

THE PIGGY PIT

A short dramedy by
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CAST OF CHARACTERS

JUNE, Piggy Pit waitress, longs for more.

CARRIE, Piggy Pit waitress, has found a way to be happy.

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(Lights up on the roof of the Piggy Pit. JUNE is holding a cigarette and staring at it. CARRIE enters.)

CARRIE: Those things will kill you.

JUNE: *(Tossing the cigarette aside:)* That's not what's gonna kill me.

CARRIE: Don't start. We've got to get ready to open.

JUNE: Another day at the Piggy Pit. My life is complete.

CARRIE: Luann's running late. I've got to get the ribs on for her. The customers will be here soon.

JUNE: You mean Duane will be here soon.

CARRIE: You know his day won't be complete until we bring him his Big Daddy barbecue with a side of slaw.

(June and Carrie imitate Duane.)

JUNE AND CARRIE: And hold my pickle, baby.

JUNE: Some people should never be let off the farm.

CARRIE: He's not that bad. He let me use his pickup today so I didn't have to walk.

JUNE: So that's why you smell like eau de manure.

CARRIE: At least he has a job.

JUNE: Like all the other guys in this town. From high school straight to the hog farm.

CARRIE: His daddy just promoted him to farm manager.

JUNE: Let's celebrate. Chitlins for everybody.

CARRIE: Why don't you like Duane?

JUNE: What does it matter? You like him enough for both of us.

CARRIE: Time to get off this roof and get back to work.

JUNE: I can't do it, Carrie.

CARRIE: Come on.

JUNE: If I have to spend one more weekend reeking of pork grease and mayonnaise I may jump off this roof.

CARRIE: I can see the headlines now. Piggy Pit waitress June Rafferty plummets to her death in tragic barbecue suicide.

JUNE: I can't joke about it anymore.

CARRIE: It's better than whining about it.

JUNE: At least I want to change things. You've given up.

CARRIE: No, I haven't. I choose to stay here.

JUNE: Why?

CARRIE: I need the money.

JUNE: What for?

CARRIE: I'm saving up for something. Come on.

JUNE: All right.

(Carrie crosses to the edge of the roof as June rises.)

CARRIE: June?

JUNE: I'm coming.

CARRIE: Smoke.

JUNE: What? Oh, crap.

CARRIE: The Pit's on fire.

JUNE: What are we going to do?

CARRIE: How did this happen?

JUNE: I don't know.

CARRIE: It had to be the stove. I told Luann if she didn't clean out some of that grease, it was gonna catch fire.

JUNE: Oh, no.

CARRIE: What?

JUNE: I think I left a cigarette burning in the kitchen.

CARRIE: Are you kidding?

JUNE: I'm not sure. I can't remember.

CARRIE: I knew those things were gonna kill you. I just didn't think you'd take me with you.

JUNE: What have I done?

CARRIE: It's okay. Nobody's here yet.

JUNE: Except for us. What are we gonna do?

CARRIE: We're gonna get off this roof.

(Carrie takes June's hand but stops abruptly.)

JUNE: What's wrong?

CARRIE: The fire's really catching hold. I don't think we can get down this way.

JUNE: I knew this place would kill me.

CARRIE: Over here.

(Carrie pulls June to the other side of the roof.)

JUNE: There's no fire escape on this side.

CARRIE: We'll think of something.

JUNE: We're trapped.

CARRIE: We're only trapped if we don't do anything.

JUNE: Carrie, what if we die up here?

CARRIE: Don't say that.

JUNE: But what if we do?

CARRIE: We're not gonna die.

JUNE: I can't take my last breath on top of the Piggy Pit. That would kill me.

(Carrie starts to laugh.)

Why are you laughing?

(Carrie laughs harder.)

What's so funny?

(Carrie laughs harder.)

What is wrong with you?

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