

Mrs. Henderson's Retirement Plan

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Cast: 1 female, 2 flexible

Length: 5 pages of dialogue (1064 words)

Performance time: About 6 minutes

The Story

Mrs. Henderson, an older lady, approaches a friendly bank teller to make a withdrawal – not just of her small savings account money but all of the bank's money. You see, Mrs. Henderson has an unusual plan for getting secure retirement benefits.

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(The setting: Inside a bank. A CUSTOMER is at the counter while a TELLER counts out the money. An old woman, MRS. HENDERSON, waits in line. She's clearly nervous. She's got her hand in her pocket, and is constantly looking around trying to see where the security cameras are. The catch: She wants to be seen.)

TELLER: *(Counting to herself.)* Twenty, forty, sixty, eighty, hundred. *(Now SHE counts out the money again for the CUSTOMER.)* All right, here you go, Mr. Morris. Twenty, forty, sixty, eighty, one hundred. Is there anything else I can do for you today?

CUSTOMER: No, I don't think so.

TELLER: Well, you have a good day, Mr. Morris. Thank you for doing business here at First National.

CUSTOMER: You, too. *(CUSTOMER puts the money away, exits.)*

TELLER: *(To MRS. HENDERSON.)* Good afternoon, Mrs. Henderson. How may I help you?

MRS. HENDERSON: Ah, so you recognize me then?

TELLER: *(Cheerfully, playfully.)* Well, of course I recognize you, Mrs. Henderson. We all know you. You're here the first Tuesday of every month to cash your check.

(MRS. HENDERSON hands the teller some ID, anyway.)

MRS. HENDERSON: Well, here's some ID, just in case. There's my driver's license, and there's my Social Security card — not that it's doing me much good, mind you. And here's my ID badge from down at the home. They like us to have this with us in case we ever get locked out after hours, you know.

TELLER: Oh, that's all right, Mrs. Henderson. I don't need all that.

MRS. HENDERSON: No? Well, why don't you take a good look at 'em, just in case.

TELLER: *(Confused.)* Uh, OK, if you say so. *(Perky again.)* Yep, that's you, all right.

MRS. HENDERSON: And, uh, can you tell me, where's your security camera?

TELLER: Our what? Well, it's right over there. Why do you ask?

MRS. HENDERSON: Ah, there it is. I just want to make sure it gets my good side, you know. *(SHE preens for the camera.)*

TELLER: Oh, don't be silly, Mrs. Henderson. You look fine. So, how can I help you today?

MRS. HENDERSON: Yes, well, I, uh, well, uh, I'd like to make a withdrawal.

TELLER: OK. Let me just get you a withdrawal slip. Here you go. And how much would you like to withdraw today?

MRS. HENDERSON: What? Oh, uh, well, all of it, I suppose. Yes, all of it.

TELLER: *(Disappointed a little.)* Oh, so you'd like to close the account then?

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