Little Details
A short play
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CHARACTERS

BILL – a beer-drinking regular type of guy.

BOB – Bill’s best friend, also a beer-drinking regular guy.

TIME

Present

SETTING

Bill’s apartment.

NOTES

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Bill and Bob are drinking beer and watching TV.

BILLY
Speakin' of details, Bobby-boy, there's somethin' I gotta tell ya.

BOBBY
What is it?

BILLY
I like girls.

BOBBY
Atta-boy, Big Bill.

BILLY
I like 'em a LOT. I LOVE WOMEN!

BOBBY
WOMEN YOU LOVE!

BILLY
All types of females, all shapes, all sizes . . .

BOBBY
Females, skinny, fat, short or tall . . .

BILLY
I love 'em Bobby-boy, I love 'em all.

BOBBY

Brief pause.

BILLY
I just felt the need to establish that with you, Bobby my boy, as a roommate and friend, I felt the need to express my, you know. . .

BOBBY
Hey, I understand. . .

BILLY
My VALUES, my hierarchy of DESIRES, the crown at the tippy-top of my totem-pole of NEEDS. I just had to say it out loud.

BOBBY
I'm with you, Big Bill, I'm with you all the WAY!

BILLY
I mean, we've known each other, how long?

BOBBY
YEARS. We've been friends for YEARS!

BILLY
And we know each other pretty well.

BOBBY
Oh yeah.

BILLY
And we been roommates now for. . .

BOBBY
Three big days.

BILLY
Three big days. So the POINT to all this, what I'm leadin' up to, Bobby my buddy, Bobby my best friend, now we live
together, now we share space and down-time with each other, now even more intimate little details of our lives are going to pop up and make themselves known to one another, 'cause that happens. . .

BOBBY
Yep, that happens, that happens.

BILLY
Happens as a PART of the NEW ROOMMATE process, and we should be prepared, we should be READY for it. . .

BOBBY
Ready and prepared!

BILLY
So that we are not caught unawares and with our pants down at any sudden surprises, so that when a dark secret corner of one of our personalities is unexpectedly brought to light, we can go AHA!

BOBBY
AHA!

BILLY
I knew that was gonna happen, I knew that I would eventually discover something unexpected about my old friend and new roommate that I would not have believed had I not seen it with my own eyes, but here it is, I see it, AHA, and I was prepared for it, because I know these things happen when you're sharing intimate space for the first time, it's all a part of the NEW ROOMMATE process, you hear what I'm sayin?

BOBBY
Loud and clear, I'm readin' you loud and clear.
BILLY
And we don't want these little DETAILS to fuck us up. So to cut to the chase, the bottom line, Bobby my boy, in honor of this process and our friendship, to get things off on the right foot, I wanted to look you in the eye, and explain this very important fundamental facet of my personality.

BOBBY
Which is?

BILLY
I LIKE GIRLS.

BOBBY
That's great, that's just great.

BILLY
I just had to say it.

BOBBY
I always knew that about you, but it's comforting to hear it out loud and clear.

BILLY
I know, Bob, I know, and it is the ONE thing that you should keep in mind at all times, lest the... little details of my daily life begin to sow seeds of doubt in your mind, REMEMBER what I said to you at the very beginning. I like girls.

BOBBY
You like girls. Bill, I have a confession to make to you as a new roommate and old friend.

BILLY
What is it, Bob, what is it?
BOBBY

I like girls too.

BILLY

THAT'S MY BOY!

BOBBY

I like 'em a whole lot. I try and be with 'em as much as humanly possible. When they let me. I think that girls... 

BILLY

Women.

BOBBY

Chicks.

BILLY

Broads.

BOBBY

Tomatoes.

BILLY

Babes

BOBBY

Female species, whatever, I think they're just ... great.

BILLY

Me too, Bobby-boy, me too. I'm glad we're havin' this talk.

Brief pause.

BOBBY

In fact, I like EVERYTHING about them! Completely EVERYTHING!
BILLY
I don't just LIKE everything, Bobby-boy, I LOVE everything about women.

BOBBY
Oh yeah, oh yeah.

BILLY
The way they walk, the way they talk. . .

BOBBY
Everything!

BILLY
The way they dress . . .

BOBBY
The whole kit and kadoodle!

BILLY
Everything. From the soft dusk-colored evening gowns complete with gloves and a feathered fan to rowdy gingham skirts and checkered blouses, I . . . I . . . I love it all.

BOBBY

BILLY
I share this with you knowing that the thought foremost in your mind is . . .

BOBBY
You love girls.

BILLY
I do, I do. Don't let the little details distract you from that basic belief.

BOBBY

I won't, I won't.

BILLY

So if by accident, you happen to stumble across something in one of my drawers, for example, something like. .

BOBBY

Like a black lace negligee with silk stockings and garters.

BILLY

Something like that, yeah, or maybe something like. . .

BOBBY

Like little polka-dotted panties with the days of the week sewn in, one for each day.

BILLY

Yeah, yeah, or maybe even . . .

BOBBY

Dozens of pairs of leather high heeled pumps in various colors.

BILLY

Stuff like that, yeah, if you were stumble across something like that . . .

BOBBY

Accidentally.

BILLY

Accidentally, your reaction, your instincts would be to . . .
BOBBY

Pay it no mind.

BILLY

That's my boy! Because deep in your heart, you know . . .

BOBBY

You like girls.

BILLY

That's right, I like girls. And the details, the little details in life, you shouldn't even think about them, 'cause all they can do . . .

BOBBY

Is fuck everything up.

BILLY

Fuck everything up. Very good. I'm glad we had this talk, Bobby.

BOBBY

Me too, Bill, me too. Little details, they're a real bitch.

The End