Red Stuffing

A monologue by Dennis Bush
Selected from his collection,
"Life and Death, Laughter and Love"

Cast: 1 female

Length: 2 pages of dialogue (253 words)

Performance time: About 2 minutes

The Story

Wendy, a teenager, always wanted to be a surgeon. She used to operate on her little sister's teddy bears. After a while that lost its appeal. Now she's started cutting on other things, even herself. (drama)

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(Late teens. She is a cutter.)

The stuffing was red, so it looked like blood. I thought that was very appropriate. (Quick pause.) Wait a minute. I'm getting ahead of myself.

See, I always wanted to be a surgeon. I used to do operations on my sister's teddy bears. It was the first one that I cut into that had the red stuffing. Most of the other ones were brown or white or light blue. Frankly, all the other colors were a letdown — a disappointment — after the red stuffing.

Sometimes, I put things in their little stuffed bodies. I put a travel alarm clock into one teddy bear. My sister thought it was a bomb. She saw a movie where they dropped the bomb into the ocean to keep it from exploding and wiping out the city's population, so she drowned the ticking teddy bear in the bathtub to keep from blowing up the house.

Another time, I put a dead roach in her little stuffed dog. Except that the roach that I thought was dead wasn't really dead, and it came crawling out a hole in the dog's butt while my sister was having a tea party with the stuffed dog as the guest of honor. You can imagine how quickly the tea party came to an end when the roach crawled out the dog's butt and onto a plate of Chips Ahoy cookies.

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