

## DOLL IN THE TRASH

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A cute doll named Betty is shocked when her little girl owner throws her away. She longs to be cleaned up and made new so another child can love her one day.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Play up the visual humor of the scene, of having these random items of trash talking. The bits with BETTY eating, drinking, and wiping her mouth are particularly strong for comedy. You might create other large "trash" props to hide from the audience just what pieces of trash will play roles in the scene at first.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 4

**TOPIC:** Christmas

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** 2 Corinthians 5:17

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Christmas

**SUGGESTED USE:** Seeker Service

**CHARACTERS:**

BETTY: a nice girl's doll that is old and worn

WARREN: a Chinese take-out box

DR. PEPPER: a drink can

MICKEY: a tissue

**PROPS:** None

**COSTUMES:** BETTY should be in a nice dress that looks old, dirty, and tattered. Maybe some smudge marks on her face and arms to show that she is getting old. WARREN'S costume can be made from a cardboard box with white poster board. DR. PEPPER'S costume can be made from poster board, cardboard, paper mache', or some combination. MARTY is simple: throw a white sheet (possibly stained) over the actor.

**SOUND:** Four wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A trash can

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*At rise, BETTY is laying down on stage. WARREN is the closest to her, not moving. DR. PEPPER stands with his label facing away from the audience. MICKEY lies on the stage upstage from the others. BETTY “wakes” and looks around.*

**BETTY:** Oh my goodness! What is this place? This is easily one of the worst places my Becky has ever put me. I mean the night I had to sleep in her brother’s Lego bin was bad, but this... *(Sniffs the air, then groans)* Oh, and what is that odor?

**WARREN:** Oh, so sorry, that would be me.

**BETTY:** Who are you?

**WARREN:** Oh, sorry. The name’s Warren.

**BETTY:** What kind of toy are you?

**WARREN:** Oh, I’m not a toy.

**BETTY:** You’re not?

**WARREN:** Nope. I’m a little cute take-out box from Hong Kong Charlie’s.

**BETTY:** Take-out box? As in...food?

**WARREN:** You catch on quick.

**BETTY:** So you’re the bad smell. You with your nasty, sticky, moldy rice inside.

**WARREN:** Actually, I think it was beef with broccoli. And it’s not nasty, sticky, and moldy. It’s just that the broccoli always starts to stink after a few hours.

**BETTY:** That’s disgusting.

**WARREN:** I think there are some good bits of beef left, too.

**BETTY:** Eww! What are you doing in this toy box?

**WARREN:** Toy box? *(Laughs)* Oh that’s great. Hey, Doc!

**DR. PEPPER:** Hmm?

**WARREN:** This doll over here thinks she’s in a toy box.

**DR. PEPPER:** Hahahaha! Oh that’s rich, doll, just rich.

**BETTY:** Well, if this isn’t the toy box, where am I?