

The Four-Leaf Clover

A Skit by Dwayne Yancey

Selected from his collection “Skit 24/7”

Cast: 1 m, 1 w

Length: 2 pages of dialogue (445 words)

Performance Time: About 2 minutes

The Story

A young couple is sitting on a blanket having a picnic. The woman spots a four-leaf clover. She's excited. He is not. Big mistake on his part!

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HER: Oh look — a four-leaf clover! (*SHE hands it to HIM.*)

HIM: Hmm. A mutant.

HER: What did you call it?

HIM: A mutant.

HER: But why?

HIM: Clovers are supposed to have three leaves. The ones with four are mutants.

HER: (*Bummed out.*) And here I thought it was lucky.

HIM: They're defective.

HER: (*In a huff.*) You are always so negative. You know that?

HIM: I'm not being negative. I'm just being factual.

HER: Well, I thought it was pretty and here you go talking about it being — defective!

HIM: (*Trying to smooth things over.*) Awwww. I think you're pretty.

HER: (*Not buying it.*) So now I'm defective, huh?

HIM: I didn't say that.

HER: You didn't have to!

HIM: Now look who's being negative.

HER: You know what the problem with you is? You have no sense of romance.

HIM: (*Baffled.*) What's so romantic about a mutant plant?

HER: There you go again.

HIM: There I go again what? What's the big deal about a four-leaf clover? It's just some genetic mutation.

HER: It's not that. It's —it's — it's —

HIM: It's what then?

HER: (*Starts thinking of a list of grievances.*) You never buy me flowers.

HIM: Do you know how many grains of pollen is in a single flower? Bad for allergies. Very bad.

HER: Ohhh! (*Pause.*) You don't buy me chocolate on Valentine's Day.

HIM: What's the big deal with cocoa and potassium carbonate?

HER: You don't take me for long walks in the moonlight.

HIM: Technically, it's sunlight reflecting off the moon. The moon emits no light of its own.

HER: (*Enraged.*) Oooh!

HIM: What?

HER: You are so — so — so literal about everything. I can't stand it.

HIM: What's wrong with being literal? It's a good way to avoid miscommunication.

HER: Oh really?

HIM: Really.

HER: So what's in a kiss for you?

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