably got my needle-nose pliers, too.
18

19 ELAINE: I'm hanging up...Bye, bye, Sam.
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21 **SFX** HANG UP PHONE
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24 JOE: Darnit Elaine. The neighbors were our best
25 suspects and you just let them off the hook.
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27 ELAINE: Yep, a real shame. Now, why don't you just
28 calm down and help me with my crossword
29 puzzle. It'll get your mind off your sock.
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31 JOE: I don't want to get my mind off my sock. I
32 want my sock back here, safe and sound. It
33 could be out there somewhere by itself in a
34 gutter or something. Discouraged, lost, and
35 alone.
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37 ELAINE: So, five down. What's the capital of Bolivia?
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39 JOE: Sofia.
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