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ACT I SCENE 1

Set inside the kitchen of a low-rent apartment. An older WOMAN is at the stove. She has been cooking hot dogs in a pot of water, and is taking them out and putting them in hot dog buns on a plate beside the stove. WOMAN picks up the plate and takes it to the kitchen table, which has been set with plates and paper towels for napkins and has various other things on it, including the day's mail. An older MAN enters and sits down. He picks up a hot dog as she returns to the counter, grabbing a bottle of ketchup.

WOMAN: Ketchup?

MAN: Mustard!

WOMAN sets the bottle of ketchup on the table, and returns to get the mustard, which she places before him.

WOMAN: Mustard!

MAN picks up a hot dog and the squeeze bottle of mustard, puts mustard on his hot dog, and takes a bite.

MAN: (Pleased with his choice): Mustard!

MAN savors his hot dog as WOMAN sits down and puts ketchup on hers. He glares at her.

MAN: Ketchup?

WOMAN: Ketchup!

WOMAN takes a bite, then gets up and goes to the fridge. WOMAN opens it and turns to MAN.

WOMAN: Sprite?

MAN: Mountain Dew!

WOMAN comes back from the fridge with a bottle of Sprite and a bottle of Mountain Dew. WOMAN slams the bottle of Mountain Dew on the table in front of MAN, then sits down.

WOMAN (shaking her head): Mountain Dew!

MAN opens the bottle and takes a swig. WOMAN shakes her head in disgust and gets up and goes to the kitchen cabinet.

WOMAN: Glass?

MAN: Mug!

WOMAN grabs a glass and a mug, puts the mug down in front of MAN and sits down, pouring Sprite in her glass.

They eat in silence, until WOMAN sneezes.

MAN: Gesundheit.

WOMAN: God bless you!

MAN is annoyed but does the right thing, and offers her a tissue.

MAN: Kleenex?

WOMAN: Tissue!

WOMAN sneezes again. MAN gets up and goes to the open window and closes it.

MAN: Brrrr!