**The House of Blue Leaves**

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The play is set in Sunnyside, Queens in 1965, on the day Pope Paul VI visited New York City. The black comedy focuses on Artie Shaughnessy, a zookeeper who dreams of making it big in Hollywood as a songwriter. Artie wants to take his girlfriend, Bunny with him to Hollywood. His wife Bananas is a schizophrenic destined for the institution that provides the play's title. Their son Ronnie is a GI headed for Vietnam who has gone AWOL. Three nuns are eager to see the pope and end up in Artie's apartment. A political bombing mistakenly occurs in the apartment.