

SCENE THREE

ONSTAGE.

(HARVEY is mid-routine)

HARVEY

What? I just call 'em like I see 'em, folks! But what do I know? I been a bachelor all my life. It's like I always say: A man's not complete until he's married. And then he's FINISHED.

(Rimshot)

HARVEY (CONT'D)

I'm kiddin', I'm kiddin'. You know, scientists tell us that married people live longer than single people. But it ain't true — it only SEEMS longer.

(Rimshot)

HARVEY (CONT'D)

Which reminds me--you know why divorce is so expensive? Because it's WORTH it.

(Rimshot.

DEL ENTERS as MARGE and LOIS make their way back to their seats in the audience to catch the rest of the show, ad libbing "excuse me," "pardon us," etc.)

DEL

Thank you, Harvey. Now...where is Mister Morty Weinblatt? Are you out there, Mr. Weinblatt?

(The spotlight picks out some poor soul in our audience.
HARVEY takes on a serious tone)

HARVEY

Folks, every once in a while, Esther's Paradise has a guest who inspires all of us with his intelligence, charm and generosity of spirit.

(Beat)

And sometimes we get people like Morty here, who won our Simon Sez tournament three days running. Gabe, take the champ his trophy!

(GABE brings "Mr. Weinblatt" a trophy)

HARVEY (CONT'D)

Go on, Mr. Weinblatt — Simon Sez stand up and take a bow!

GABE

(Giving "Mr. Weinblatt" the trophy)
Congratulations, sir.

HARVEY

All right, Mr. Weinblatt, have a seat.

(Beat)

Oop — I didn't say "Simon Sez sit down"! Gabe, take that trophy back!

GABE

(Taking it from "Mr. Weinblatt")

Sorry, sir.

HARVEY

You know what that means, everybody! The Simon Sez title is still up for grabs. So be sure to be here tomorrow night for the tournament!

DEL

But right now, we're gonna bring another lucky guest to the stage. Gabe, will you do the honors?

GABE

Um, sure.

(The spotlight again sweeps the audience; again a drumroll plays)

DEL

Now you know how I like 'em, Gabe — find us a real beauty queen, OK?

(GABE chooses an elderly lady)

HARVEY

Let's bring this darling girl onstage, ladies and gents, whatta ya say?

(When they land on stage:)

HARVEY (CONT'D)

What's your name, honey?

(She tells him)

DEL

(Putting his arm around her)

Now, don't be nervous! I know it must be exciting, standing up here with Del Delmonaco. Imagine how exciting it is for me... standing up here BEING Del Delmonaco! Folks, it's a very special day for this little lady. Why don't we all take a little trip back in time to the 16th birthday of —

(They use her name.

Music for "Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen" begins)