

# The Plant

Comedy · Monologue · 2 min · Female role · Adult · Beginner

*(A houseplant, yellowed, on a ledge. She talks to it like a patient.)*

**MOI**

Right. Let's be honest, the two of us. You've been sulking for three weeks. I've tried everything.

**MOI**

I put you in the sun. You got too hot. I put you in the shade. You sulked. You're like my aunt: never the right temperature.

**MOI**

I looked online. "Your plant is thirsty." I watered you. "Your plant is drowning." There's no manual with you. Well, there is. There are thirteen, and they contradict each other.

*(She touches a leaf. The leaf falls off.)*

**MOI**

...Right. That's passive-aggressive. You did that on purpose, right in front of me.

**MOI**

Listen. I'm not asking you to bloom. I'm just asking you not to die before my mother comes to dinner. After that, do what you want. We'll both be free.

## What you can do with it

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