

the unfortunate patient
an original play by joshua rich

featuring:

the unfortunate patient
the high-strung doctor
the frustrated doctor
the know-it-all doctor
the rude nurse
the chatty nurse
the sweet friend
the impatient ambulance driver
the pushy reporter
the state-of-the-art vending machine
the twin weatherwomen
the cheerful patient

(Play opens as The Twin Weatherwomen run on stage, out of breath).

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #1
Good evening ladies and gentlemen...

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #2
We're here to bring you a very important story!

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #1
As you know, we are _____ -

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #2
- And _____ -

BOTH
The Twin Weatherwomen!!

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #1
We are happy to bring you the weather every day!

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #2 (to TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #1)
Well, we don't really bring them the weather, right?

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #1 (annoyed)
Well, no - I guess not, but -

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #2
And, we don't really look alike, either.

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #1 (trying to act like everything's ok)
Ha ha, well, folks, just ignore my twin sister. She's feeling a bit under the weather today. Ha ha ha!! (Starts laughing hysterically at her own joke til she realizes TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #2 is staring at her).

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #2

Anyway, folks, tonight we bring you a story of tragedy, of terror, of - what else is it of, _____?

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #1

Oh, for goodness sakes, Nora, you're not exactly building the suspense here!

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #2

Sorry.

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #1

Ladies and gentlemen, tonight, one of our innocent citizens...

THE UNFORTUNATE PATIENT (running in)

That's me!!

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #1

Hey - you're not supposed to be on stage yet!

THE UNFORTUNATE PATIENT

Oh. Sorry. (exits)

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #2

Anyway, one of our unfortunate and innocent citizens -

THE UNFORTUNATE PATIENT (running in again)

That's me!

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #1

WILL YOU PLEASE WAIT FOR YOUR CUE!!!!?

THE UNFORTUNATE PATIENT

Ok, ok. No need to shout. (exits)

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #2 (composing herself)

One of our citizens was -

THE SWEET FRIEND (entering)

Hi - is it my turn yet?

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #1

No!

THE SWEET FRIEND

Oh, sorry. Boy, I keep messing up my entrance.

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #2

Look, Erin, you're not on til page 11. Remember?

THE SWEET FRIEND (to herself as she leaves)

Ok, page 11, Page 11. Right. Got it.

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #1

So, as we were saying...

THE SWEET FRIEND (re-entering)

What did you say that page was again?

BOTH

ELEVEN!!!

THE SWEET FRIEND

Oh. Right. Thanks. (Exits).

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #2

One of our citizens was...

THE CHATTY NURSE (entering)

Is it my turn yet?

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #1

No!

THE CHATTY NURSE

Oh, well, just in case it is, I mean, I'm ready, and, well, so, I'll just be off-stage if you need me, and....

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #2

Thank you.

(THE CHATTY NURSE exits.)

TWIN WEATHERWOMAN #1

So, as we were saying...

THE CHATTY NURSE (re-entering)

I mean, if you need anything, or, if you want me to help out with anything - I'm here. You know? Because I really have a lot of time on my hands and...

BOTH

GET OFF-STAGE!

THE CHATTY NURSE

Fine. You don't have to shout.