

All the Wrong Places

Cast: Steve, Ol' Hal, Shay, Wendy

Scene: Steve is on stage middle

Props: Safety glasses and rubber gloves for Steve. Inflate a balloon with a few tablespoons of flour in it (pop it just below stage for the explosion)

(STEVE ENTERS)

Steve: A little more of this... an ounce of that... add some more of this... and now one more drop of... *****BOOM!!!***** (pop balloon) **Agghhhh!!!**

(HAL ENTERS IN A HURRY)

Hal: What on earth are you doing Steve!? You're going to blow up the whole building!!!

Steve: I'm trying to become a famous scientist! I figure if I can find the cure to some terrible disease then people will love me! I'll be so famous they'll build a statue of me and put me on TV! I'll be a star!!! They'll put my face on every billboard! I'll meet the president!

Hal: Well what disease are you trying to cure?

Steve: The very worst! **Cooties!**

Hal: Ummm, Ok Steve. You have fun with that... Just don't set the place on fire like you did last week!

Steve: **Hey! Who would think a Barbie Doll would burn so fast in the toaster!**

Hal: (EXITS WHILE SPEAKING) Oh, that Steve... He'll be the death of us all!

Steve: I heard that! Now where was I? Oh yeah... Famous scientist... Well, that didn't work out so well... What else can I do to be successful and happy?
(THINKS FOR A MOMENT) **I've got it!** (RUNS OFF IN A HURRY)

(RUSTLING, NOISE, ETC.)

(STEVE ENTERS WITH A HELMET ON HIS HEAD)

Steve: Oh this is going to be just great! I'll be the bravest puppet in the whole world! Everybody will say "Now that Steve, he's the coolest of us all!" Oh boy oh boy!

(SHAY ENTERS)

Shay: Hey Steve! Umm, what are you wearing?

Steve: It's a helmet dummy! I'm going to be the world's first bungee-jumping puppet!

Shay: Why?

Steve: Because the wind will rush through my hair and the adrenaline will rush through my veins! The excitement will overcome all my senses! I'll feel so alive! I'll be on the top of the world looking down on all those sissies who could only wish to be half as brave as me!!!

Shay: That's pretty cool Steve, but there's only one problem. Don't they have to tie the bungee cord around your feet?

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Steve: Yeah, so?

Shay: You're a puppet, Steve. You don't have any feet!

Steve: (PAUSES) Hmm... I knew I had forgotten something...

Shay: Well, I'm going to go now... Don't hurt yourself Steve! (SPEAKS WHILE EXITING) Oh that Steve... such a crazy puppet!

Steve: I heard that! Boy, what does it take to find some REAL happiness around here? Maybe I'm thinking too small... I need to expand my vision! (PACES ACROSS STAGE) Think big Steve, think BIG... EUREEKA!!! That's it! This will do it for sure! (RUNS OFF STAGE)

(STEVE ENTERS WITH SODA HAT)

Steve: SODA POP!!! I'll just drink lots and lots of pop! Then I'll have unlimited amounts of energy! I'll be able to stay awake all night and party like a rock star! People will think I'm the coolest puppet in the whole village! They'll say "Boy, that Steve sure knows how to party! He's like the energizer bunny only not as pink!"

(STARTS DRINKING LOTS OF POP)

Wendy enters: Hey there Steve! (STEVE KEEPS DRINKING) Ummm... Steve? STEVE!!!

Steve: **GULP!*** Huh? What? Oh, hey there Wendy!

Wendy: What on earth are you doing Steve?

Steve: I'm drinking *HICCUP!* pop so I can *HICCUP!* stay awake and party like a *HICCUP!* rock star!

Wendy: That sounds like a bad idea Steve. Why do you want to party like a rock star anyway?

Steve: Because rock stars *HICCUP!* are so cool! Everybody loves them! If I want to REALLY be happy then I have to learn how to be cool. *HICCUP*

Wendy: That's not how you find real happiness Steve! You find TRUE happiness by-

Steve: - I know, I know... being famous! But that didn't work out so well. It just made a big mess in the kitchen.

Wendy: No! That's not what I was going to say! I was going to say- wait... big mess in the kitchen? You mean like the time you tried toasting your sister's Barbie doll and called it a "Barbie-Q?"

Steve: Almost... So then I tried extreme sports. I figured, hey if I can be the world's first bungee-jumping puppet then all the excitement and adrenaline will make me happy...

Wendy: Bungee-jumping? But Steve, you're a puppet. You don't have any-

Steve: I KNOW, I KNOW!!!

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Wendy: Steve, you won't find happiness in any of those things! You know what you need?

Steve: Ummm... Deodorant?

Wendy: No... well maybe, but what I was going to say was-

Steve: Fame?

Wendy: Nope.

Steve: A new Argo?

Wendy: NOOO! You need something far more valuable than any of those things! 1 John 1:4 says "our FELLOWSHIP is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. These things we write, so that our JOY may be made COMPLETE." If you want COMPLETE JOY, the kind of joy that won't go away, then you need to spend some time with God. When you get to know God He will give you real happiness!

Steve: Spend time with God? But I can't even SEE God! How am I supposed to spend time with a guy I can't even see?

Wendy: You can listen to Him! The Bible is full of God's words. It tells us how much He loves us and how He wants us to be happy. 1 Peter 1:8 says "Although you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory." You can't see Him now, but He can see you, and He loves you! Now THAT should make you happy!

Steve: He can see me?!? (WHISPERS) Can He see me right now?

Wendy: Sure!

Steve: Do you think He thinks I'm silly for trying to go bungee-jumping??

Wendy: Probably! But He made you silly! God loves you just the way He made you!

Steve: Wow! That DOES make me happy! (BOTH START TO EXIT) Say, you want some pop?

Wendy: Sure!

Steve: Good, I bought 600 cans!

Wendy: Steve!

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