

**Zelda's Folly**  
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In the dark, a single small Light gets brighter . It zooms around the stage, making patterns, almost dancing. We hear a door rattle and the Light swells, as if it's excited. The door rattles again, the Light swoops to the door. We hear a click, as though the door has been unlocked. The Light quickly lands somewhere, and fades.

Lights up on an empty Magic Shop. The store is stocked with magic tricks and novelties, lots of color and exciting labels, but they are all faded and dusty. It's been a while since this place was open for business. We hear pounding off stage. Then the sound of glass breaking. MONA is heard off stage.

MONA (off stage)  
a loud whisper

Lisa? Lisa!

The front door opens and LISA enters.  
Easily. MONA enters from off stage.

Mona? Honey the door was -

LISA

What the -

MONA

Honey the front door was open.

LISA

I broke in the back!

MONA

That sounds fun too.

LISA

Smashy smashy.

MONA

Feel better? LISA

A little. MONA

Good. LISA

LISA and MONA take in the store

Wow. MONA

This is amazing. LISA

Look at all this crap. MONA

It's like a museum. Aw, remember museums? LISA

I hate museums. MONA

Of course you do. LISA

Stupid art. MONA

Mmm hmm. LISA

I also hate music and theater and - MONA

Let's look around, see if there's anything here. LISA

MONA and LISA start to poke around the store a bit. MONA goes behind the counter and opens the register. She starts to pull out fists full of cash.

Ooh I'm rich!

MONA

LISA is busy looking at a shelf.

Mmm hmm.

LISA

Lisa. Lisa look. Lisa look I'm rich. Lisa.

MONA

No, no yes, I see, you're rich. That's great.

LISA

I'm gonna take it.

MONA

For what?

LISA

So I can be rich!

MONA

If it's not toilet paper, hand sanitizer, food or alcohol, you aren't really rich.

LISA

MONA starts stuffing the money into a store bag she finds behind the counter. The bag has the name of the store printed on it. "Zelda's Folly". Unseen to either of them, the Light flares up for a moment and fades out.

I'll use it for toilet paper.

MONA

Gross Mona.

LISA

You'll be singing a different tune after you wipe with a twenty, I guarantee it.

MONA

I'm sure you're right.

LISA

MONA  
What did you find that's so great?

LISA  
Just tricks. Toys.

MONA  
snorts  
Magic tricks.

LISA  
What's that?

MONA  
What?

LISA  
That bag.

MONA  
Oh nuh-uh. That's my money. Don't even think about -

LISA  
I don't want the money, let me see that bag!

MONA  
No!

LISA  
Read the bag Mona!

MONA  
NO!

LISA  
WHY ARE YOU YELLING?

MONA  
Huh?

LISA  
Read. The. Bag.

MONA  
Oh. I didn't realize that's what you said.

LISA breathes very deeply.

LISA  
Honey? Can you show the bag to me please?

MONA suspiciously holds the bag far away  
from LISA.

LISA (con't)  
Does that say -

MONA  
Zelda's Fairy.

LISA  
Does it maybe say, "Zelda's FOLLY"?

The Light brightens and goes out again, they  
don't see it.

MONA  
Ok.

LISA  
Oh my -

MONA  
Jealous.

LISA  
What?

MONA  
You're jealous of my money bag.

LISA  
Mona, do you know where we are?

MONA  
Magic store.

LISA  
Think.

... MONA

Anything? LISA

... MONA

Zelda's Folly? Does that ring any - LISA

Oh no way! MONA

There it is. LISA

This is that place?? MONA

I think so. LISA

Zelda's Fairy is a real - MONA

Folly. LISA

Huh? MONA

Zelda's Folly. Not Fairy. LISA

What the fuck is a folly? MONA

It's not important. LISA

They look around in awe. The room just got very special.

MONA  
Do you think it's still...

LISA  
I'm sure it's not here anymore.

MONA  
Why hasn't this place been looted?

LISA  
Huh.

MONA  
Every store, every house. People have been everywhere, taken everything. Why not here?

LISA  
That's so strange.

MONA  
And the front door was just... open?

LISA  
At first, it - well - and then suddenly it - was.

The Light flares up and down again. They don't see.

MONA  
Weird.

LISA  
Very.

MONA  
I pictured it different.

LISA  
Me too.

MONA  
Like a, I don't know - like a - what's that thing? With the moat?

LISA  
Castle?



MONA  
Yeah! Like it came from a castle. Zelda's Fairy.

LISA  
Folly.

MONA  
Yeah.

LISA  
I pictured it like a laboratory.

MONA  
That's dumb.

LISA  
Thanks.

MONA  
Who would name a Laboratory?

LISA  
Anyway.

MONA  
Yeah.

LISA  
This make sense though. Hiding in plain sight and all.

MONA  
Magic in a Magic Store. Cute.

LISA  
Sort of.

MONA  
You know what I bet?

LISA  
What's that.

MONA  
I bet she was waiting for us.

She?  
LISA

The store. I bet she's been waiting for us this whole time.  
MONA

Oh.  
LISA

I mean, it's kind of perfect right? The two of us. Finding her.  
MONA

Finding her open.  
LISA

Especially after...  
MONA

Yeah.  
LISA

So crazy.  
MONA

People were scared.  
LISA

Well. Magic is scary.  
MONA

It didn't scare us.  
LISA

No.  
MONA

Think how beautiful it could have been.  
LISA

No one understood.  
MONA

Remember? The way it moved.  
LISA

MONA  
She moved.

LISA  
It was incredible. And when it swept me up -

MONA  
It was like a dance. Remember? Your body just... went. And you -

LISA  
Understood... everything.

MONA  
Finally.

LISA  
But people panicked.

MONA  
Not us.

LISA  
Because we didn't mind. Getting swept up. Understanding. People who's entire self worth was built around telling other people how to be? They hated it. The magic. They tried to -

Through this, the Light slowly brightens.

MONA  
Don't. Not here.

LISA  
She knows. What they did.

MONA  
It was a long time ago.

LISA  
Not so long.

MONA  
It feels long.

Finally LISA sees the Light.

LISA  
What is that?

MONA

Oh that's so pretty!

They go to the Light, MONA gently takes it in her hand. It's inside a water squirting Clown Lapel Flower.

LISA

Don't squirt that thing on me.

MONA

Aw. A light-up Flower. That's a dumb trick.

LISA

God I'm so stupid, for a second I thought -

MONA

No me too!

LISA

Can you imagine? All this time, and the magic is in some stupid trick flower?

MONA

Like WE would be the ones who deserved to find her again.

pause

LISA

I mean. We could be though.

MONA

Yeah?

LISA

We believed in her. We spoke up. We weren't afraid, like so many people were afraid.

MONA

And look where it got us.

LISA

Well. Yeah. Look where it got us. We're okay. We're together. We're doing all right. Right?

MONA

I have a big bag of money.

LISA

See? At this point, Magic would just be... extra.

MONA

But awesome.

LISA

So awesome.

MONA

Remember that guy? At the press conference thing? He was all talking about how Magic didn't exist and then she swooped in and flew him around!

LISA

God that was fabulous.

MONA

I've seen anyone so angry.

LISA

How could you be that angry at something so...

MONA

Magical.

LISA

People weren't ready.

MONA

We were.

They look closer at the Flower. It glows brighter and brighter and suddenly the light bursts out of the Flower and starts to dance around the room. LISA and MONA are enthralled, they chase after it, dancing with it. The lights fade until all we see is the single light again. It slowly fades.

**End Play.**