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Cast:

Deputy Cletus: A power-hungry deputy who hates criminals more than anything. But way deep down, he cares.

Abby: A teenage girl who struggles to learn her lesson.

Mother: Abby's mother; is upset when her daughter decides to steal a hat.

Jennifer: The naughtiest girl around.

Erica: Is very odd.

Todd: Loves the ladies.

Psychologist Jane: Tries to use her degree to help the misguided girls.

Roxy: Doesn't follow the rules.

Gretchen: Is addicted to grass.

Katie: Is a Scientologist.

Judith: The oldest and wisest inmate at the Women's Prison of Washington County.

Setting:

The play starts off in your average every day thrift store, but the majority of the play takes place in The Women's Prison of Washington County and just outside it. The piece takes place over the course of two days. It is set in present day.

Author's Notes:

Feel free to censor any of the language you feel is too inappropriate for the performance.

Deputy Cletus should be played with buckteeth and a deep southern accent. However, if this is unachievable, you may play him however you see fit. Feel free to change his language a bit to help with this.

At the end of the play, Jennifer has learned nothing, Erica has only learned that prison is bad, and Abby learned that what she did is bad. Abby is the only one who feels sorry about what she did. All the characters should be portrayed as such.

Deputy Cletus may be weird and hate criminals, but at the end of the play he is genuinely happy that Abby learned her lesson.

Todd should almost magically appear out of nowhere. But his entrance should be spectacular.

Everyone seems to have a different reason as to why being a criminal is bad. Judith has the only good reason.

Have fun!

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(The play opens on Abby and her mom shopping in a thrift store.)

Abby: Mom?

Mother: Honey, when I'm thrift shopping you know I don't like being distracted...oh what do you need?

Abby: Remember I told you I was invited to a hat party. Well, there's a contest for the ugliest hat. So I was kind of wondering if...

Mother: Well what, Abby? Spit it out.

Abby: I was just wondering if you could give me four dollars so I could buy this hat.

Mother: Why would I give you four dollars to buy an ugly hat?

Abby: Mom, it's four dollars.

Mother: You can just go home and make your own ugly hat! Sheesh. Four dollars. You clearly don't understand thrift shopping.

Abby: This is so stupid. It's just a four-dollar hat. It's not like anyone will miss it or anything. In fact, I bet no one would notice if it just disappeared...

(Abby, with great stealth, starts to steal the hat. Before she is successful, Deputy Cletus makes his entrance and stops her.)

Deputy Cletus: Freeze! Put your hands up!

Abby: What! No! You're making a mistake!

Deputy Cletus: I saw you trying to steal that hat! Now, don't take another step! Who's daughter is this!?

Abby: Please don't tell my mom!

Mother: What are you doing to my daughter?!

Deputy Cletus: Ma'am, is this little girl here your daughter?

Mother: Of course she is! Why? What's wrong?

Abby: Nothing happened, Mom. You can go now.

Deputy Cletus: Now quiet! I caught your daughter trying to take this here hat.

Mother: Take? What do you mean take?

Deputy Cletus: She tried to steal it and walk right out the door like a criminal!

Mother: Abby! Is this true!

Abby: Yeah...but...it's only four dollars! It's not a big deal!

Deputy Cletus: Not a big deal?! (*Spits to the side in anger.*) Girl! You got yourself a lot to learn.

Mother: Why didn't you just ask me for the money, Abby?

Abby: I did! You told me no!

Mother: My daughter! A thief! A no good bandit!

Deputy Cletus: Actually, I believe the correct term is pirate.

Mother: No, pirates plunder on the open sea. My daughter was land locked.

Deputy Cletus: But if a pirate goes on land, does that make it a bandit? Or does it remain a pirate?

Mother: Regardless, what does this mean...um...officer—

Deputy Cletus: Deputy! Deputy Cletus. Head officer at The Women's Prison of Washington County.

Abby: Wait...you're not even a real police officer?

Deputy Cletus: We'll leave the specifics to Deputy Cletus.

Mother: Are you arresting my daughter, Deputy Cletus?

Deputy Cletus: Well! The way I see it, your daughter has two options. I can either throw her criminal ass in prison... Or! She can attend my "scared straight program" that I hold every Sunday morning.

