

One Little Thing

Creative Note: Two students are confronted with a culture that demands allegiance to multiple priorities.

Characters:

NARRATOR (NARR)

GIRL

BOY

Costumes:

Casual clothes.

(A girl and a boy stand center stage. The narrator walks on stage.)

GIRL: I'm not happy.

BOY: I'm not happy.

NARR: Not happy? Maybe I can help.

GIRL: I don't like myself very much.

BOY: I feel like I need some kind of change.

NARR: The key to happiness is finding that one little thing that will make all the difference.

GIRL: And then I'll be happy?

BOY: Will I feel more content?

NARR: Trust me!

GIRL: Where do I start?

NARR: Have you thought about getting your hair cut?

GIRL: You don't like my hair?

NARR: A new hairstyle can change your entire perspective.

BOY: Should I try out for football?

NARR: It certainly couldn't hurt.

GIRL: I still don't feel satisfied.

NARR: What you need is a new wardrobe.

GIRL: New clothes?

NARR: The right look will make you the envy of everyone at school.

GIRL: And then I'll be happy?

NARR: Don't you believe that?

BOY: I still feel like there's something missing.

NARR: I hate to point out the obvious, but . . . female companionship?

BOY: A girlfriend?

NARR: What will it take to make the girl of your dreams fall for you?

BOY: I don't know.

NARR: Better figure it out. That's the key to happiness!

GIRL: I feel like things are coming together.

NARR: That's right! But don't neglect your work out.

GIRL: I need to lose weight?

NARR: Not for anyone else, you understand. You're doing this for yourself!

BOY: I have to impress her.

NARR: You know what they say: "money talks."

BOY: I need more money?

NARR: It's not about the money. It's about being a success! That's the key!

GIRL: I'm actually starting to like the way I look!

NARR: Don't forget to accessorize!

BOY: I think she likes me!

NARR: A new car couldn't hurt!

GIRL: Guys are starting to notice me!

NARR: A relationship will finally fulfill your dreams!

BOY: I finally feel important!

NARR: Hard work is the way of the American dream!

BOY: But . . .

GIRL: But . . . it takes so much work to keep it all together.

NARR: No one said it would be easy. Balance is essential!

BOY: I'm tired all the time.

NARR: Don't give up. Persistence is the most important thing!

BOY: But how can all of these things . . .

GIRL: Hairstyles.

BOY: Sports.

GIRL: Boyfriends.

BOY: Cars.

GIRL: . . . all be the most important thing?

NARR: Best not to ask questions like that. Just keep at it!

GIRL: But I'm not happy.

BOY: I feel like I need a change.

NARR: The key to happiness is finding that one little thing that will make all the difference.

(The End)