

## **Routine Magic/Magic Routine** **by Frances Steinberg**

**One set, two stories. Two actors, four characters.**

**Routine Magic begins with a court-ordered visit by psychologist Sarah spurred by a complaint from 20-something Aloysius' aunt that he is unfit to live on his own. Aloysius, who has developed extraordinary powers from his rituals, will not allow Sarah to come inside the home, so she conducts her interview from an enclosed sunporch while he sits in the lounge. Over the course of five mornings, Sarah and Aloysius grapple with their attachments and detachments to routine, searching for a more balanced way of living.**

**Magic Routine begins on YouTube sensation Ant's 21st birthday. A spirit, Kami, arrives with a magical letter which can only be opened if Ant has sufficient harmony of mind, body, and spirit. Since he is initially unable to open the letter, Kami gives Ant a book about Bushido, the Way of the Warrior, to help him learn the requisite skills. Kami promises to return each year until Ant turns 25 to see if he has developed sufficient abilities to achieve the task.**