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PRIVATE ROOM is a one-act drama, set in a one-building private college during a harsh blizzard. A faulty security system locked all doors in response to bad weather. The college President, Jon, and a teacher, Melanie (“Mel”), seem to be trapped alone in a bleak hallway, with a locked door at the end labeled “Private Room”. Jon and “Mel” are freezing, and desperate. To escape their plight, they begin to lust for favorite hot foods, leading to a hot lusty encounter. Amber, a student, interrupts the would-be romantic moment, as she wanders into the hall through a combination of defective doors that intuitively relock behind her. She complains of many issues, including anxiety and claustrophobia, and escalates into a full seizure. “Mel” demands that Jon unlock the Private Room. Refusing to break policy, Jon holds the key. “Mel” violently attacks him, finds the key, and opens the Room for Amber. Overcome by extreme stress, she meets a fatal end.