

"Hallmark Makes Your Life Easier"

The ANNOUNCER has a warm, affable voice not unlike the voiceovers for Disney trailers -- and is always offstage, speaking over a mic.

The onstage characters never speak aloud. If the stage directions indicate that they speak, they just mouth something silently.

LIGHTS UP on BOY and GIRL #1, at opposite ends of the stage.

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Ah, romance. This time, you know  
it's going to last. This time,  
it's something special.

At the same time: the BOY looks at the GIRL bashfully. The GIRL tentatively waves back at him. Momentary eye contact, then both look away.

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And now, you're looking for that  
special way to tell her how much  
you love her....

GIRL #2 pokes her head in from the wings, next to GIRL #1.

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... and her sister.

LIGHTS DOWN.

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Because her sister... is hot.

LIGHTS UP on the BOY, sitting and looking mopey.

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But asking for a three-way is the  
easiest thing in the world for  
everybody else but you.

LIGHTS DOWN as the BOY sighs.

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Sure, you've tried asking your  
parents for advice.

LIGHTS UP on a freeze-frame of BOY & GIRL #1 as parents,  
smiling knowingly at each other, while GIRL #2 looks off in  
the distance, grumpy. At the same time:

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They say it was easy in their day.  
But that was the 1980s, when  
everybody was binging on snow-  
white Columbian blow.

LIGHTS DOWN.

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You have so many ways to  
communicate in this crazy, modern  
world, but does that make it any  
easier? When you talk, your  
throat goes dry.

LIGHTS UP on GIRL #1, looking at her cell phone.

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And somehow, text-messaging...  
just isn't classy enough.

At the same time: GIRL #1 rolls her eyes, snaps the phone  
shut, and puts it away.

LIGHTS DOWN.

LIGHTS UP on GIRL #1 and GIRL #2 pacing back and forth  
behind the BOY, who is bound up and laid out on the floor.  
BOY looks worried. At the same time:

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And the internet... just attracts  
weirdos.

LIGHTS DOWN.

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What \*can\* you do?

LIGHTS UP on BOY, walking to his mailbox. The BOY opens the mailbox, retrieves an envelope, opens it, looks at the card inside. At first he responds cheerfully, then he opens the card and his jaw drops a bit. At the same time:

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If only there were somebody out there to help you get your message across.

The BOY looks around to see if anybody is watching, then puts the card away in his jacket and skulks off stage.

LIGHTS DOWN.

At the same time:

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Fortunately, the good people at Hallmark are ready to help.

We then see several small vignettes. It would be desirable (but not 100% necessary) to light just the part of the stage that has a vignette going on.

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Hallmark's new "Party of Three" greeting cards will make your request for you with wit, and class, and sometimes an amusing photograph of a kitten.

At the same time: the BOY field-strips a weapon, then notices a card next to it. As she reads the card, GIRL #2 passes by, smiles, and gives him a macho pat on the back. Brief, awkward eye contact, with a "call me" gesture.

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We have cards appropriate to any profession...

At the same time: GIRL #1 as a surgeon. GIRL #2 hands her an implement, then a card. GIRL #1 reads the card, laughs cheerfully.

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... or any denomination.

At the same time: The BOY as the Pope. He's adjusting his hat, swinging a censer, and mumbling something in Latin.

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So this time, try our new "Party of Three" greeting cards from Hallmark. It'll make your life... three times the fun!

At the same time: GIRL #1 and GIRL #2 cheerfully join the BOY (as Pope), who gathers up a girl in each arm. Pope thumbs up and smiles; everyone freezes.

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(rapid-fire)

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LIGHTS DOWN.