

RAINBOW SPRINKLES

A Ten-Minute Play

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Cast of Characters

<u>Miranda Giles-Hampton</u>	37 year-old prim and proper businesswoman. (female)
<u>Rainbow Sprinkles</u>	68 year-old kind-hearted birthday party clown. (male or female)
<u>Voice on Machine</u>	Pre-recorded voice of young secretary. (male or female)

* If casting Rainbow Sprinkles as a female, change pronouns and titles in the script as needed.

Scene

An ornate, classy office of an executive lawyer in a well-known firm.

Time

The present.

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(MIRANDA GILES-HAMPTON, a businesswoman with sharp features, sits at her desk hurriedly eating a salad and leafing through a few pieces of paper.)

VOICE ON MACHINE

Mrs. Giles-Hampton, your noon appointment is here.

MIRANDA

(Pushing the intercom button on her phone.)

Thank-you, Jessy. Please send him in.

VOICE ON MACHINE

Yes, Mrs. Giles-Hampton.

(MIRANDA picks up the papers and puts them in a neat stack off to the side of her desk. She pushes her salad to the side as well. There is a knock at the door.)

MIRANDA

Come in.

(SPRINKLES, an elderly clown in full costume and make-up, enters. He has a long overcoat, a hat, and a scarf, which shield most of his strange attire.)

SPRINKLES

Good day!

MIRANDA

(She searches for the proper legal pad and initially does not look up.)

Hello, Mr. Noman. Thank-you again for coming out here on such short notice. As I mentioned on the phone, my-

(SPRINKLES has now removed his coat, hat, and scarf. MIRANDA looks up and for the first time

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gets a glimpse of him dressed
as a clown. She lets out a
shriek.)

MIRANDA

Oh, I beg your pardon. I didn't realize that you would come
dressed as a clown.

SPRINKLES

I am a clown, ma'am.

MIRANDA

Well, yes, of course, I knew that. I just assumed
that...well...Never mind. Um, please have a seat Mr. Noman.

SPRINKLES

Please call me Sprinkles.

(SPRINKLES tosses confetti into
the air with gusto.)

MIRANDA

Excuse me.

SPRINKLES

That's my name, Rainbow Sprinkles.

(SPRINKLES again tosses confetti
into the air.)

MIRANDA

Yes, of course.

SPRINKLES

Pleased to meet you, ma'am.

MIRANDA

Likewise. My name is Miranda Giles-Hampton.

SPRINKLES

Nice to meet you, Miranda.

MIRANDA

Please call me Mrs. Giles-Hampton.

SPRINKLES

Certainly.

(He notices a photograph of a
10-year-old boy on her desk. He

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picks it up.)

SPRINKLES

So this must be the lucky birthday boy.

MIRANDA

Yes, that's my son, Benjamin. He's my pride and joy.

SPRINKLES

Well, he looks just like a perfect angel. Just look at that grin! Is Benjamin your only child?

MIRANDA

Yes. He's my one and only little baby and now he's about to turn the big double digits. He's so excited. He can't stop talking about it. I want Benjamin's tenth birthday party to be the best he has ever had. That's where you come in, Mr. Noman.

SPRINKLES

Sprinkles.

(SPRINKLES tosses confetti into the air.)

MIRANDA

Yes, Mr. Sprinkles.

(SPRINKLES tosses confetti into the air.)

In the past, I have always organized his birthday parties completely on my own, but this year, being his tenth, I decided to do something extra special. I want to make it a day he will never forget.

SPRINKLES

And that's exactly what we'll do. I absolutely love spending time with children on their birthdays. They are always so truly blissfully happy. It's inspiring. That's why I love my job.

MIRANDA

Indeed. Now, let's just get down to business. I jotted down a few questions for you. Just standard information, really.

SPRINKLES

Of course.

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MIRANDA

Please explain to me what your general birthday party clown act consists of.

SPRINKLES

Well, as I greet the children, as they arrive, I tell them jokes and-

MIRANDA

What kind of jokes?

SPRINKLES

Oh you know, kid jokes, like-

MIRANDA

As I am sure you are aware, Mr. Noman, humor is a very sensitive topic nowadays. What may be funny to one individual, may be quite offensive to another. To joke is to poke fun at something or someone and well, Mr. Noman, we don't want to hurt anyone's feelings.

SPRINKLES

My jokes are just children's jokes, to make them laugh and smile. I assure you, ma'am, that my jokes will not offend anyone.

MIRANDA

Mr. Noman, you never can know for certain what will offend people these days and I for one am simply not willing to take that risk at my son's party. I think that it would just make my heart feel much more at ease, if we just cancelled the joke portion of the afternoon. I am sure you understand.

SPRINKLES

Ma'am, I don't see how-

MIRANDA

Well, I am glad that that is settled. Now, let's see. What else does your clown act consist of?

SPRINKLES

Well, typically after we eat the cake and open the presents, I paint faces.

MIRANDA

Hhhmm... I see. And what exactly do you paint on faces?

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SPRINKLES

Oh, whatever the kid wants.

MIRANDA

Whatever the kid wants! Mr. Noman, I think you give children a tad too much credit. What if the child wants a pentagram or a swastika on his or her face? Or what if he or she wants a cross and that offends the Jewish child at the party or the Jewish child wants a Star of David and that offends the Christian child?

SPRINKLES

Kids usually ask for balloons, smiley faces, flowers, hearts, things like that.

MIRANDA

Hearts! Do you think that little ten-year-old girls at my son's party need to have hearts on their faces, as if they are just begging for a romantic relationship at such a young and impressionable age?

SPRINKLES

I am sure that is not what they mean by-

MIRANDA

Not to mention, the chance of a child having an allergic reaction to the make-up you put on him or her.

SPRINKLES

I use high quality make-up and have never had a problem before-

MIRANDA

Furthermore, it's not quite sanitary, using the same make-up on each child.

SPRINKLES

I clean the brush between each use.

MIRANDA

With what?

SPRINKLES

Water.