

PASTOR

Can everyone join in on our last
friday night psalm?

ELIJAH

*For those who celebrate lent, it's the
time where you don't eat meat. If you
don't celebrate lent, then go ahead
and keep eating. For forty days
Jesus fasted away, and you can fast
away too if you just pray. Lent is
here and we are feasting.*

PASTOR

What a great reminder that for some of
us, lent is here. For others, we can
ignore these lenten sayings. Just a
reminder we will have our annual
Lenten Friday Fish Fry this
Friday...and before people like
Dorothea start asking questions...

DOROTHEA

I do have questions--

PASTOR

There will be both fried and grilled
fish, mac and cheese, salads, mashed
potatoes, rolls, cole slaw and a nice
selection of desserts. Tickets are
twelve dollars or four for 48 dollars.

BARBARA

Is that supposed to be a deal?

PASTOR

With that being announced, Agnes is
here to introduce a new member of the
parish. Agnes, please step forward.

AGNES

Thank you Pastor. As some of you are
aware I have a few children. All of
them do not live locally.

GLADYS

If my mother was Agnes I'd sure as
hell move to a different continent.

AGNES

Everyone say hello to my daughter,
Jean Blue.

ALL

Hi Jean.

GARFIELD

Why in the icy hell does Agnes get to
bring her blue jeans to church and I
can't? My mother always said
"Garfield, Jesus may have been a
carpenter but that doesn't mean you
should wear blue jeans in his
dominion".

PASTOR

(quietly)

Oh that's good. Elijah right that
down.

ELIJAH

Already on it Pastor. I got a tune in
my head called blue jean baby Jesus.

PASTOR

Love that!

AGNES

Her name is Jean Blue, Garfield! Jean,
why don't you tell the church a little
about yourself.

JEAN BLUE

Hi everyone, I'm Jean Blue. I recently
got divorced from my husband. We lived
in New York City...I'm still getting
over it. I took a hiatus from my job.
I'm a denim specialist who deals denim
and can be called for detective denim
detail. I moved back home to see mom
and to figure out what's next for me.

AGNES

Please be nice to my daughter, she's
forty with no husband so she's clearly
washed up. And please pray for her. I
know I pray every night that she will
stop being an embarrassment to this
family.

PASTOR

Alright, well if that's it, then mass is adjourned.

fx; time for brunch

MARCY

Jean Blue was it? I'm Marcy. Yes, from the band Marcy's Playground. It's a pleasure to have someone of class join the church. New York is simply where dreams are made and occasionally destroyed.

JEAN BLUE

I do miss New York. I miss riding the subway, the hot dogs.

MARCY

I used to perform there all the time. The next time I hit the stage in NYC I'll get you backstage passes.

JEAN BLUE

Really? It'll be awesome to get behind the stage for once. My ex-husband didn't allow me to go to concerts.

MARCY

What kind of horrible man says no to concerts? Music is the soul of the soul I say.

JEAN BLUE

I couldn't agree more.

MARCY

Jean, if you aren't too busy may I suggest brunch? There is going to be donuts downstairs but I wouldn't go near such filth.

JEAN BLUE

I'd love to. Mom, I'm going to go make a new friend.

AGNES

That's more than fine, it'll be good to get you out of the house. You're annoying the cats...and me.

fx; swipe

PASTOR

Oh dear, there's a lot of people seeing me after mass today. Usually that's a sign that people are upset.

ELIJAH

Is that true? Are you all upset?

COMMUNIST DEREK / PAGAN GINGER / DRUNK CHARLES / SOCIALIST DAVE / MATILDA / CHERYL

Yes.

ELIJAH

I don't know if I can handle this.

PASTOR

Well let's jump right into it. What's going on?

COMMUNIST DEREK

Pastor...Pagan Ginger, Drunk Charles and me, Communist Derek, are all part of the Vegans For Animals Club. We believe that one should enlist a Vegan lifestyle for the sake of animal rights.

PAGAN GINGER

So this Friday fish fry event is clearly problematic because you'll be killing cute fish!

ELIJAH

Has anyone ever referred to grouper fish as 'cute' before?

SOCIALIST DAVE

Meanwhile, Matilda, Cheryl and I, Socialist Dave, are part of the Vegans for Health club. We believe you should take on a Vegan lifestyle for the sake of your personal health.

MATILDA

Hosting this fish fry is problematic since a vegan lifestyle has proven to be really healthy. And fried fish is not!

PASTOR

So all six of you are protesting the fish fry?

COMMUNIST DEREK

Not together! We would never work with the Vegans for Health club! True veganism is because we are equal to animals. Animals are our comrades.

MATILDA

No, veganism should be done because of the individual. One's own health is more important than the animals.

DRUNK CHARLES

Leave the animals alone you whore.

CHERYL

Who are you calling a whore you drunk prostitute?

DRUNK CHARLES

To be fair Cheryl, you're the one who sells your body for alcohol and drugs all the time.

