

- 1 really bad thing I've ever done. The worst that will
- 2 happen is I'll get grounded. But I will have been with
- 3 Dominic. Worth it?
- 4 HEATHER and ILENE: Worth it!
- 5 GINA: *(Taking a deep breath)* Then let's go!

Being a Woman

Cast: Mary, Janice

Setting: Mary's bedroom

Costumes/Props: Mary is in jeans and a shirt. She changes into a skirt during the scene. Janice is in a skirt and shirt and puts on earrings. Both girls can have makeup compacts, or this can be mimed. The mirror they look into is the "fourth wall."

- 1 MARY: *(Calling off)* Are you ready?
- 2 JANICE: *(From off)* Almost.
- 3 MARY: Hurry up.
- 4 JANICE: Don't tell me to hurry.
- 5 MARY: We're going to be late.
- 6 JANICE: You know hurrying me just makes me go slower.
- 7 *(She enters putting on earrings)*
- 8 MARY: You're wearing that?
- 9 JANICE: I have it on, don't I?
- 10 MARY: I thought we didn't have to get dressed up for this.
- 11 JANICE: This isn't dressed up. You want to see dressed up,
- 12 give me another half hour and I will totally dress up.
- 13 MARY: You are so much more dressed up than I am.
- 14 JANICE: I am always more dressed up than you.
- 15 MARY: I know. I hate that.
- 16 JANICE: If you put on a skirt with that top instead of the
- 17 jeans, then you would just have to change your shoes.
- 18 MARY: I don't want to wear a skirt.
- 19 JANICE: You'd feel more dressed.
- 20 MARY: Then I'd have to put on pantyhose.
- 21 JANICE: Naturally.
- 22 MARY: But it's too hot and humid for pantyhose.
- 23 JANICE: Well duh.
- 24 MARY: I hate this! Why do we have to worry about what we wear?

1 JANICE: We're women. It goes with the territory.
 2 MARY: Men don't have to. I guarantee you, most of the guys
 3 will be wearing shorts and Hawaiian shirts, lucky guys.
 4 JANICE: It's not easy being a woman. If it were, men would
 5 do it.
 6 MARY: Darn right.
 7 JANICE: So, are you going to change the jeans for the skirt?
 8 MARY: Yeah, I guess. Hang on while I change. *(She exits to*
 9 *change.)*
 10 JANICE: Excellent. That gives me time to re-do my eyes.
 11 MARY: Your eyes look fine.
 12 JANICE: Not for nighttime.
 13 MARY: *(From off)* What?
 14 JANICE: Eyes must be darker for nighttime. So must lips.
 15 MARY: Who says?
 16 JANICE: Society.
 17 MARY: *(Re-entering)* How's this look?
 18 JANICE: Better.
 19 MARY: Just better?
 20 JANICE: It looks fine.
 21 MARY: Maybe I should wear a dress.
 22 JANICE: The skirt is fine, goes nicely with the top. But you
 23 need more makeup.
 24 MARY: I'll only sweat it off.
 25 JANICE: Glisten.
 26 MARY: What?
 27 JANICE: Men sweat. Women glisten.
 28 MARY: Oh brother.
 29 JANICE: Why do you fight it?
 30 MARY: Why are there these double standards?
 31 JANICE: It's not double standards. It is a simple matter of a
 32 standard for a man and a standard for a woman. And
 33 women set themselves higher standards.
 34 MARY: And men are more comfortable. I want to wear
 35 shorts and a Hawaiian shirt and no makeup.

1 JANICE: Go ahead.
 2 MARY: And have everyone talking about me? Not a chance.
 3 JANICE: There you go. The standards. They're not set by
 4 men, they're set by women. The men won't care if you
 5 wear shorts and a shirt and no makeup. Most of them
 6 wouldn't notice.
 7 MARY: I know. Women don't dress up for men. We dress up
 8 to impress other women. It's all a contest. It's
 9 ridiculous. We are our own worst enemies.
 10 JANICE: Part of being a woman.
 11 MARY: Bad luck.
 12 JANICE: *(Finishing her lips with a flourish, looking at herself*
 13 *in the mirror)* But the results are gorgeous!
 14 MARY: *(Looking at JANICE's finished results, she sighs*
 15 *heavily and looks at herself in the mirror.)* I give up. This
 16 is as good as I get.
 17 JANICE: You look fine.
 18 MARY: Yeah. Great. Let's just go.
 19 JANICE: Oh, perk up. We'll have fun. We can make fun of
 20 the girls who aren't as dressed up as we are.
 21 MARY: Yeah, and they can make fun of us for being
 22 uncomfortable and sweaty.
 23 JANICE: Glisteny. *(She smiles and exits. MARY takes one last*
 24 *look and drags off after her mumbling.)*