

Relapse

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Characters

Bottle: A dominant, manipulative personality who wants to have a recovering alcoholic's body back in its grasps.

Body: A more timid, vulnerable personality, in the first stages of rehabilitation. She is tempted yet again by her addiction.

Summary

A recovering alcoholic relapses, and her body tries to give one last fight against the temptation of her addiction. The bottle tries to manipulate her body into drinking again. In the end, she can't resist any longer, and gives in.

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Scene 1- Bottle and Body

An alcoholic relapses, and she brings the bottle to her lips. Her body tries to resist the temptation. Scene starts with BODY sitting in front of a table with a bottle prop on it. BOTTLE circles behind.

Spotlight centre stage, slow open.

BOTTLE You know this will make you feel better. Come on, just one sip.

BODY *(Stuttering.)* I don't want to. We said we wouldn't anymore.

BODY stands, tries to walk away.

BOTTLE grabs BODY's arm, pulls BODY around.

BOTTLE Don't want to? Of course you want to. We both know how weak you are. Don't start pretending to be strong now.

BODY I can't though! We're not supposed to.

BOTTLE Oh stop being such a little baby. You're so whiney sometimes. Maybe if you had some, you'd actually be fun for a change. Like you used to be...

BODY I'm not fun anymore?

BOTTLE Not even a little bit. I'm sure you could be though. Don't you want to be fun again?

BODY *(Softly.)* I won't last much longer if I start drinking again.

BOTTLE *(Sharply.)* Stop being so selfish. Don't you want to make me happy? Do you even care about me anymore?

BODY Of course I care about you! I'm sorry, I didn't mean to be selfish.

BOTTLE Well you were.

(Pause)

But you can make it up to me. Just one sip.

BODY You know it won't be just one sip.

BOTTLE walks up to BODY, touches shoulder gently.

BOTTLE Oh sweetheart.

BOTTLE pushes BODY into the chair roughly.

BOTTLE *(Leaning forward, speaking in BODY's ear.)* Of course I know that.

BOTTLE backs away slowly out of light, BODY picks up bottle prop and drinks.

Lights down.

