

A script from



“Hashtag: Wonderfully Made”

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- What** The @ Symbol goes to God with complaints about wanting to be more like the popular Hashtag Symbol, but learns the valuable lesson that he was beautifully and wonderfully made for a purpose. **Themes:** Self-Esteem, Creation, God’s workmanship, Life, Insecurity, Purpose
- Who** God
At Symbol
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Black shirt and pants for At Symbol. Can put the @ symbol on the shirt if desired. God can wear all white.
- Why** Many people struggle with feeling useful and wonder why God didn’t make them differently. This skit emphasizes that we are all made with purpose and without mistake. Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 139:14, Ephesians 2:10, Romans 11:29
- How** Keep the dialogue conversational and fairly swift, until there is a moment when you want to pause to emphasize a point. Practice slight pauses for laughter, so the audience doesn’t miss the next joke. Stage does not need anything else, and lights can be used to narrow onto these two.
- Time** Approximately 4 minutes

The @ Symbol cautiously approaches God who stands on stage.

@ Symbol: Um, hello, God?

God: Well, hello At Symbol. How are you today? Diligently guiding emails everywhere?

@ Symbol: Yes, God, um, that's what I would like to talk to you about.

God: Oh?

@ Symbol: I was wondering if you would consider changing me—

God: —I'm very good at that—

@ Symbol: —into a Hashtag.

God: Oh...but At Symbol, you were made to—

@ Symbol: I know, I know. Email couldn't exist without me. Shorthanders everywhere love me. But...it's just...

God: What?

@ Symbol: I'm boring. And Hashtag has all the fun. Nobody gives me a second thought, but not so with Hashtag. He's the life of the party. All the time. Some people can barely spurt out a sentence without Hashtag.

God: Hashtag: discouraged.

@ Symbol: Now you're just messing with me. But it's true: Hashtag can start an international incident!

God: I'm sorry, I'm sorry. Listen, At, I know sometimes it can feel like other punctuation have it better than you. But when you all work together, doing what you were created for, you are the most amazing support system for the English language!

@ Symbol: It's just not fair. I mean, even the comma gets more excitement than I do. Did you know that a comma can change the entire meaning of a sentence? Let's eat, Sharla. Take out the comma, and you've got Let's eat Sharla, and it's—

God: A zombie apocalypse. I get it. But At Symbol, without you, our modern world wouldn't function as it does. You are to email as ink is to paper.

@ Symbol: Speaking of that, you know most people, when they're writing me instead of typing me, butcher my design? I'm very elegantly designed. Nice, sweeping half circles—

God: —precisely formed to create two beautiful, interlocking circles. (*Off @'s endeared look*) I thought long and hard about your design, At. Everything about you is beautifully and wonderfully made. So you do like something about yourself!

@ Symbol: I guess. When they write it correctly. But even my name sounds clunky. "At Symbol." You know what Hashtag's real name is?

God: Octothorpe.

@ Symbol: That's right. Octothorpe. I mean, it practically sounds like a super hero name.

God: Okay, okay...let's take a deep breath. Sometimes, when you start looking around at what others have and do, you can forget how uniquely designed you are yourself.

@ Symbol shrugs, like he's not really listening.

God: For example, did you know that in other countries, you're not called the At Symbol?

@ Symbol: What am I called?

God: The Dutch call you The Monkey's Tail. Israelis call you a Strudel.

@ Symbol: Oh, well, that's kind of cute.

God: Sure it is! And in Bosnia, you're called—wait for it—Crazy A.

@ Symbol: Crazy A...I like that. Makes me sound pretty tough, like, "Don't mess with Crazy A! You take Crazy A out of an email address, and you might as well send your letter to the black hole of the Ethernet."

God: See? Sometimes, to appreciate ourselves, we have to understand how others see us.

@ Symbol: But I think most people just take me for granted.

God: Maybe. But I don't. Every day I see the billions of emails you escort to all the places they were intended. Important emails. Letters saying "I'm sorry." Announcements that there is a new baby on the way. You've delivered news that a war has started. That a president has died. And of particular interest to me, you've delivered many, many notes about my Son Jesus, and what He did for the world we love.

@ Symbol: (*stunned*) Oh...wow. I've never...I've never thought of me like that. (*Hangs his head*) I kind of feel ridiculous now.

God: Don't. You're not the first piece of punctuation to stand before me and complain about who they are.

@ Symbol: Really?

God: Yep. Did you know the Ampersand, sometimes called the And Symbol, got totally dropped off the alphabet? Used to come right after the Z. Ampersand has been working on bitterness issues but we're making progress. And don't even get me started on the Interrobang.

@ Symbol: What is an interrobang?

God: Exactly. Look it up. But on the bright side, it is so rare now that it has its very own Facebook fan page. Oh, and the Comma was formerly called Little Knife.

@ Symbol: Oh dear, that sounds...violent.

God: Just last week, the ellipses were all up in a tither about the fact that they are used to replace parts of a quote nobody thinks are important enough to put in there.

@ Symbol: That must feel awkward.

God: And...even Hashtag has been to see me.

@ Symbol: Hashtag? What in the world does Hashtag have to complain about?

God: Well, although you know him as Hashtag, people who've been on hold for unbearable amounts of time know him as "please push the pound sign."

@ Symbol: Oh...ugh! Yeah, gosh. Nobody likes to push the pound sign. (*Looking earnestly at God.*) God, I am so sorry. I think I just sort of got into my own head, and started feeling really insecure about myself. But now I see...we were all created to be wonderfully useful in this world. And maybe I'm just a way to complete an e-mail in some people's eyes, but I'm special. I'm Crazy A!

God: Hashtag Awesome!

@ Symbol: That's not even stinging my heart right now!

Lights down.