

Hollywood Divorce

A 10-minute comedy

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

BILLY, male, any race, any age.

HOLLY, female, any race, any age.

JON, male, Holly's husband, roughly same age as HOLLY.

TIME AND PLACE

Holly and Jon's home and Billy's office.
Present day.

Scene opens to a black stage. A spotlight comes up, stage right, on BILLY, who is sitting at his desk, wearing a headset.

Then, a second spotlight comes up on HOLLY, who is sitting stage left, talking on her cell phone.

BILLY

1 800 DIVORCE. You marry them, we bury them. This is Billy. With whom am I speaking?

HOLLY

Oh hi, Billy. This is Holly.

BILLY

Married name?

HOLLY

Wood.

BILLY

No wonder you want out. You took your husband's name?

HOLLY

I was in love.

BILLY

If you say so Hollywood.

HOLLY

Can you hook me up?

BILLY

With who?

HOLLY

With a hot divorce attorney, who else?

BILLY

Oh honey, you want 1 800 lower-the-bar, that new service for desperate, horny lawyers, I'll give you their number. Actually, I just did.

HOLLY

No, you idiot. It's gotten so bad with my husband, that we can barely co-exist. I need an attorney as a buffer, to get between us.

BILLY

A ménage à trois? Honey, we don't really offer that either, at least not yet.

HOLLY

I don't want a three-way, I want a big, fat settlement.

BILLY

Well why didn't you say so? What's your status?

HOLLY

Separated.

BILLY

But you want out?

HOLLY

YES.

BILLY

And your spouse agrees?

HOLLY

Sort of. He wants to stay married but

BILLY

You told him it's over?

HOLLY

Yes.

BILLY

And you're rich?

HOLLY

Very.

BILLY

And he, what, slept with your sister?

HOLLY

How did you know?

BILLY

Honey, I been doing this a long time.

HOLLY

Then you can help me?

BILLY

Sure, but by law, I'm required to inform you that divorce is a long, expensive, even life-threatening process.

HOLLY

I wasn't born yesterday.

BILLY

I'm still obligated by the state of California to ask, have you attempted reconciliation?

HOLLY

He slept with my sister!

BILLY

So?

HOLLY

You don't think that's grounds?

BILLY

Not really. Was it more than once?

HOLLY

Twice, that I know of.

BILLY

Oh please, tell him to buy you a new Tesla and call it a day.

HOLLY

No. I'm too hurt.

BILLY

You've never stepped outside your marriage?

HOLLY

I don't see how that's any of your business.

BILLY

Honey, it's all my business. Have you?

HOLLY

It depends on how you define ... stepping outside the marriage.

BILLY

Have you engaged in extramarital sex?

HOLLY

What is sex after all?

BILLY

I get it, "I did not have sex with that woman, Monica Lewinsky." Is that where this is going?

HOLLY

Something like that.

BILLY

Did Hillary buy it?

HOLLY

What is your point?

BILLY

My point, if you've been the slightest unfaithful, this whole thing could blow up in your face.

HOLLY

But, my husband doesn't know about my ... indiscretion. Can't we just keep it that way?

BILLY

Who was it?

HOLLY

I'm not comfortable revealing that, it's ... sensitive.

BILLY

Hollywood?

HOLLY

Oh all right, my neighbor's ...

BILLY

A bit cliché, but is this neighbor married?

HOLLY

You didn't let me finish, it's my neighbor's son ... and ...

BILLY

And what?

HOLLY

And, maybe one of his friends.

BILLY

Just one?

HOLLY

Okay, two. All right, three.

BILLY

Hollywood?

HOLLY

Okay, five.

BILLY

College kids?

HOLLY

I believe they're *planning* on college.

BILLY

Good God.

HOLLY

They're seniors, very mature seniors.

BILLY

Is it still going on?

HOLLY

It .. might be.

BILLY

Honey, you need to shut that high school playground down, now.

HOLLY

But, it's all consensual.

BILLY

Consensual? Well, why didn't you say so? In that case

HOLLY

I'm okay?

BILLY

NO. What is wrong with you? Are they under 18?

HOLLY

17. One of them might be 16.

BILLY

You just got 25 years, if anyone files charges.

HOLLY

Oh, that won't happen, I know the parents and ...

BILLY

Okay, you need to stop talking.

HOLLY

But I can explain, it's a barter situation, where the parents provide /

BILLY

STOP. If your husband investigates you, and 9 out of 10 do, it won't be pretty. Don't you watch Dateline?

HOLLY

All right, I don't need a brick to fall on my head. So now what?

BILLY

Find a way to stay married.

HOLLY

There has to be another option.

BILLY

There is, but ...

HOLLY

Tell me.

BILLY

It's a unconventional. Some might say, a tad extreme.

HOLLY

I can do extreme.

BILLY

Well, you do like to live on the edge.

HOLLY

I do, I do!

BILLY

Aren't those the words that got you into trouble in the first place?

HOLLY

Sorry, what's my other option?

BILLY

I 800 KILL-THE-BITCH.

HOLLY

Excuse me?

BILLY

Former-KGB agents. Bada-boom, bada-bing. They never miss. Well, almost never.

HOLLY

Have you used them before?

BILLY

Once. Okay twice.

HOLLY

Billy?

BILLY

Okay, twenty-two.

HOLLY

What's their number?

BILLY

1 800 KILL-THE-BITCH? Pay attention.

HOLLY

Okay, I'm not saying I'll engage them, but ...

BILLY

Good luck Hollywood.

(BILLY and HOLLY hang up. Lights go
down on HOLLY, come up on JON.)

BILLY

1 800 DIVORCE. This is Billy. With whom am I speaking?

JON

This is Jon Wood. I want to know if I have grounds for
divorce.

BILLY

Are you married?

JON

Yes.

BILLY

Then you have grounds.

JON

Can you hook me up with a killer divorce attorney?

BILLY

It depends, did your wife seduce your neighbor's son?

JON

Wow, you're good.

BILLY

Oh honey, you have no idea.

END OF PLAY

