



Card Play

The TWO OF DIAMONDS (2D) and The Six of Diamonds (6D) are both cards in an ongoing card game. They have been arguing with each other when 6D leaves with 2D still shouting after 6D.

2D: (6D exits) Oh yes... I'd do that. I reckon your head needs seeing to... from the inside!

(To the audience) Did you hear that? 'You twos are all the same.' Course we are! What else could we be?

(He shouts off stage) You sixes are all the same too! And the sevens!

It's obvious isn't it? Listen, I'll let you into a secret. I'm not the only two on our side... no! There's two of us, Look! Look! It's in the paper... on the team list... just have a look... see! There... under the Hearts... 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 2, The Two of Hearts. But the manager doesn't like me. Whenever somebody has to be left out, it's always me. 'Get rid of the Two of Diamonds', he says... never the Two of Hearts. Oh no! I reckon he fancies her. Old Jack, Jack Smart, our manager... he always picks her. I wouldn't trust him an inch. Sly he is! 'We have a strong hand,' said Smart earlier today... hah! How can it be... with the Two of Hearts in it! And leaving me out?

(The Knave of Hearts ack Smart), the Manager, enters with the Two of Hearts (Myra))

Hello Boss! What happened, Boss?

(Smart explains that Myra has been injured and that he will have to play 2D. 2D reacts to Smart's explanation but fails to understand that he has just been told to play)

(To the audience) Didn't I tell you that he liked her? Didn't I say? 'One of my best cards.' She's a two... like me! It's not fair... it's unjust and... rotten... and awful. I'll never play even if he got down on his bended knees and begged me. If it was the World Cup I wouldn't play. Never, never, never. Never in a month of Sundays. Never in a year of half-day closings...

(To Jack Smart) So you can keep your team. Keep 'em. | don't want any part of it. You can... what did you say?

(Pause while 2D realises that Jack Smart is asking him to play. 2D now reacts) Yahoo! Here I go! This is it. Here I come. Watch out for the whizz kid. (2D exits singing the 'Match of the Day' tune)

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