

# **POLLY**

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CHARACTERS (2W, 1M)

JOHN, a man in his 30s

MAUREEN, a woman in her 30s

POLLY, a woman in her 30s, who is also a parrot

LOCATION

A living room

TIME

Late afternoon

**POLLY**

A living room. JOHN, in his 30s, leads  
MAUREEN, in her 30s, into the room.

JOHN

. . . And I'm so excited for you to meet her, Maureen.

MAUREEN

You haven't said anything about her.

JOHN

We were keeping it sort of quiet.

MAUREEN

Why?

JOHN

You know, first real thing since my divorce.

MAUREEN

I think it's wonderful.

JOHN

How's Charlie and Charlie Jr.?

MAUREEN

They're great. I know we keep saying this but you have to come over and have dinner with us. So where is she?

JOHN

In the other room.

(calling)

Polly!

POLLY, a woman in her 30s, "flies" into the room, using her arms. She wears a fake beak on her nose as if she's a parrot. She flies over to John and perches near him.

JOHN

Maureen, this is Polly. Polly, this is Maureen.

Polly speaks in a parrot-like manner unless otherwise indicated.

POLLY

Hello!

MAUREEN

Hello.

POLLY

Hello!

MAUREEN

Uh, hi.

John scratches POLLY.

JOHN

Aren't you a pretty girl?

POLLY

Pretty girl, pretty girl.

JOHN

(to Maureen)

I know you're shocked.

MAUREEN

I am a bit confused, John.

JOHN

Polly is a parrot. I got her and have fallen absolutely in love with her.

MAUREEN

She's a parrot.

JOHN

Isn't she's gorgeous?