

In the Eye of the Beholder

Cast: Janice, Bill, Rocky (a male dog),

Tiger (a female cat)

Setting: Janice's living room, there are at least
two chairs On-stage

Props: Rocky is wearing a bow

- 1 JANICE: Oh, Rocky, you are so handsome. Look at you.
- 2 What a handsome boy. Rocky, come in here. *(Calling*
- 3 *opposite)* Bill, come in here.
- 4 ROCKY: *(Entering, Rocky has a big bow around his neck. He*
- 5 *is very proud of how he looks.)* OK, here I am. I'll just sit
- 6 over here on the chair. *(He goes to chair.)*
- 7 JANICE: Rocky, please don't sit on the chair.
- 8 ROCKY: I just had a bath.
- 9 JANICE: Bill! Come here.
- 10 ROCKY: You want I should just stand?
- 11 JANICE: Come here, you handsome boy. *(She sits on the*
- 12 *floor and pats a spot next to her.)*
- 13 ROCKY: *(Goes happily and sits on floor next to JANICE.)* OK.
- 14 *(Puts his head in her lap.)* I love you.
- 15 JANICE: I love my handsome, handsome boy. You are the
- 16 best. You know that, right? Don't you? Who's the best?
- 17 Who?
- 18 ROCKY: I believe that would be me.
- 19 BILL: What do you want?
- 20 JANICE: Say hi to Rocky.
- 21 BILL: Hey boy! *(ROCKY looks up and smiles at BILL.)* Come
- 22 here, big guy.
- 23 ROCKY: OK. *(He gets up to go to BILL.)* What's up?
- 24 BILL: What's this?
- 25 JANICE: What?
- 26 BILL: What did you do to him?

- 1 JANICE: What do you mean?
- 2 BILL: Why would you do this? Rocky, take that bow off right
- 3 now.
- 4 JANICE: No! He looks great.
- 5 TIGER: *(Entering, to ROCKY)* Nice bow.
- 6 ROCKY: Jealous?
- 7 TIGER: Jealous? Of you? I don't think so. *(Sits on the chair.)*
- 8 JANICE: Bill, leave Rocky alone.
- 9 BILL: He's not going to wear this bow.
- 10 ROCKY: What's wrong with my bow?
- 11 TIGER: You look like a girl.
- 12 ROCKY: This from a girl with a guy's name ... Tiiiiger?
- 13 TIGER: *(Turns her nose up at ROCKY.)* Phffft.
- 14 JANICE: Come here Rocky.
- 15 ROCKY: OK.
- 16 BILL: Rocky, stay.
- 17 ROCKY: OK.
- 18 JANICE: Rocky, now!
- 19 ROCKY: OK.
- 20 BILL: Rocky! Sit!
- 21 ROCKY: OK. *(He sits.)*
- 22 TIGER: Strap on a backbone, buddy.
- 23 ROCKY: Shut up!
- 24 BILL: Now, take this thing off.
- 25 ROCKY: What? Wait a minute.
- 26 JANICE: You are so mean!
- 27 TIGER: You look like an idiot. Big guy like you walking
- 28 around with a giant yellow bow around your neck. I'd
- 29 like to see someone try that with me.
- 30 BILL: I'm not mean. You're making Rocky look foolish.
- 31 JANICE: He looks handsome. Don't you Rocky?
- 32 ROCKY: Yes, I do.
- 33 TIGER: You look ridiculous.
- 34 ROCKY: This is why you don't have any friends. You're
- 35 unpleasant.

1 TIGER: Really? The boy likes me. I've been sleeping with
2 him for years.
3 ROCKY: You sleep with him? In his bed?
4 TIGER: Indeed.
5 JANICE: Well, at least let me take a picture of him.
6 BILL: Why, so you can torture him later with it?
7 TIGER: Yeah, take a picture. Make me an eight by ten.
8 ROCKY: Shut up! I hate you.
9 TIGER: Don't care ...
10 ROCKY: I hate you!
11 TIGER: I think I'll just take a nap.
12 BILL: You're not going to make my dog look like a girl!
13 ROCKY: Girl?!
14 JANICE: He doesn't look like a girl. He looks adorable.
15 TIGER: Like a girl.
16 ROCKY: *(To BILL)* This bow makes me look like a girl? A
17 girl? Take it off, take it off, take it off.
18 BILL: Come here, boy. I won't let that mean girl take you to
19 that groomer ever again.
20 ROCKY: Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you.
21 JANICE: How do you expect him to be clean?
22 BILL: I'll just give him a bath myself. Outside, with the
23 hose.
24 ROCKY: Outside, with the hose?
25 TIGER: It's so much better to be a cat. We just clean
26 ourselves, get pet and fed and get to sit on any chair we
27 want.
28 JANICE: Tiger, come here.
29 TIGER: *(Looks up at JANICE, then puts head back down.)* I
30 don't think so.
31 JANICE: *(Going to TIGER)* Such a good kitty.
32 TIGER: You see what I did there? You see that?
33 ROCKY: Cats are just arrogant.
34 TIGER: And dogs walk around with big bows and have to
35 sleep outside. Who would you rather be?

1 BILL: Come on, buddy. Let's go outside and toss the ball.
2 ROCKY: I'd rather be me. I'm going out to play ball. You're
3 not even allowed to go outside.
4 JANICE: Let me get your brush, Tiger Lily, and we'll watch
5 TV and I'll brush you.
6 TIGER: Yeah, go outside and chase after a ball or lay in here
7 and get brushed. You make the call.
8 BILL: Dinner later?
9 JANICE: Sure. Let me know.
10 BILL: Come on, Rocky boy. Lets go.
11 ROCKY: *(Happily and excited)* OK, OK, OK, OK. *(Snarls as he*
12 *passes by TIGER.)* Stupid.
13 TIGER: *(Hissing)* Suck up.
14 BILL: Look at them.
15 JANICE: It's almost like they could talk.