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SKIT PARTS ~ 8 Ladies



3 DIFFERENT PERFUME SALE CLERKS:

- Boisterous, loud, pushy, abrasive, irritating (*nasty perfume*) - **Boisterous Betty**
- Mellow, non-existent, quiet, sits on fence (*makes no difference*) - **Mellow Mary**
- Very pleasant, sweet, inviting, encouraging (*simply fragrant*) - **Sweet Suzanne**



3 SHOPPERS - LADIES SHOPPING FOR PERFUME

They do not know the name of perfume they are looking for, only remember the sweet, simple fragrance of a lady that walked by - very noticeable, yet not overbearing - sweet - wants what she has.



2 FRIENDS WALKING AROUND STORE

Will notice the fragrance of each of the perfume shoppers as they walk by

1. Notices nasty-bold perfume - doesn't like it
2. There is no notice of second perfume - continues walking on
3. Pauses and wants to know what perfume is being worn to get some themselves

PROPS: *For clothing/props, you can be as ridiculous as possible to compliment skit*

1. Various perfume bottles of all sizes - (because there may be ladies sensitive to scents, you can pretend to spray with empty bottles)
2. Shopping bags to carry and big ole purses (for shoppers)
3. 3 tables to be used as sale counters - 1 for each sales clerk & 3 tablecloths (?)
4. Clothing for the 3 Sale Clerks need to dress according to their character - for example, Boisterous Betty would wear loud/bright/obnoxious
5. Clothing for the 3 Perfume Shoppers and 2 Regular Shoppers: however they want to wear for shopping - large hats, gloves, huge jewelry, funny glasses, etc...
6. Bible

SCENE 1 – “BOISTEROUS BETTY” SALES CLERK

BETTY:	May I help you today?
Shopper #1	Yes, I’m looking for a certain fragrance that I really want to buy.
BETTY	Do you remember the name?
Shopper #1	I’m afraid that I don’t have the slightest clue of what it’s called. In fact, the fragrance is so unique that I’m not sure I can ever describe it.
BETTY	I am not sure how I can to do my best with so little information to work with. How do you know what you’re looking for then? Where did you smell it? (<i>getting impatient and perturbed</i>)
Shopper#1	I actually smelled this fragrance on a lady who had walked by. I remember thinking that I would love to have that fragrance because it was like a subtle sweetness – not overbearing, if you know what I mean.
BETTY	I can’t really imagine selling a fragrance like that myself. Now I’m not bragging or anything, but I am a Level 3 Qualified Corporate Orange Ribbon 5 Star Fragrance Sniffer Expert. In fact, this sniffer (<i>point to nose</i>) is insured for \$19.99 and as an expert, I know what women want. They want that worldly fragrance – bold, nasty, seductive, and not something sweet! Try these! They are our most popular scents. We have “WORLDLY PLEASURES” , “BITE OF THE APPLE”“, and “IT’S ALL ABOUT ME” (<i>spray a lot of perfume from head to toe on the shopper</i>) What do you think?
Shopper #1	WHOA...NO!!! (<i>loud, upset and trying to wipe it off – stick tongue out and act as if you are trying to wipe off your tongue – making horrible faces</i>) That is WAY too bold – it stinks! – it’s nasty!
BETTY	You have to be joking, right? DON’T BE SUCH A MAMBY-PAMBY! Try something new – put yourself out there, girlfriend! Everyone likes these!
Shopper #1	I really don’t think that this fragrance is what I’m looking for. I don’t want to smell like everyone else. I don’t want to smell as if I have been pepper-sprayed!
BETTY	Well, suite yourself! You just need someone to decide for you, that’s all! (<i>sprays more perfume on her</i>)
Shopper #1	Ok...REALLY?!?!?...ARE YOU SERIOUS?!?!? (<i>rolls her eyes and walks quickly away from Boisterous Betty.</i>)
BETTY	Well, I just can’t believe how rude people are these days! Who in their right mind would not like such popular perfumes? LOSER! (<i>upset</i>)
2 Shopper Friends	(<i>as the lady walks by with the bold perfume sprayed on her, one begins to cough and wheeze - the other shopper’s eye are watering and has to hold her nose</i>)

SCENE 2 – “MELLOW MARY” SALES CLERK

MELLOW MARY

(just stands there, blends in with counter, quiet, non-responsive, staring straight ahead)

Shopper #2

Uhm...do you work here?

