
The Teapot Collector

A PLAY IN The Teapot Collector TWO ACTS

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

OWEN ROSE: A seventy-five year old white man. He is tall, slightly gaunt. There is something distinguished about him. Superficially he looks like Vincent Price in retirement.

NEDA JAMES: A fourteen year old black girl. Quick witted. By her The Teapot Collector own admission, she is precocious.

MADELINE BRISKIN: A fifty-something-year-old white woman. Owen's niece. She is not attractive. She is not unattractive. She is plain.

BEVERLY COLMANE: When they were both much younger, it's possible Beverly and Owen might have become lovers. The Teapot Collector Instead, they opted to be friends. A wise decision. Bev is in her early sixties.

SETTING: We are looking at the summer The Teapot Collector room and The Teapot Collector living room in the home of Owen Rose.

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ACT ONE

Scene One

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AT RISE: The lights are on, and the double doors are open.

(NEDA looks in from the double doors, a book and shoes in hand. After a pause, she cautiously enters. SHE sets her book and shoes by the door, and becomes deeply involved in her study of the teapots. After a moment OWEN quietly The Teapot Collector enters from behind her. HE has a golf club in one hand.)

OWEN: Can I help you? (NEDA shrieks, reacts by jumping toward the teapots.) Be careful!

NEDA: Ya scared me The Teapot Collector to death.

OWEN: Would you please ...?

NEDA: What?

OWEN: Some of those are very old.

NEDA: Didn't touch 'em.

OWEN: Fragile.

NEDA: I gotta go now.

OWEN: Be careful.

NEDA: Ya outta lock that. Close it, at least.

OWEN: The door.

NEDA: How I got in here.

OWEN: I should lock that.

NEDA: Right. And what am I doin' here?

OWEN: The Teapot Collector Looking at teapots.

NEDA: I don't think so. I gotta go.

OWEN: And you thought this was ...?

NEDA: This what?

OWEN: This room. The Teapot Collector You thought it was... what?

NEDA: It's a room.

OWEN: No, no. You thought this was a store. Of some kind.

NEDA: Don't look like no store I ever been in.

OWEN: But it could be.

NEDA: Not.

OWEN: A warehouse? A storeroom.

NEDA: Would you believe that?

OWEN: I might.

NEDA: I wouldn't. Why ain't you mad or somethin'?

OWEN: About what?

NEDA: I just broke in here.

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