Mother: Scared straight? That sounds spooky!

Abby: It sounds stupid. And the hat was only four dollars! And ugly!

Deputy Cletus: Did you know in some countries, if you shoplift they chop all your fingers off.

Abby: I don't think that's true.

Mother: Is that what you do at Scared Straight? Hack off appendages?

Deputy Cletus: No ma'am! Here at our Scared Straight Program, we have the most effective ways to scare the criminal right out of your daughter.

Mother: Well...if it's the only way...

Abby: I'm not going. It was only four dollars. Like. Sixteen quarters.

Deputy Cletus: Oh you'll go. Or else I'll show up at your house with a warrant for your arrest. Criminal.

(Transition: Abby and her mother are driving to the Women's Prison.)

Abby: *(To the audience)* I don't even get it. The hat cost four dollars. It's not like I hurt anyone. It's not like the store is gonna miss four dollars.

Mother: Now, make sure you do everything Deputy Cletus says! Okay, Abby?

Abby: *(To the audience)* I mean, I still don't even think what I did was that bad! Why do I have to go to this stupid scared straight program? I'm not a criminal.

Mother: You know what happens to criminals, right? You'll never find a husband! No one wants to marry a thief!

Abby: Mom, can we just not go to the scared straight program? I get a feeling Deputy Cletus isn't even a real police officer. I mean, I've been thinking about it. Why does a man run the women's prison?

Mother: Abby! You will go to the scared straight program! You will be scared straight! You will come home rehabilitated and be a new woman! One that's not a bandit!

Abby: *(To herself)* I still don't think it's a big deal...

Mother: Okay! We're here! Be good, Abby. Go make mommy proud!

Abby: Yeah yeah...

(Abby gets out of the car and walks towards a group of people. The scene is now just outside The Women's Prison of Washington Country. Deputy Cletus stands in the center of the group.)

Deputy Cletus: All right, criminals, you're here for one reason, and one reason only! So we can scare the criminal right outta ya. State your name followed by the crime you committed.

Jennifer: My name is Jennifer, but my friends call my Iffer. Since none of you are my friends that won't be a problem.

Deputy Cletus: And what crime did you commit, Jennifer?

Jennifer: My parents made me come here because they caught my boy friend and me doing it.

Abby: How old are you?

Jennifer: None of your beeswax. Besides, it's not like it's even a big deal or anything.

Deputy Cletus: Hopefully by the end of this tour you'll see things a little differently, Jennifer. Next criminal!

Erica: I'm Erica. I'm here because my parents found out I duct taped my dog to a chair and made him watch seventy-nine hours of CSI Miami straight. But the truth is he wanted me to do it. He asked me to. So I don't see what the big deal is...

Deputy Cletus: You're despicable. What about you, criminal?

Abby: I didn't do anything.

Deputy Cletus: Abby! The first step to remahabilitation is admitting that you committed a crime. Now please, start out with your name and tell everybody that you stole a hat.

Abby: My name is Abby and I stole a four-dollar hat.

Jennifer: Four-dollars? Yesterday I stole a thirty-dollar hat. I'm like ten times the woman you are.

Abby: I think you need to go back to school, Jennifer.

Erica: Wait... She actually committed a crime!? Why am I here? I didn't do anything!

Todd: Hi! My name is Todd. My only crime is having a gigantic heart.

Deputy Cletus: Todd! Get outta here! What did I tell you about loitering around my prison?!

Todd: First off, you're not the boss of me, Deputy Cletus. The only boss of Todd is Todd. Second off, where else am I supposed to find all the naughty girls?

Jennifer: Oh. Hey, cutie! I'm naughty. You like what you see?

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GENRE: Comedy

CAST: 9 Female, 2 Male

SUMMARY:

After being caught for shoplifting, Abby is forced by Deputy Cletus to attend a local scared straight program. Abby is convinced that trying to take a four-dollar hat isn't a big deal. A cast of cooky characters lead by Deputy Cletus all try to offer their own insight and persuade her otherwise. But it is not until the very end of the day that Abby truly learns her lesson.

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