

# Five-Minute One-Acts

## Alone Time

Cast: Marie, Alice

Setting: Inside Alice's house

- 1 MARIE: Alice? Alice? Are you here? Alice!!  
2 ALICE: *(Entering)* What?!  
3 MARIE: I called, but you didn't pick up.  
4 ALICE: That's because I didn't want to talk.  
5 MARIE: Why? I need to go to the mall and get some shoes to go  
6 with that dress I got yesterday, the one with the stripes.  
7 Remember?  
8 ALICE: Yes. No.  
9 MARIE: Yes what? No what?  
10 ALICE: Yes, I remember. No, I don't want to go with you to get  
11 shoes to match your new striped dress. We went to the  
12 mall yesterday. Why didn't you just get the shoes then?  
13 MARIE: I wasn't in a shoe mood.  
14 ALICE: You're an idiot.  
15 MARIE: So, get dressed and let's go.  
16 ALICE: I don't feel like it. I'm tired of shopping.  
17 MARIE: Have you lost your mind? Tired of shopping? Come on,  
18 get dressed, put on some makeup and let's go. I'm driving.  
19 I will even buy lunch.  
20 ALICE: I don't feel like it. I just want to hang out at home.  
21 MARIE: I'm offering to drive and feed you, and you don't want  
22 to go? What are you going to do?  
23 ALICE: I just want some alone time.  
24 MARIE: Are you mad at me?  
25 ALICE: No, Marie, I am not mad at you. Don't you ever just  
26 want to be alone?

1 MARIE: I don't understand.

2 ALICE: You know, by yourself. Maybe read, take a long bath,  
3 turn off the phone, ignore the internet.

4 MARIE: Turn off the phone? What? What if you miss a call?

5 ALICE: If it is important enough, they will call back.

6 MARIE: What if it's a guy?

7 ALICE: What if it is?

8 MARIE: OK, now you are talking crazy.

9 ALICE: Marie, sweetheart, listen to me. Sometimes it is nice  
10 for me to just be quiet. To not have to talk, to be around  
11 people, to interact. Sometimes I just enjoy being by  
12 myself.

13 MARIE: You *are* mad at me.

14 ALICE: And sometimes things aren't about you.

15 MARIE: But if you don't want to be with me, to go shopping, to  
16 eat a free lunch with me, that means you are mad at me.  
17 Why?

18 ALICE: I'm not! I had an awful week, too much homework, too  
19 many people talking to me ...

20 MARIE: Aha! ...

21 ALICE: (*Cutting MARIE off before she can finish*) Not just you,  
22 just too much. I just want to take a long bath, read my  
23 book and take a nap.

24 MARIE: Beyond my understanding. How long will all this take  
25 you?

26 ALICE: I don't know.

27 MARIE: Will you be done with your alone time in, say, three  
28 hours? I mean, honestly, how much time can you stand to  
29 be by yourself?

30 ALICE: I don't know ... OK, three hours.

31 MARIE: Then I will pick you up at five o'clock. That gives you  
32 another hour to dress.

33 ALICE: But ...

34 MARIE: No buts. If I am going to give you this time alone, then  
35 you need to give me time together. And I want your shoe

1 opinion. (*ALICE starts to protest*) No! You are going. I'm not  
2 going to have my best friend turn into some sort of loner  
3 freak. Be ready at five o'clock. And you better be in a good  
4 mood. None of that mid-day nap groggy attitude.

5 ALICE: Gosh, you're pushy.

6 MARIE: And wear something other than those tacky jeans.  
7 We're going to the mall, not the park. (*As she leaves*) Love  
8 you!

9 ALICE: Yeah, yeah. (*To herself*) Maybe I'll just have a pint of  
10 Häagen-Dazs and watch TV.