CHERYL

So do you.

DRUNK CHARLES

Wow...you're right. I guess Ginger really failed us...

PAGAN GINGER

I failed you guys? How?

DRUNK CHARLES

Sorry I meant AA Ginger failed us.

AA GINGER

I'm just going to do what my therapist told me and ignore this.

DRUNK CHARLES

Just like you ignore us and our problems?

AA GINGER

Still ignoring...

PASTOR

So just to be clear, not only are the Vegans For Animals and the Vegans for Health clubs protesting this Friday's fish fry, but you're also protesting each other?

COMMUNIST DEREK / PAGAN GINGER / DRUNK
CHARLES / SOCIALIST DAVE / MATILDA /
CHERYL

Yeah!

PASTOR

Not going to lie, out of all the protests we've had at SCONE over the last year this seems like one of the weaker protests.

ELIJAH

Yeah even weaker when the Handicap-ables protested our new ramp...they said it wasn't steep enough. Why would the Handicap-ables want a *steeper* ramp?

COMMUNIST DEREK

Well just so you know Pastor and Elijah, we will be storming the fish fry with our opinions about how people should be vegan for animal rights--

SOCIALIST DAVE

And we will be at the fish fry protesting that people should be vegan for their own health!

fx; huffing and puffing and running away

PASTOR

Well sometimes I feel like this place is a sitcom or something...

2 THEME SONG

3 INT. RECTORY

fx; door opens

LIV

Good morning Jonathan.

JONATHAN

Hello Liv.

LIV

Still dating a criminal?

JONATHAN

He's an ex-criminal and yes, I am still dating Silver.

LIV

Does Silver call you his boyfriend or does he call you his prison bitch?

JONATHAN

Don't be jealous because you're the only one who is single in this rectory Liv.

LIV

That's not true, Elijah's single!

JONATHAN

Elijah doesn't count, he goes on the same amount of dates that a nun goes on.

LIV

And Carol Ann is married, that doesn't really count...

CAROL ANN

Just because I'm married doesn't mean Patrick and I don't do the deed.

LIV

That's not really what I meant--

JONATHAN

Carol Ann, the only deed of yours I want to hear about is your will. And only if I'm in it.

LIV

Wait, what about Sharon?

SHARON

Oh honey, you best believe I'm seeing three men right now.

JONATHAN

Makes sense, you're pretty *handsy* aren't you?

SHARON

I know you meant that to be a mean joke about me being a thief Jonathan, but I'll take that as a compliment.

JONATHAN

Mmm, I wouldn't personally.

fx; footsteps

PASTOR

How are we doing for this Friday's fish fry?

SHARON

We are all set. The food will be there, the decorations are minimal. And I asked the best singer in the church to perform.

LIV

You better not have asked Marcy!

SHARON

Sweetie I said best singer, not the most annoying person who thinks that uttering vocal shards of glass is singing.

PASTOR

Liv, how about on your end?

LIV

We've sold about two hundred tickets. We're doing pretty good.

PASTOR

Did you contact Mystic Mama about getting some more of her wine.

LIV

I did, she's going to bring a case over this week.

PASTOR

Great, is there anything else we need to figure out?

LIV

Well I did have one idea...what if we have a couple games? Like during the meal as entertainment?

PASTOR

I like that idea.

SHARON

I don't like that idea.

JONATHAN

Because you didn't steal the idea and claim it as your own.

SHARON

No, I think the games would distract people from the purpose of the event which is to observe lent.

JONATHAN

Mmm, you probably like observing Lent like you observe safes for their codes or observe homes for their blueprints...

PASTOR

Mmm, Sharon has a point.

LIV

Not really a valid point.

PASTOR

True, just a point.

SHARON

Since I did a great job with the golf outing--

PASTOR

Lot of points around here...I feel like I'm surrounded by ellipsis!

SHARON

--I thought with the success of the golf outing I would be placed in charge of the fish fry.

LIV

I thought I was in charge!

JONATHAN
 (whispery)
 Since when do you care?

LIV
 (whispery)
 I don't know since when, but I do know
 that I deserve to be in charge.

PASTOR
 Well I'm not really a fan of
 confrontation...

JONATHAN
 Are you joking? That's Elijah's
 excuse. And besides we all know you
 love confrontation. I saw you last
 week when you had to confront Benni
 and Fran about their overabundance of
 toilet paper.

PASTOR
 That was different, I can't keep
 buying plush toilet paper so they can
 have sexual relations as mummies.

JONATHAN
 And I thought I was kinky.

PASTOR
 Sharon, Liv, it's just a fish fry. I
 want you to cover it together. And not
 overdo everything.

SHARON
 I agree.

PASTOR
 See, another point was made.

LIV
 But--

PASTOR
 Oh, I'm getting a call from my
 boyfriend Desmond, I gotta answer
 it...

fx; footsteps, pastor 'DESMOND, ugh missed you. I know, it's
 only been two hours, but the longest two hours'...

