

~~VAL~~

~~CAAAAAAWWW! KAKAAAWWW! KREEKAAAWWWKAA!~~

~~VAL bursts out of his hiding place, his performance taking him around the room in flight. ESTER follows. Exhausted VAL "lands" near ESTER.~~

~~ESTER~~

~~(clapping)~~

~~Wonderful! Brav a! Capital! Very well played!~~

~~VAL~~

~~Thank you!~~

~~They embrace.~~

~~ESTER~~

~~Did you feel it? You were in the moment!~~

~~VAL~~

~~I felt something!~~

~~ESTER~~

~~My classes are paying off!~~

~~START~~
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~~They are caught by LAURA, who is staring at them.~~

~~LAURA~~

~~There it is. Is that your vest?~~

~~ESTER steps back, nervous. He pulls VAL in front of him.~~

~~LAURA~~

~~Well?~~

~~ESTER~~

~~Are you speaking to us, sir?~~

~~LAURA~~

~~What?~~

~~ESTER~~

~~Are you speaking to us?~~

LAURA
Who else would I be speaking to?

VAL

(clapping)
Oh, thank you, sir! An honor!

LAURA
What?

VAL
I'm sorry.

LAURA
Well?

VAL
What?

LAURA
Is it?

ESTER
Yes?

LAURA
Is it your vest?

~~ESTER~~
~~Who?~~

VAL
I'm not wearing a vest.

LAURA
I wasn't talking to you.

VAL
Thank you.

VAL escapes to hide.

Is that your vest or not?
LAURA

ESTER points across the room.

Look out!
ESTER

As LAURA turns away, ESTER tries to hide against the wall in plain sight. It does not work.

No, the one on your body that doesn't fit you?
LAURA

ESTER looks at his vest, embarrassed.

Why do you ask?
ESTER

Estragon is missing his vest. He's been doing the whole first act in a vest twice his size. There might have been a mix up. Is that one yours?
LAURA

Of course it is mine. Why it fits perfectly.
ESTER

~~Well, no, it doesn't~~
~~VAL~~

~~ESTER~~

~~(to VAL)~~
~~Quiet, you idiot! First they take your costume, then they take your part!~~

~~They do?~~
~~VAL~~

Are you sure it's yours?
LAURA

Quite. Are you... you know?
ESTER

Am I who?
LAURA

The Director. VAL

Oh, God, no. LAURA

ESTER
 (to VAL)
 I told you it wasn't him...

I look nothing like her. LAURA

~~Her?~~ ~~VAL~~

LAURA turns and begins cleaning up clutter, putting away props while searching for the vest.

ESTER
 (Laughing embarrassed)
 Of course *her*, you buffoon. Women make excellent directors. Everyone knows this. (To LAURA) My colleague, he is new to the biz.

What biz? LAURA

Why, the entertainment business, of course. ESTER

Is that what this is? LAURA

END

ESTER
 (embarrassed laughter)
~~Exactly.~~

~~Beat.~~

~~ESTER steps behind forcing VAL to be front and center.~~

~~Do you know who we are?~~ ~~VAL~~