

Sidewalk Sally

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Synopsis

Two women try to outwit each other at a neighborhood sidewalk sale.

Cast of Characters

Sally - any age, race, gender

Rose - any age, race, gender

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AT RISE: A long table piled with clothes. Several boxes and bins filled with junk, including a feathered boa, a foam finger, a fan, and a sombrero.

(Rose notices Sally. She waves. Sally sees Rose, picks up a fan and does a silly wave from behind the fan. Rose laughs at the antics, then finds a feathered boa, wraps it around her neck and waves. Sally picks up a sombrero, drops it on the floor, does a dance around the sombrero, ole! Then waves. Rose looks angry, she throws the feathered boa down, thinks a moment, then picks up a giant foam finger. She pretends it's a middle finger and pretends to give the middle finger to Sally with the foam finger. Sally stomps on the sombrero, then storms over to the table with clothes. Rose approaches the other end. The two women begin sifting through the clothes as they talk)

ROSE

Hi, Sally.

SALLY

Hi, Rose.

ROSE

I see you got over your cold.

SALLY

(clears her throat a few times loudly, coughs, clears it some more)

Not really. I have this tickle in the back of my throat that won't go away. What a bother.

ROSE

But you look fine. You sound better! Glad I didn't have what you have.

SALLY

You know what I have? I got bunions.

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Bunions! I had those last year, the worst. Absolutely terrible. Surgery, weeks with my feet up. I developed varicose veins!

SALLY

You planning to have them removed? Compression socks work best. My doctor told me I have to have a knee replacement.

ROSE

That's the worst. Both for me! Two bum knees, Rosie No Knees.

SALLY

And my hips.

ROSE

You want to borrow my walker? I had a hip replacement last January. You know what I have now? I got the GERD, Sally!

SALLY

I have a ringing in my ear! I can't hear a thing anyone says, I open my front a hundred times a day.

ROSE

I have a post nasal drip that could drown a horse.

SALLY

I have sciatic.

ROSE

I have astigmatism.

SALLY

Cataracts.

ROSE

Catheter.

SALLY

Hemorrhoids.

ROSE

(seemingly outdone) Well ain't that a pain in the ass.

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(The women return to looking through the clothing. They start to pick up a thing, hold it out or examine it, then toss it away from the other, muttering Garbage, or some comment about it. They move closer and closer towards each other as they work their way towards each other, until they both pick up the same item, not realizing it. They both examine it, decide its garbage and start to toss it, when they realize the other is holding it.)

SALLY

I had it first.

ROSE

I had it second and two is bigger than one.

(they start yanking at the item, back and forth, tugging. What should follow is a physical yanking and pulling, between legs, around their backs, etc. The clothing item should be something excessively long to give them the most amount of space and ability. They can wrap each other up, tug of war, have fun for a few minutes, until-)

ROSE

(pointing to somewhere distant)

Look, they're bringing out old VHS tapes!

(Sally looks and releases her grab on the item and Rose pulls it in with one hard yank and looks triumphant)

SALLY

Not fair!

ROSE

(picking a person in the audience as the seller)

Look at the quality of this, I mean, its crap. You want five dollars? I'll give you twenty five cents.

SALLY

No, no no, I'll give you 50 cents, its clearly garbage.

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ROSE

I could barely repurpose this into curtains for a closet. I'll give you a dollar, my final offer!

SALLY

Two dollars!

ROSE

It's the ugliest thing I've ever seen. Two fifty.

SALLY

I wouldn't use it for dish rags. Three dollars.

ROSE

Three fifty.

SALLY

Four!

ROSE

Five!

SALLY

Don't even listen to her, she probably didn't come with more than two bucks, Rose does this all the time. I saw it first, this beautiful piece quality material would find a wonderful home with me. I will gladly pay whatever you're asking.

ROSE

I happen to have ten bucks, thank you very much, and I will give each and every one of them to obtain this incredible piece of clothing. I can't possibly live another day without it!

SALLY

Well I can't live a day without it and I have ten dollars too!

ROSE

In pennies!

SALLY

Money is money, Rose.

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ROSE

We all know how Sidewalk Sally over here got her money. Trust me when I say, you do not want this beautiful quality item of clothing going to a woman like her.

SALLY

How dare you! I would take the utmost care with this item, unlike Secondhand Rose who would probably find something on Pinterest to repurpose it with.

ROSE

You have a problem with Pinterest now? I didn't see you complain about the wind chimes I made you for Christmas.

SALLY

Now I can't tell if its my doorbell, my ears, or the wind chimes on the back porch!

ROSE

(digging in her pockets) Ten dollars, two dimes, a handful of pennies and a lozenge!

SALLY

(digging in her coin purse) Ten dollars, a Canadian coin, an old gum wrapper and a Werther's original.

ROSE

Ooh, do you have two of those, they are my favorite?

SALLY

I'll trade you for the lozenge. Maybe it will help this tickle in my throat.

ROSE

Don't you try to butterscotch me up, Sally! This gorgeous item is mine!

SALLY

It's mine!

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ROSE

Mine!

SALLY

MINE!

(They appear on the brink of having another tug of war, when...)

VOICE OS

Look, there's another garage sale down the street!

(the women look in the direction of the voice, then back at each other, both holding the item, both eyeballing the other. Then they look down at the item, almost simultaneously agree its garbage and toss it away)

ROSE

C'mon, Sally, lets go find some bargains!

SALLY

Beat you there!

(they both start hobbling on bad knees and hips and bunsions, taking off down the sidewalk, but Rose runs back, picks up the item)

ROSE

Two bucks and a lozenge, that's my final offer!

SALLY (OS)

I heard that!

(Rose drops the item, waves and runs after Sally)

End of Play.

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