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ONE MAN'S SECRET DESIRE (from **ROMANTIC FOOLS**)

a short comedy by Rich Orloff

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There is a knock on the door.

MAN

Coming!

The man checks himself in the mirror, primps a little. He crosses to the door.

MAN (cont'd)

Who is it?

A WOMAN'S VOICE

Lip Service Escorts. We aim to please ya;
We take Master Card and Visa.

The man opens the door.

MAN

Come on in.

The woman enters. She's dressed simply but sexily, as behooves a call girl from one of the better services. She carries a small suitcase.

WOMAN

Hi, my name's Clarissa DuBois. And you're...

MAN

Oh, my name's Androoooyou can call me John.

WOMAN

I usually do. So what'd you have in mind?

MAN

(a bit shy)

Well...

WOMAN

We have the introductory BLT for two hundred.

MAN

BLT?

WOMAN

Biting, licking and tickling. We also have the McHorny for three hundred – that's where I pour sesame seeds on your buns. If you want me to do all the work, for 350, we have the meatloaf.

MAN

Actually –

WOMAN

For guys who'd rather give than receive, we have All You Can Eat for four hundred. And if you can't last that long, we have the Early Bird special for 175. And if you're a member of Sam's Club, I'll give you ten percent off.

MAN

What I really –

The woman hands him a list.

WOMAN

And finally, if you want to get really kinky, here are today's specials.

MAN

Look, I, I've done all these things.

WOMAN

Oh, you've been around.

MAN

The women I go out with, we've done everything on the menu.

WOMAN

Then why did you want to –

MAN

Because lately I've been craving the one thing I'm just too ashamed to ask for.

WOMAN

Ahhhhh. You mean –

MAN

Uh-huh.

WOMAN

You want –

MAN

Dull sex.

WOMAN

That'll cost you nine hundred bucks.

MAN

Nine hundred bucks?!

WOMAN

Supply and demand. You wouldn't believe how popular dull sex has become in our trade. It's the one desire most modern men are afraid to admit to modern women.

MAN

But nine hundred – I can't –
I just can't afford –

WOMAN

Supply and demand.

MAN

Oh, hell. I haven't had dull sex in so long.
You promise it'll be 100% dull?

WOMAN

For nine hundred, I just squiggle a little,
rub you a little, and let my mind wander.

MAN

What if I want you to just lie there
completely uninvolved?

WOMAN

That's a thousand.