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*(LIGHTS UP on three stools.
BETTY ENTERS wearing an apron.
She crosses to one of the end
stools and sits. She speaks
directly to the audience.)*

BETTY

Hi... My name is Betty Corbin. I'm thirty eight years old.
I'm trying to lose eight pounds.

*(DAVE ENTERS. In his late
thirties, he wears a
conservative suit and tie. He
sits on the middle stool and
speaks to the audience)*

DAVE

I'm Dave Corbin. I'm thirty nine. Today my top spin forehand
was devastating. I won six three, six four.

*(SHELLY, young and sexy,
enters and takes the remaining
stool. She, also, speaks
directly the the audience)*

SHELLEY

My name is Michelle, but everyone call me Shelley. I'll be
twenty eight next month.

(proudly)

I still wear a size six.

BETTY

I have a lovely home. Five bedrooms, three and a half baths.

(proudly)

I decorated it myself.

DAVE

I have a suite of offices downtown.

SHELLEY

I own my own condo.

BETTY

I'm what you might call a housewife.

SHELLEY

I'm a lawyer.

SHELLEY

I have my own interior design business.

BETTY

I have two kids and a dog named Millie. Millie is a cocker spaniel.

SHELLEY

I've never been married.

DAVE

I drive an 89 BMW. Stick shift. It's my pride and joy.

BETTY

I've been married to the same man for fifteen years.

SHELLEY

I've been sleeping with the same man for eight months.

DAVE

I play tennis twice a week.

BETTY

My husband is a very good father.

SHELLEY

My lover and I see each other whenever we can.

BETTY

It's not the same as it was when Dave and I first got married. Y'know, before kids. Back then he'd call me up in the middle of day... right out of the blue... and tell me to wait for him in bed. God, I loved sex in the afternoon.

SHELLEY

I sometimes think the only attraction I hold for Dave is the proximity of my apartment to his office.

DAVE

Last week I took this really hot interior designer to Vegas for a so called lawyers convention. Just two of us alone for three whole days. It was fantastic.

SHELLEY

He did take me to Las Vegas last week. He said we'd have all kinds of time to be alone. We were alone alright. He didn't want any of his pals to see us together.

BETTY

Dave works very hard. And we try to get away when we can. He really wanted to take me to Las Vegas last week. He had this lawyers convention. He said we could turn the whole thing into a second honeymoon and the whole thing would be deductible. I was really looking forward to it. Then the kids got the flu and Dave had to go by himself.

DAVE

I was originally gonna take Betty. Make it a second honeymoon. But the kids got sick. I saw no reason why I should go alone.

SHELLEY

I hope it doesn't sound like I'm complaining. Dave and I have a very good relationship. We like each other. The sex is good and I'm not limited to just one man.

BETTY

Don't think I'm not grateful for my life. It's hectic and we don't get as much time away from the kids as we'd like... but it's a good life.

SHELLEY

I have my independence.

BETTY

I have security.

SHELLEY

I love my job.

BETTY

I have a wonderful home.

SHELLEY

I drive a red convertible.

BETTY

We paid off the station wagon last month.

SHELLEY

My apartment has a built in sauna.

BETTY

We have our own pool.

SHELLEY

Dave says I'm the fulfillment of every erotic fantasy he's ever had and he dresses me in garters, black seamed stockings and stiletto heels to prove it. I don't mind... Really.

BETTY

Dave never fails to compliment me on my cooking. He says eating my lasagna is the closest thing to sex he's ever encountered.

DAVE

What can I say. I've got it all. A successful law practice. A beautiful home. Two terrific kids. A wife who never complains... And a girlfriend with legs like a chorus girl. And... A classic 89 BMW.

SHELLEY

Who would have ever believed it? Here I am at age twenty eight with everything I ever wanted... And I don't know where the hell I'm going.

BETTY

I'm right where I belong... Why do I feel like I haven't been anywhere?

SHELLEY

The business, the bills, the clients, the suppliers, the phone... What does it all mean?

BETTY

The kids, the house, the car pool, the gardener, the PTA. My life isn't my own.

SHELLEY

I want a little security... Is that too much to ask?

BETTY

I want to be independent... Have a life of my own.

SHELLEY

I'm lonely.

BETTY

I'm bored.

SHELLEY

I want a home.

BETTY

I want adventure.

SHELLEY

I want children.

BETTY

I want freedom.

SHELLEY

I want to be loved.

BETTY

I want to thrill to the touch of new hands on my body.

SHELLEY

I want to wake up with the same man every morning.

BETTY

I want a red convertible.

DAVE

I want a serve like Roger Federer.

SHELLEY

(to Dave)

I want to get married.

BETTY

(to Dave)

I want a divorce.

(Betty and Shelley change stools. Betty hands her apron to Shelley who puts it on)

SHELLEY

My name is Shelley Corbin.

BETTY

I thought about going to my maiden name for a while. But Betty Selman doesn't exist anymore.

DAVE

Everyone seems to have adjusted to the new arrangement.

SHELLEY

I'm thirty years old now.

BETTY

I just experienced the big four oh.

SHELLEY

Dave and I live in small house on a cul de sac with his two kids.

BETTY

I'm single. I have a one bedroom apartment.

DAVE

I still practice law.

SHELLEY

I do some interior design work from time to time. Y'know, just to keep my hand in. I'd like to do it full time, but with the kids around and the house...

BETTY

I got a job. I'm a receptionist for a small insurance firm. I'm thinking about going back to college.

DAVE

I had to sell the BMW. Broke my heart.

BETTY

Did I mention, I bought a convertible. It's old and a little beat up. It's in the shop now. I'm having it painted red.

SHELLEY

I drive car pool three days a week.

BETTY

I have a lover. We've been sleeping together for eight months now. Nothing serious.

DAVE

I still play tennis twice a week.

SHELLEY

I'm trying to lose nine pounds.

BETTY

I miss my kids.

DAVE

We had to move out of our offices in downtown.

SHELLEY

I found these shoes Dave gave me back before we were married. The ones right out of an S and M manual? One of the heels was broken. I didn't get it fixed.

BETTY

My lover just called.

SHELLEY

Look at the time... I'd better get home... The kids must be getting hungry.

BETTY

He's on his way.

SHELLEY

Dave just phoned.

BETTY
He asked me to meet him in bed.

SHELLEY
He said he'd be a little late

BETTY
He doesn't have much time. He has to get home.

(She hurries off excitedly)

SHELLEY
He asked me to hold dinner for him.

*(She slowly gets off the stool
and exits.)*

DAVE
Did I mention I sold the BMW?
(gets off the stool,
starts to exit,
turns back)
I really miss that car.

(Dave exits.)

(LIGHTS DOWN)