

YELLOW ROSES

a short comedy

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Jane Meyers (30)

Delivery Man (30's)

AT RISE,

JANE MEYERS (30) is on stage. She's been crying, hankie to her eyes.

DOORBELL

Jane puts her hankie in her pocket, glances in a mirror on the wall, touches her hair, goes to the door and opens it.

A DELIVERY MAN (30's) with a bouquet of red roses is at the door.

DELIVERY MAN

Miss Meyers?

JANE

Yes.

DELIVERY MAN

(hands woman the flowers)

These are for you. I'm sorry.

JANE

(accepts the roses)

Why are you sorry?

DELIVERY MAN

For your loss.

JANE

How do you know about my loss?

DELIVERY MAN

(nods to the flowers)

From him. He's sorry. Was there a death?

JANE

Yes.

DELIVERY MAN

Condolences.

JANE

It wasn't a person. It was a thing.

DELIVERY MAN

(doesn't get it)

A thing?

JANE

A relationship. How did you know...?

(shocked; realizes...)

Did you read the note?

DELIVERY MAN

Yes.

JANE

That's terrible!

DELIVERY MAN

No. I wrote it. I'm a one man shop. People... guys mostly tell me what they want to say and I write the note, then I deliver the flowers after I close up.

He nods toward the flowers.

DELIVERY MAN

He sounded sincere on the phone. I hope that came across in the note.

JANE

You should know if you wrote it.

(looks around)

JANE (cont.d)

I don't have any change.

DELIVERY MAN

That's okay. Do you plan to thank him?

JANE

I don't see that's any business of yours.

DELIVERY MAN

It is if he wants to send more flowers. I think you should thank him.

JANE

Thank you... for your unwanted advice.

Jane closes the door.

LIGHTS DIM

LIGHTS UP

DOORBELL

Jane goes to the door. She's wearing a sweater over her shirt and pants.

Delivery man is at the door again with yellow roses this time.

DELIVERY MAN

He's sincere. Yellow roses are a sign of sincerity.

JANE

You made that up.

DELIVERY MAN

Yes, I did. He said "no card" this time. I could have told you they were from me, but that wouldn't be honest.

JANE

Take them back. If he calls again, tell him "No".

DELIVERY MAN

"No?"

JANE

Not interested. And don't send any more flowers.

DELIVERY MAN

You're ruining my business, you know.