

EXTRACT

5 rooms

a short play

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Cast

EXZILES

KALIAH

JANELLE

ZARA

LAURA

MATT

DIMI

CELIA

LOUISE

AARON

ANT

VICTORIA

Time

The present

Settings

Nightclub.

Park

Massage Clinic

Lounge Room

Office

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NIGHTCLUB 1

X AND KALIAH TANGO ON TO STAGE.

THE MUSIC HITS A BEAT AND THEY FREEZE AS X DIPS **KALIAH**

X: Dance here often?

THEY TANGO BACK ACROSS THE STAGE. AGAIN THEY DIP AND FREEZE.

KALIAH: First time.

THEY TANGO AGAIN.

X: My name is Exziles.

KALIAH: That's an unusual name.

X: I am originally for Haiti.

KALIAH: How do you spell it?

X: H-a-i-t-i.

KALIAH: I meant your name.

X: Sorry. As you say it. E-x-z-i-l-e-s. Egg-Zil-As.

THEY DIP AND FREEZE AGAIN.

KALIAH: I'm Kaliah.

X: That too is an unusual name.

KALIAH: My family background is Spanish – although I'm originally from the South Coast.

X: And how are you spelling it?

KALIAH: S-o-u-t-h C-o-a-s-t.

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PARK 1

JANELLE AND ZARA crouch over an injured dog.

ZARA: What's wrong with it?

JANELLE: I don't know. It doesn't look injured.

ZARA: It must be internal. Maybe it got run over.

JANELLE: By what? A pram.

ZARA: I don't know. A bike. Or maybe a mad jogger stepped on it.

JANELLE: Where's it's owner?

ZARA: Maybe they dumped it here. Cheaper than taking it to the vet.

JANELLE: Zara - don't say that. You'll hurt it's feelings.

ZARA: Janelle – it's a dog.

LAURA ENTERS.

LAURA: Oh no – Mr Ed. What's happened?

ZARA: Is this your dog?

LAURA: Yes. What's wrong? What have you done?

JANELLE: We didn't do anything. We just found him here.

LAURA: It's a she.

ZARA: And her name is Mr Ed?

LAURA: What's wrong with that?

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MESSAGE ROOM 1

MATT lies on the massage table. **DIMI** enters.

DIMI: My name is Dimi. I'll be your massage therapist.

MATT: I'm Matt.

DIMI: I know. (SHOWING MANILLA FOLDER) It's right here on your folder.

MATT: Where's ...?

DIMI: She's on leave.

MATT: But I like her.

DIMI: You'll like me too.

MATT: I don't know. I'm pretty sensitive and she used to do it just right.

DIMI: I'll do it just right too.

MATT: I'm not sure. I'm pretty fussy.

DIMI: Relax Matt. Dimi will take good care of you.

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LIVING ROOM 1

LOUISE about to bite in to a hamburger.

CELIA: Louise! Stop. What are you doing?

LOUISE: Celia ...

CELIA: Don't bite that.

LOUISE: I didn't know you were home.

CELIA: What are you doing?

LOUISE: It's late. Only thing I could buy.

CELIA: It's a hamburger.

LOUISE: It's all they had.

CELIA: When you moved in here I told you – this space is strictly vegan.

LOUISE: I know – and I am vegan. Usually.

CELIA: Louise – it's like being pregnant.

LOUISE: Right ...

CELIA: You can't be half vegan. You either are or you aren't.

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