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PRODUCTION NOTES

- **PLAYING TIME:** Individually, about 5 minutes each. Together, approximately 30 minutes
- SETTINGS: A desk or vanity with chair, school desks, sofa, table, bench
- **COSTUMES:** Bathrobe, winter outerwear, quirky outfit, rabbit ears, modern clothes
- **PROPS:** Telephone, portable radio, tape or CD, teacup, afghan, "bus stop" sign, umbrellas

1	The Mirror
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4	(AMANDA tentatively enters JULIE's bedroom. JULIE,
5	wearing a bathrobe, is sitting at a desk or vanity looking into a
6	suggested mirror placed Downstage.)
7	AMANDA: Hey there, kiddo.
8	JULIE: (Sighing in depression) Hey yourself.
9	AMANDA: You OK?
10	JULIE: Um-hmm.
11	AMANDA: I've been beeping the horn forever.
12	JULIE: Sorry.
13	AMANDA: Um so, your mom said I might as well come up
14	and get you myself.
15	JULIE: 'kay.
16	AMANDA: So what's up?
17	JULIE: Nothin'.
18	AMANDA: Julie?
19	JULIE: Hmmm?
20	AMANDA: Hello? Earth to Julie!
21	JULIE: What?
22	AMANDA: You're not even dressed yet!
23	JULIE: I'm not going.
24	AMANDA: You're what?
25	JULIE: You heard me, Amanda. I'm not going.
26	AMANDA: Julie, we're supposed to meet them in half an
27	hour!
28	JULIE: Sorry.
29	AMANDA: Sorry?
30	JULIE: Yeah sorry.
31	AMANDA: (Yanking JULIE to her feet) Well, "sorry" isn't good
32	enough! What am I supposed to do — tell Scott, "Oh,
33	sorry Scott, Julie decided a half hour before meeting
34	you that she wasn't coming"? What am I supposed to tell
35	James — tell him, "Oh, sorry James, I know you were

- trying to show your buddy a good time, but my best
 friend decided to shaft all three of us. But it's OK
 because she's "sorry"?
- 4 JULIE: I just can't go.
- 5 AMANDA: Why not?
- **6** JULIE: (Sitting back down at the mirror) Because look at me!
- 7 AMANDA: (Standing behind her looking in the mirror so that both
 8 girls are focusing front) Yeah? So?
- JULIE: I'm all bloated! My skin is a mess! I've been binging
 on junk food all summer! My tan is uneven! I'm having
 a really bad hair day! My clothes all make me look like
 I'm twelve years old —
- 13 AMANDA: Whoa there, horsey.
- 14 JULIE: ... And I look like a horse!
- 15 AMANDA: (Exasperated) And you discovered all this one half
 16 hour before we're supposed to be there?
- 17 JULIE: Well, look at me!
- 18 AMANDA: I am looking at you, Julie. You're a beautiful girl!
- 19 JULIE: I'm a mess! Scott's looking forward to having a fun
- time with gorgeous Amanda's equally fabulous best
 friend. Little does he know that he's being matched up
 with ... with Swamp Girl, the Troll from Mars.
- 23 AMANDA: (Understanding) Oh, that's it.
- 24 JULIE: What?
- 25 AMANDA: You're nervous about going on a blind date.
- 26 JULIE: How perceptive of you. Beautiful and insightful.
- AMANDA: Oh Julie, you're twice as good-looking as I am,
 and you know it. Your skin is way smoother; you have a
 much nicer shape than I do; I'd kill for your hair instead
 of mine and ... Omigosh I'm a pig! Move over and let
 me look! (AMANDA bumps JULIE out of the chair with her
 rear end and stares in the mirror.)
- 33 JULIE: Hey!
- AMANDA: Look how bloodshot my eyes are! Ahhh! Is that a
 pimple? Look at my nose it's taking over my face!

1 JULIE: Amanda?

2 AMANDA: What has James ever seen in me? I know, it's 3 because I'm convenient. Yeah, that's it. It's the summer 4 - everybody else is away on vacation. Why not go out with Amanda? OK, so she's not whatcha call a dream 5 date, but she's better than mowing lawns or playing 6 solitaire. Oh, it's all so clear now! 7 8 JULIE: Amanda! AMANDA: I've been such a fool! 9 10 JULIE: Amanda! Stop it! AMANDA: How can I look him in the face? 11 12 JULIE: What do you mean? AMANDA: How can I face him knowing what I know? OK, 13 14 that settles it. I'm not going either. We'll just have to call them. Can I borrow your phone? I just hope they 15 haven't left yet. Maybe if we -16 JULIE: Hold on there, Amanda. You can't do this! 17 18 AMANDA: Why not? 19 JULIE: Because you and James are an item! You two are 20 great together! You always have fun with him, don't 21 vou? AMANDA: Yeah, but --22 JULIE: No buts! I won't let you do this. I won't let you ruin 23 24 a good thing. 25 AMANDA: But Julie — JULIE: But Julie nothing. James is a really nice guy who 26 27 worships the ground you walk on. And you — I've never 28 seen you happier than you've been this past month. 29 AMANDA: Well ... I guess you may be right. JULIE: Of course I'm right! Now, I'm going in the bathroom 30 31 to finish getting ready. Don't move out of that chair. You 32 hear? AMANDA: But --33 34 JULIE: That's enough, Amanda! I know what's right! For

35 once you need to trust your best friend. Got me?

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