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## Recapture the Magic

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### **CAST: 1 male, 1 female**

**Karen:** Just starting to get over an argument with her husband. Mid-50s.

**Doug:** Eager to rediscover the spark that brought them together. Mid-50s.

### **RUN TIME: 7 minutes**

### **PROPS – None required.**

### **STORY**

Doug takes Karen, his wife of nearly 30 years, on a surprise date to a bowling alley. The two have been arguing a lot lately, and Doug hopes the visit will recapture the magic of when they first met. Karen reminds him that everyone argues from time to time, but she still can't figure out why a trip to the bowling alley is so significant to Doug.

### **THEMES**

Marriage. Love. Commitment. Anniversary.



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(We're in a bowling alley. KAREN and DOUG enter. He is leading her along with his hands over her eyes.)

DOUG

Almost there.

KAREN

Doug, this really isn't necessary.

DOUG

Just a few more steps.

KAREN

Why do I have to close my eyes?

DOUG

So it will be a surprise.

KAREN

So what's a surprise?

DOUG

Where we're going, honey.

KAREN

You mean a bowling alley?

DOUG

How did you know?

KAREN

For starters, I can hear pins falling over.

DOUG

(removing his hands from her face)

In that case, ...

(KAREN opens her eyes.)

DOUG (cont'd)  
(half-heartedly)

... surprise.

KAREN  
I still don't understand why we're here.

DOUG  
You don't remember?

KAREN  
Remember what?

DOUG  
It was silly.

KAREN  
Why're we here?

DOUG  
To recapture the magic.

KAREN  
The magic? What're you talking about?

DOUG  
From when we were younger.

KAREN  
You think we've lost some magic?

DOUG  
Lately, it seems all we do is argue.

KAREN  
Oh, sweets, everybody argues. Everybody. Sometimes a lot, sometimes not so much. But everybody argues.

DOUG

Still, you gotta admit, we've had our share lately. It seems nonstop.

KAREN

It's not all the time.

DOUG

It isn't?

KAREN

No, it's only when you do stupid things.

DOUG

Well, it feels like all the time.

KAREN

Only because you've done a lot of stupid things lately.

DOUG

I wouldn't say a lot.

KAREN

Really? A couple weeks ago? When you got that nightie for my birthday?

DOUG

That was a great gift.

**END OF SAMPLE**

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