MY FAVOURITE YEAR (SO) 1 - 1

SHE

So, this is your version of dinner and a movie, huh?

HE

Doesn't Sy's office take on a whole new feel at night?

SHE

Yeah, it gets worse!

HE

Okay. Here we go. These are all dim-sum, Chinese dumplings. These are pan-fried, those are steamed - they're good just with vinegar. This is Chili sauce.... stay away from this baby! A couple of drops of this and your tongue dials the fire department.

SHE

You really know this stuff.

HE

Katharine, Jews know two things - suffering and where to find good Chinese food. (Pause) What? What?

SHE

It's just..... it's really nice, you know? You're just sitting there, having your dinner, wearing men's clothing.... well, sort of. I mean, I really like this guy. I like this guy much better than the other guy.

HE

What other guy?

SHE

Oh, you know, the mosquito that bothers you in elevators. The person who runs down the hallway with scotch tape all over his body! The human fly!

HE

You'll never see him again. I promise. He thought he could win you by being funny.

MY FAVOURITE YEAR 1 - 2

SHE

Which reminds me, I've been thinking... Do you think there are "funny" people and "not funny" people?

HE

Yes. Definitely. On the "funny" side, there are the Marx Brothers, The Ritz Brothers, Laurel and Hardy, and Woody Woodpecker. On the "not funny" side is anyone who has ever played the accordian professionally.

SHE

And me! You know, everybody who works here is funny except me.

HE

No, you're funny.

SHE

Really? When?

(Pause)

HE

Well.... I'm sure you <u>could</u> be funny.

SHE

How?

HE

You can tell a joke. Anyone can tell a joke.

SHE

Not me.

HE

Yes, you can. I'll teach you. I'll tell you a joke and then you tell it back to me. Okay?

SHE

Okay. I'll try.

MY FAVOURITE YEAR 1 - 3

HE

First rule: Never tell a joke sitting down. You have to be on your feet. And use your hands, okay? Okay. "This guy walks into a psychiatrist's office with a duck on his head. The psychiatrist says 'Can I help you' And the duck says 'Yeah, get this guy off my ass!'" (Pause) Now you try.

SHE

Okay. Uh, Okay. Here goes.... "A man...

HE

Hold it! Say "This guy." It's better than man.

SHE

Oh, okay.

HE

And use your hands.

SHE

Oh. I forgot.

HE

Go ahead.

SHE

Uh, "this guy, uh, walks into a doctor's office...

HE

Psychiatrist.

SHE

Psychiatrist! Right, okay. Sorry. I got it, I got it. "This guy walks into a psychiatrist's office wearing a duck...

HE

Whoa! What? Wearing a duck? Wearing a duck, no. He has a duck on his head.

SHE

I told you I wasn't very good at this.

MY FAVOURITE YEAR 1 - 4

HE

No, it's my fault. It's good.

SHE

Yeah? Oh, okay. "This guy walks into a psychiatrist's office, with a duck on his head. And... the guy says to the psychiatrist, 'Will you help me please because I have a duck on my head.'"

(Long pause)

HE

Here's ten bucks.

SHE

What for?

HE

Accordian lessons.