MARY

(act a little nervous and shake your head both yes and no which confuses shopper)

Shopper #2

Excuse me. Is that a yes or a no?

MARY

(mumbles and whispers where the shopper can't really hear)

Shopper #2

I'm sorry – My ears must be acting up again. Could you say that again?

MARY

(quietly and being nervous reply in monotone) Yes

Shopper #2

Ok...do you think you can help me?

MARY

Yes - Maybe...well, I can try

Shopper #2

I'm looking for a certain fragrance, but I'm not sure what it is called. The fragrance is sweet and very inviting, but yet not overpowering. Do you carry a perfume that may smell similar?

MARY

(mumbles and barely moves her lips)

Shopper #2

I'm sorry - what did you say? I can't understand you.

MARY

(a bit louder so the audience can hear her) You should really talk to this other sales person, Betty. She's a bit boisterous, but is a Level 3 Qualified Corporate Orange Ribbon 5 Star Fragrance Sniffer Expert. The truth is, my sniffer has not worked since I was 4 years old because of stuffing Preparation-H up my nose. I think it burned out my sensors. So...you are probably wondering why they put me in this department if I can't smell?

Shopper #2

Well, to be honest, it did cross my mind.

MELLOW MARY

Smelling isn't everything you know. I was sought after and placed in this department because of my high-energy sales technique and people skills.

“MELLOW MARY” SALES CLERK

Shopper #2

Uhm...I definitely can see how that could happen. *(tries not to laugh)*
Well, do you have any fragrances that would fit the description of what I'm looking for?

MARY

(still mumbling and unsure of herself) Let me see. *(she looks at a long list)* Well now, one of these might work. Let me see... we have “NON-CHALANT”, “INDIFFERENCE”, “WISHY-WASHY”, “SITTIN ON THE FENCE”, “BLASÉ” and “COMPLACENCY”. Oh yeah, our newest one is “MOTIONLESS”.

Shopper #2

Let me see....I think I'll try “MOTIONLESS”?

MARY

Sure. *(chooses a perfume to spray on the shopper – in fact, she barely sprays anything on shopper)*

Shopper #2

(smells each one....asking for more since she can't smell anything – no fragrance at all) Do you think you could use some of that high energy sales technique to spray more on me so that I can at least smell it?

MARY

(sprays again)

Shopper #2

(looks confused because she can't seem to smell anything) I hate to say this, but I can barely smell any fragrance. Although you sprayed a lot on me, it just doesn't seem to be making a difference. It's so BLAH I can't even tell that I'm wearing perfume – neither will anyone else. This definitely is not the fragrance I'm looking for. Thanks anyway.

MARY

Thank you for stopping by. *(still very timid and motionless)*

2 Shopper Friends

(as the lady walks by with the “blah” perfume sprayed on her, they both just walk on by not really noticing the lady's fragrance at all)

“SWEET SUZANNE” SALES CLERK

BACKGROUND

As Shopper #3 walk around the counters:

1. **Boisterous Betty** tries to lure the shopper to her counter and is carrying on in her loud, obnoxious way – irritating shopper terribly
2. **Mellow Mary** pretty much just stands there and mumbles in her tiny voice attempting to lure the shopper to her
3. **Sweet Suzanne** definitely sees all of the commotion going on and simply smiles and in an inviting, non-threatening voice asks the shopper if she can help her.

As the shopper begins to wander over to Suzanne’s counter, Boisterous Betty becomes louder in an attempt to get this shopper to her counter. When that doesn’t work, Betty begins to look disgusted and begins to trash talk the other two sales clerks.

