



DECEIVING CHANCE

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2 Act Full-Length (5 Women-4 Men)

Untrustworthy Elliot has finally grown out of his ways and decides to share his life with Chance, to only find out that he might already be engaged to a specimen of the female kind. Matters only get worst when he ventures upstate to confront him at his family estate. Bunburying meets the 21st Century in this modern adaptation of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

CHARACTER:

Elliot—Age: Late 20s. Gay, young and spunky.

ELLIOT

Did you ever see that movie? *March of the Penguins*? Such a load of crap. That movie was a conspiracy. You see, they followed penguins around for a year, tracked their relationships, children, migration patterns...but what they conveniently left out of their G rated movie is that there are gay penguins. And these penguins mate for life...while the heterosexual relationships only last for a year. The gay penguins mate for life. And they are an accepted part of the community. In Central Park, they keep penguins...at the zoo there...a whole nest of penguins that you can see through glass. You can watch them swim or sit on their eggs. And they had a gay couple in Central Park. It seemed ironically appropriate to me...Well there was no doubt that these two male penguins had chosen each other for life mates. The curators thought that this was an unnatural selection. They tried to split them up and make them mate with females. They separated them into two different aquariums. But they couldn't mate with the female penguins. And then...this is my favorite...they decided to give the penguins an egg. An abandoned egg. And the gay penguins took care of it, protected it. And when it was born...took care of it like their own. For them it is natural. And the other fucking penguins didn't give a damn...so why should we?

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