



Los Variables

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Setting: A near empty stage with a large diagram of a tree center stage.

XX and XY Enter from Stage Right and Stage Left, respectively. They laugh together hysterically. They stop together. Look at each other and giggle.

As they talk they walk towards each other.

XX: Don't you think it is weird?

XY: What?

XX: This.

XY: What's this?

XX: That we are here and we haven't had sex yet?

XY: Oh, that. No. Well, sort of, not really, you?

XX: Yes, I... I mean no. Kind of, sex is good right?

XY: Yes, yes it is.

XX and XY: LOGIC: Sex = Good, You = Good, Sex + You = UNKNOWN?

XY: UNKNOWN?

XX: Yep I guess so.

XY: If all the variables are in place, how can the sum be unknown?

XX: It just is.

XY: Then I definitely think this is weird.

XX: Have you ever been here before, you know with someone else like this?

XY: Here? (Looks at audience) No, can't say that I have, no. You?

XX: Yes, all the time.

XY: Really? What happened then, in all those other times?

XX: (shrugs) Not much.

XY: Oh. (Embarrassed) So what are we going to do now?

XX: (Attacks) I'll probably watch you squirm for a while then go to sleep.

XY: Alone probably.

XX: Not necessarily.

XY: (Hopeful) Oh?

XX: So, I'm flirting with you now.

XY: Yes, I'm pretty sure I noticed.

XX: Are you going to make the first move?

XY: Not without you.

XX: How considerate.

XY: Thanks, I try to be considerate when I can.

XX: Doesn't get you very far does it?

XY: No, no it doesn't.

They meet center stage. XX points to the tree diagram.

XX: This is a tree. This is you on the tree, so very near the trunk. This is me on the limb, will you go out on the limb with me? Can you do it?

XX and XY pause and laugh hysterically. Lights Out. Time passes in the dark, they laugh hysterically again. CLOSE CURTAIN

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