

# He Shoots, She Scores

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**CAST: 1 male, 1 female**

**Stephen:** A rotten bowler in his mid-20s. Believes he's God's gift to women.

**Jessica:** Early to mid-20s. Coy and quick-witted, she sees through Stephen.

**RUN TIME: 5 minutes**

**PROPS**

- Bowling shoes for Stephen and Jessica.
- Other bowling accessories as needed

**STORY**

Stephen's just finished another lousy game of bowling, but his night may take a turn for the better. Jessica, young and attractive, has arrived to bowl with her friends. Stephen decides to impress her by pretending he's a professional bowler. Jessica sees through this bowling-alley lothario and gives him a quick lesson in the importance of honesty.

**THEMES**

Transparency. Truthfulness. Honesty. Integrity.

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*(We're at a bowling alley. STEPHEN has just finished bowling, dejected after yet another humiliating night. He's slipping his regular shoes back on to catch up with his buddies. JESSICA enters with her shoes, ready to start a game with her friends on STEPHEN's lane)*

JESSICA

Are you on thirteen?

STEPHEN

Just leaving. I'll be out soon.

JESSICA

No hurry. I'm still waiting on my friends. They'll be a few minutes.

STEPHEN

Bowl here often?

JESSICA

Actually, no. First time here. Nothing was playing at the movies. Nothing we hadn't seen anyway. So we thought we'd do something different. I haven't been in a bowling alley since I was a kid. Never thought I'd go again.

STEPHEN

Maybe I could give you a few pointers.

JESSICA

Really? What about your friends? Won't they be waiting?

STEPHEN

Friends?

JESSICA

You weren't bowling alone, right?

STEPHEN

No, of course not, no. But I ... wasn't bowling with friends. They were ... clients.

JESSICA

On a Friday night? Aren't you the dedicated worker bee. Seal any deals?

STEPHEN

It's not like that. I'm a ... professional bowler. When I'm off the pro circuit, I give lessons on how to improve your game. I'm Stephen, by the way.

JESSICA

Jessica. And I don't think we could afford the services of a pro.

STEPHEN

If your friends are as pretty as you, I could waive my fee.

JESSICA

How generous.

STEPHEN

My pleasure. ... Perhaps we could go out afterward?

JESSICA

Why don't you tell me about yourself first? How good are you?

STEPHEN

Ever heard of the ... the Gibraltar International Tournament?

JESSICA

They bowl in Gibraltar?

STEPHEN

Corporate sponsor, not the country. Anyway, I won it.

JESSICA

Impressive.

STEPHEN

Just last year. Singles division champ.

JESSICA

Nice. So ... that makes you ... a git?

STEPHEN

A what?

JESSICA

Gibraltar. International. Tournament. G. I. T. Git. ... I have this thing for acronyms.

STEPHEN

For the record, I'm no git.

JESSICA

*(Playful)*

Certainly not an ordinary git, but you are a championship git.

STEPHEN

I wouldn't say that.

JESSICA

And as the current champion, you're the reigning git.

STEPHEN

You're not going to let this go, are you?

JESSICA

Why don't you tell me something else about you? Would I have heard of you?

STEPHEN

Maybe. Ever been to the International Bowling Museum in St. Louis?

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