

The Change

a short play by
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CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Mr. MacMurray: A woman, 30-45

Dr. Brock, 35-50

SCENE: A hospital room

Lights up on a room in a large city hospital. Seated in the bed is MR. MACMURRAY, a young-to-early-middle-aged woman, wearing a hospital gown and reading the Wall Street Journal. After a beat, DR. BROCK enters.

BROCK

Good morning, Mr. MacMurray. How are we today?

MACMURRAY

Oh, hi, Dr. Brock. I'm pretty much fine, I guess.

BROCK

Yes, the operation was a big success, if I do say so myself! I don't mind telling you that there was a little bit of touch and go there when the anesthesiologist had that little fit of hysterics, but nothing untoward happened. No harm, no foul, right?

MACMURRAY

I suppose not.

BROCK

No, of course not. Now, Nurse Blake has been to see me, and said that you had some complaint about the operation...?

MACMURRAY

No, not a complaint really, more of a question.

BROCK

A question.

MACMURRAY

Yes. See, I came here for an appendectomy...

BROCK

Yes, that's right.

MACMURRAY

And, you've given me a sex-change operation.

BROCK

Ah, say no more! I understand your concern! Well, you need have no fears. It was a combined operation. Yes, we made you a woman, but we did remove your appendix while we did so.

MACMURRAY

Well, I am relieved...

BROCK

Good.

MACMURRAY

But I must admit I'm not 100% pleased with the sex change.

BROCK

It's the breasts, isn't it? That's the most common complaint. People always want larger breasts. But wait 'til you've gone a few days with these new appendages weighing you down in front, and you'll be quite happy with the size you have, I assure you.

MACMURRAY

Well, frankly, Dr. Brock, it's not the size of the breasts, it's that I have them at all. I really did not plan to have a sex change operation when I checked in here.

BROCK

Oh, were you not aware of our special?

MACMURRAY

Special?

BROCK

Yes. For every major abdominal operation, you get a free sex change. It's listed in our hospital brochure; I'm very surprised you didn't see it.

MACMURRAY

No, I didn't see that.

BROCK

Yes, it's one of our many special deals. Did you know that for each hernia operation, you get a free lobotomy?

MACMURRAY

Really?

BROCK

Yes, it's a great deal, because it's transferable. You can have the hernia operation, and your wife can have the lobotomy!

MACMURRAY

Speaking of my wife...

BROCK

Yes?

MACMURRAY

Well, to be honest, I don't think she'll be too pleased by this operation.

BROCK

But why not? If that appendix were not removed, it could have caused a serious...

MACMURRAY

Actually, Dr. Brock, it is not the appendectomy of which I speak. I mean the sex change.

BROCK

What do you mean?

MACMURRAY

Well, doctor, one of the things you must know about my wife is that she is not a Lesbian. She is accustomed to our marital sex to being of the heterosexual ilk.

BROCK

Your point being?

MACMURRAY

Well, now that I am a woman, and am no longer in possession of a penis, sex between the two of us will be homosexual in nature, if you see what I mean.

BROCK

Ah, I do believe I see the crux towards which you are driving. Well, let me tell you this, Rebecca... Do you mind if I call you Rebecca?

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