

Would You Let Me Fin.....ish?

A short skit for two women

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AMY and MARTHA - mid thirties, well-dressed, educated. They pass each other as if walking down a street. AMY looks at MARTHA as she passes, does a double take.

AMY: I don't believe this. You're... you're...

MARTHA: You know you're the first person to recognize me in public. My book's been out for six months and not one person --

AMY: I don't believe it! Psychic dreams and premonitions is like... it's so much my life. It's almost like you could read my thoughts. Like you went into my head and, wow, Martha Lowenthal. I can't believe it's really you. Just walking down the street like a regular --

MARTHA: Your name is Amy, isn't it? Amy...

AMY: That's right. How did you know? Could you just do that thing where you see the letters on my forehead, or did you --

MARTHA: Yes, it's like you're wearing a name tag. I saw the A, and then the M, and I just guessed Amy. I was just getting your last name when you --

AMY: It's Martoukalitis. I don't think you could have possibly --

MARTHA: No, I'm glad you interjected. I would have been here all night with all the consonents. I have so much trouble reading Greek names. Greeks and Nebvoleens. Don't get me started with the Nebvoleens. They are --

AMY: I had a psychic dream about you last week. Or did you know that? Is that something you would just --

MARTHA: No. I didn't know. Tell me about it. Was I on Earth, or was it on Partos with the other dreglings? You know who I'm referring to, don't --

AMY: Yes, of course. The dregling midgets. Of course I know. No, no, you were on Earth. In fact, you were in my green house. You were on your knees --

MARTHA: Oh, this is wonderful. Can I guess what I was doing? Was I praying to the Bartina, or maybe I was meditating on --

AMY: No, no. You were digging. You had a potted plant, and you were --

MARTHA: That's odd, cause I don't dig normally. I usually just, you know...

AMY: Yes, of course, you plant telepathically. Yes, but in this dream --

MARTHA: I was digging? That's so funny. It's almost like saying I was sleeping with my eyes closed. How odd and --

AMY: Oh, you do that too? My husband says it's creepy. I think it just makes me

special. There aren't that many people that --

MARTHA: So you were having this dream with open eyes. You know what they say about people who have open-eyed dreams, don't --

AMY: What? What? Do they say we should be institutionalized? Cause sometimes my mother used to say that. But she's a wicken so it's kind of --

MARTHA: No, silly. They say that open-eyed dreams comes true. It's happened to me maybe thirty or forty times. I have this dream --

AMY: Really? It comes true? You know, now that you mention it --

MARTHA: Yes. It comes true. They did studies at Berkeley with fifteen volunteers and a number of white mice. It was published in all the scientific journals. I'm surprised you never --

AMY: Really? Cause I never heard of it. Which journals are --

MARTHA: The Psychic Quarterly, U-F-O Monthly, The Dredgling Times --

AMY: I didn't know there was a Dredgling Times. Can you get that delivered, or is it --

MARTHA: You know, I'm having a premonition about you right now. About you and your husband. You're --

AMY: What? Are you seeing something right now? Are you --

MARTHA: Yes, I'm seeing this very overweight man. And he's wearing --

AMY: That's him. That's Ken. Is he wearing --

MARTHA: And he's eating a popsickle stick. Not a popsickle, but the wooden stick. He's chewing on --

AMY: That's him! He's on a diet. Hi, Ken! Does he know I'm here? Is he --

MARTHA: No, he's not in my head. I just see him. He's digging --

AMY: Sorry. What? Digging? With what? Is it his Dodger mitt, cause he does that in the garden sometimes. He digs with --

MARHTA: No. He's digging with a bone. It looks like a human bone. A pelvic bone, I think. It's big and --

AMY: (Gasps) No. A pelvic bone? Are you sure? Could it be --

MARTHA: It could be something else, but it seems like it's --

AMY: Cause in my dream... my dream about you... you're digging with a pelvic bone as well. It's so scary, I don't --