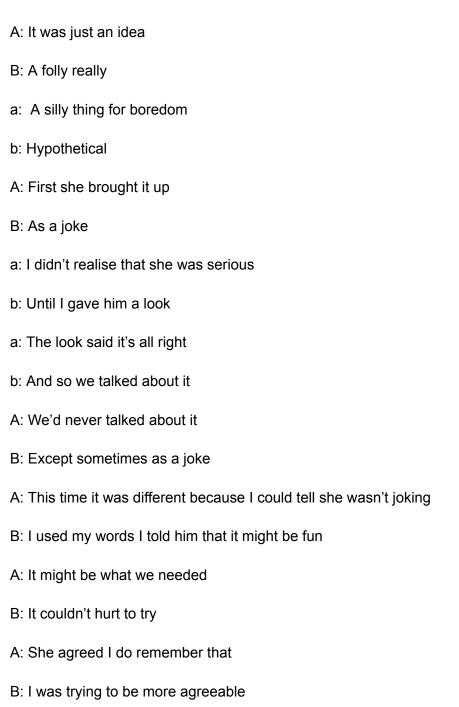
## "SWITCH" by Alexander Lee-Rekers (StageMilk, 2024)

A, B, a and b are interviewed in tandem. Dialogue should be performed quickly, with minimal gaps unless instructed. Genders/pronouns should reflect the casting, and not the other way round.



a: We knew we wanted to ask them

a: Except we did cook dinner and invited them around
b: Entree white main red dessert white cheese gin Monopoly gin
A: And the conversation turned
B: And they looked at us and smiled
A: And we smiled back
B: Three bottles worth and gin
a: A hanging silence.
Pause.
b: I refreshed the drinks
A: And I was nervous
B: But I was feeling bold and so I asked
a: What's next she said and the way she said it
b: Was electrifying we both agreed later
A: There was no agreement
B: More an understanding
a: A switch.
Pause.
A: I hadn't thought about her
b: I'd entertained the notion
a: We'd spoken about them both
B: I wasn't interested in anything too new

b: We didn't have a plan

A: We took the bedroom
b: Throwing pillows on the floor
a: I thought the living room was fine
B: But I requested privacy too many pictures on the wall.
Pause.
a: We debriefed in the living room with the rest of the gin
b: I thought that it might bother me to hear but i found it all
a: Electrifying yes
b: We showered and retired
a: We reached out
b: They enjoyed themselves
a: So they said
b: But we didn't see them again
a: Not for a long time and even so just in passing at a party
b: Last Christmas.
Pause.
A: We didn't talk about it
B: Not at first
A: It helped somewhat
B: Things did feel rejuvenated
A: But the switch was there.
Pause.

a: Sometimes yes sometimes I think it causes friction	
b: It wasn't insignificant	
a: But I love her	
b: I love you	
a: I love you too	
b: I think it's strengthened us	
a: I think so too.	
Pause.	
A: It was too much.	
B: He told me he was hurt.	
A: I told her I was hurt not that she hurt me.	
B: But I could feel his blame.	
A: She resented me.	
B: I hated her for that.	
A: We ran into each other at a party.	
B: Last Christmas.	
A: They were there as well.	
B: Which seemed I don't really know something I suppose.	
Pause.	
A: We pretended we were there together.	
B: Just for them.	
A: I don't know why we did that.	Written for StageMilk, 2024.