

THE MATING HABITS OF HUMANS *by John Cospers*

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A wildlife narrator examines the mating habits of two domestic couples.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The more overt romantic bits can be changed or omitted if necessary, depending on your audience.

TIME: 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2M, 2F, 1M or F

THEME: Marriage

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: I Peter 3:1-9; Ephesians 5:25-33

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Service

CHARACTERS:

NARRATOR
MR. & MRS. WHITE
MR. & MRS. BLACK

PROPS: Two tables and four chairs; wadded-up bill, place settings and food can be mimed, if desired

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: Five wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Two suburban homes

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A table and two chairs are set at both stage left and stage right. The narrator is either off stage or center stage.

NARR: Today on Wild Safari we will look in on one of nature's cleverest, and deadliest creatures. A mammal populating every corner of the globe, ranking second highest on the entire world food chain, just beneath the Tasmanian devil. I'm talking of course about the human. Today we look at two pairs of mated humans of the Central-North American variety.

MRS. WHITE enters, stage right. She mimes as if she is in a kitchen, preparing dinner.

NARR: The Central-North American variety, of course, lives in the middle latitudes stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific. And here we see one of the humans, looks like a female. Yes, it is a female. Female humans typically stay close to the human den, caring for the young and preparing meals, though more and more we see the female of the species venturing out these days.

MR. WHITE enters.

NARR: And here comes the male. The male, of course less attractive than the female, goes out during the day to do the hunting and gathering. Let's see if he gives the traditional call.

MR. WHITE: Honey, I'm home!

NARR: Yes, that is the traditional call of the human male.

MRS. WHITE: Oh, sugar baby, you're home.

NARR: And that is the typical human response.

MR. WHITE: Mmm, something smells good.

NARR: The male has signaled that he is ready to eat.

MRS. WHITE: I hope you're hungry. It's taco night.

NARR: The female responds positively.

MR. WHITE: Sweet!