

They Never Tell the Whole Story

A monologue by Dennis Bush
Selected from his collection,
“Life and Death, Laughter and Love”

Cast: 1 female

Length: 2 pages of dialogue (379 words)

Performance time: About 3 minutes

The Story

Young Melanie is carefully showing a friend the newspaper article. It was Take Your Daughter to Work Day and Melanie’s father had taken her to his office. A man who had recently been fired—though not by her dad—returned waving a gun, pointing it at her. She recalls everything happened in slow motion as her dad jumped over his desk to shield her from the shot. The newspaper called him an innocent victim. She calls him a hero. (drama)

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