

Skit #12: Means of Grace

Dramatis Personae:

Josh

Jill

[Jill is on stage. Enter Josh.]

JOSH: Hi, Honey, I'm home!

JILL: [Not quite cheerful] Hi, Josh.

JOSH: So, what are your plans for tonight?

JILL: You forgot again, didn't you?

JOSH: Forgot what?

JILL: I can't believe you! You forgot my birthday again!

JOSH: No, I didn't! I've been thinking about it for weeks!

JILL: You expect me to believe that?

JOSH: Of course! [Reaching into coat pocket] Here's your gif...um, oops!

JILL: What's wrong?

JOSH: I left your gift at the office. I'll go get it. I'll be back in a few minutes! [Starts to leave.]

JILL: [Aside to audience] He's going shopping now.

JOSH: [Turns toward Jill.] No, I'm not! I've been hiding it in my office, and I was in such a hurry to get home to spend the evening with you, I just forgot!

JILL: Forgot to buy it!

JOSH: Look, Jill, if you don't believe me, [digs in other pocket & produces a receipt] here's the receipt with the date on it. I also have the credit card bill with the date of the purchase on the bill. Your gift has been paid for for a long time, and here's the proof! [Sets receipt on the table.]

JILL: [Looks at receipt] Wow, I guess you *did* buy it. [looks again] You paid a *lot* for it, too! Josh, I'm really sorry I doubted you.

JOSH: Don't worry about it. Tell you what—let's stop by the office on the way to the restaurant. I already have reservations at Chez Pere (pronounced "Shay pair").

JILL: I love you, Josh.

JOSH: I love you, too, honey. Happy Birthday.