

PEAS ARE NATURE'S BIGGEST PRACTICAL JOKE
A One Act Play

Summary: Carl is 34, single, lonely, and hopelessly recovering. He intimates that he's in attendance at Voracious Eaters Anonymous meetings. He starts out with hubris, explaining in patronizing detail how successful he's been abstaining from compulsive eating and maintaining his weight loss. As he continues to dominate each meeting, however, his facade crumbles, and we see that years of therapy and recovery have complicated his life in unnecessary and even tragic ways.

Characters:

CARL--34 years old

The play can be performed with either one actor playing all the CARLS, or with five (5) actors, at the director's discretion.

CARL gets steadily heavier from scene to scene, so the actor or actors will need to be padded as necessary.

The role can be played by a woman or women, again at the director's discretion. This will require some minor alterations throughout the script.

Set:

Just chairs in a semicircle for the actor(s) playing CARL. If the play is performed with multiple actors, they remain onstage when they are not the speaking CARL.

Running Time:

Approximate running time is 45 minutes.