Of course, Mellow Mary just stands there blending into the wall. Although she is watching Betty make a fool of herself, Mary just stands there indifferent and not wanting to make waves. Being bold and standing up for what is right isn’t in her character.

Although Betty is throwing a fit, Suzanne remains calm with her pleasant smile and inviting gestures

SWEET SUZANNE

Good morning, maam – May I help to you?

SHOPPER #3

Yes, thank you. I’m looking for a certain perfume but, unfortunately, do not know the name. I have smelled this fragrance on different ladies and would love to find it for myself.

SWEET SUZANNE

Can you describe this fragrance to me and we’ll try to find it for you.

SHOPPER #3

It’s hard to describe but the aroma is very subtle, yet noticeable. Sweet, yet not over-kill syrupy. Inviting, yet not overbearing. This fragrance lingers, but you welcome this lasting aroma on you. It’s refreshing, unlike anything I have come across. It’s so pleasant to the senses that you want to wear it all the time and the aroma is so unique that you want to share it with others.

SWEET SUZANNE

I think I may have exactly what you are looking for. (Suzanne begins to look through the perfume bottles searching for this unique fragrance and finally finds it) Here it is. Would you like to try it?

SHOPPER #3

I would love to!

“SWEET SUZANNE” SALES CLERK

SWEET SUZANNE

(Suzanne sprays the perfume on the shopper perfectly)

SHOPPER #3

(takes a moment to breathe in the fragrance and her expression shows that this is exactly what she has been looking for) **THIS IS IT!** (ecstatic) This is exactly what I have been looking for! What is it called?

SWEET SUZANNE

It's definitely an uncommon name for a perfume. Let me see... It called "2nd Corinthians 2:14b, 15" – that's a Bible scripture.

SHOPPER #3

Well, now I am curious as to what that scripture says. I'm sure there isn't a Bible around to look it up.

SWEET SUZANNE

Today's your lucky day because I have one in my purse. In fact, I always carry it with me. Let me get it. (finds the Bible in her purse and looks up the verses to read to the shopper) Ok...let me see – here it is.

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SHOPPER #3

I will take it! In fact, I will take several of them to give away as gifts. (she pays for it)

SWEET SUZANNE

It's been a pleasure serving you and if you need anything else, please be sure to come and find me, ok? (Betty is rolling her eyes in disgust, putting her hands on her hips and sneering. Mary isn't sure what to do and is a bit upset herself) Have a great day now.

SHOPPER #3

Thanks again for all of your help and for being so patient. I appreciated you not being pushy. (looking sarcastic to Betty - Of course, Betty takes insult to this as if she wasn't pushy) Mary just does what she always does....nothing) Well, I better get going. (walks away)

FINAL SCENE
2 Shopper Friends

(as the lady walks by the 2 shopper friends wearing the II Corinthians perfume, they notice her sweet fragrance which is very pleasant and unique)

Shopper Friend #1

Wait, stop a minute. Did you smell that lady's perfume that just walked by? I can't seem to place that fragrance, but it is so unique. I love it!

Shopper Friend #2

(sniffs the air and she smiles) Oh, that does smells good! I love the aroma! I wonder what the name of that perfume is and where we can get it. Let's catch up with that lady and ask. I'm sure she won't mind. In fact, it compliments her very well.

THE END

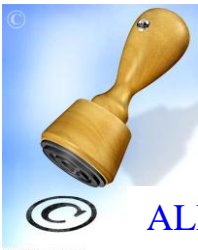
The scene ends with the 2 shopper friends chasing down Shopper #3. When they catch up with her, they begin to talk...she points to the direction of Suzanne.

NATIONAL TEAM CAST ~ Simply Fragrant

Character	Cast Team Member
Boisterous Betty	Fran
Shopper #1	Judith
Mello Mary	Susan
Shopper #2	Omee
Sweet Suzanne	Patty
Shopper #3	Dale
Shopper Friend #1	Nancy
Shopper Friend #2	Merilyn

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