SHARON

With that being settled Liv, thank you for being my assistant for the fish fry.

LIV

But that's not what Pastor said--

SHARON

I have to run, I'm meeting a friend for lunch.

JONATHAN

Is it a prison friend?

SHARON

No it's a friend from my sorority.

JONATHAN

What sorrority was that? Gimmie Gimmie That Delta or something?

fx; door opens and closes.

LIV

Can you believe that Sharon thinks she's in charge? She's a head volunteer.

CAROL ANN

A title which I don't think she deserves.

JONATHAN

Liv, just fight Sharon at every turn. Complain about everything and drive her up the wall.

LIV

Should I? I don't want to be a bitch but I kind of want to make it difficult for Sharon.

JONATHAN

You don't want to be a bitch, yeah that's *definitely not* you...

4 INT. CHURCH HALL

ANNABELLE

Ricky, should I enter stage left or

stage right for my Fish Fry
performance?

fx; silence with Ricky doing math things in the background

ANNABELLE
Ricky? Ricky? RICKAAAYYYY?

RICKY
Sorry Annabelle I was doing some
quadratics.

ANNABELLE
Ricky you're supposed to be helping me
for this performance but you're doing
math problems.

RICKY
I got a lot of work to do Annabelle.

ANNABELLE
Well if I let you go early, then will
you make sure to be bright and early
to the fish fry?

RICKY
Yeah yeah...

fx; footsteps

ANNABELLE
Ever since Ricky has started doing
math he's been focusing more on
problems than me. And that's a real
problem.

fx; footsteps

MARCY
Ah, Annabelle, meet Jean Blue. She's
flown the coup from the great city of
New York and I'm showing her around.

JEAN BLUE
My mother is Agnes.

ANNABELLE
I'm so sorry that your mother is Agnes
and that Marcy is the one showing you
around.

MARCY

What are you doing here by yourself?
You better not be trying to outshine
me in the choir...

ANNABELLE

I already do that. And for your
information, Ricky and I were
practicing.

MARCY

Well I don't see that stuttering ball
of ineptitude...

ANNABELLE

He had to leave.

MARCY

Ah, he ditched you again for math or
whatever he's apparently good at? Such
as eating glue...

ANNABELLE

We mutually agreed he could go.

MARCY

Well let me do a math problem for you
Annabelle: two minus one is one.

JEAN BLUE

Back in New York City, I was part of a
two...until there was a divorce...

fx; sad music

MARCY

It's alright Jean your husband doesn't
deserve you. Just like Annabelle
doesn't deserve Ramada.

ANNABELLE

His name is Ricky not Ramada Inn!

MARCY

Calm down Annabelle, please you're
disturbing Jean Blue.

fx; sad music

JEAN BLUE

I've been through a lot of disturbing

things. You know what's disturbing?
 Falling in love with a man slowly and
 carefully, like a puppy meeting humans
 for the first time. Then cuddled up in
 this loving embrace. And then the next
 thing you know there's a secretary
 here and a secretary there...and
 you're crying to your divorce lawyer
 who conveniently happens to be gay!

MARCY

It's okay Jean Blue--

JEAN BLUE

---And then during the court
 proceedings you find out that your ex-
 husband was never in love with you!
 The love was a sham. Or maybe the love
 was there? But what is love if not
 love that is current?

MARCY

I'll just let Jean Blue continue on--

JEAN BLUE

The next thing you know the apartment
 you once shared with him close to
 Central Park, New York City feels
 empty. He's gone, as is his cologne--

ANNABELLE

Marcy I'm glad Ricky has a new
 passion. Besides he said he's going to
 help me with the actual performance.

MARCY

I can't believe I wasn't asked to sing
 at the fish fry. That's the real scam,
 besides the fact that the fish fry's
 mac and cheese is *totally* out of the
 box.

ANNABELLE

Well you'll have to be in attendance
 at the fish fry so you can learn a few
 things.

MARCY

Me? Learning? Learning to become what,
 a bad singer?

JEAN BLUE

--suddenly there I was, my life and existence all wrapped up in a car. All those years, now into a vechile. An automobile.

MARCY

Yes dear, now let's go over here so I can show you the best places to see me perform.

5 INT. CHURCH RECTORY

LIV

Carol Ann, could I get your help with these centerpieces for the Fish Fry?

CAROL ANN

Oh absolutely.

SHARON

Liv, I thought we decided *not* to use the candles and go with the tea-lights.

LIV

Nope, you decided that. I decided the candles were the stronger option.

SHARON

Liv, you've seen the parish. All those old people knocking down candles? Not at my fish fry!

LIV

I figured that the old people would probably not be reaching three feet over to the center of the table to knock down a candle.

SHARON

Well I don't know if you can trust those old people...

LIV

I don't know if we can even trust you Sharon.

SHARON

I really don't care what you think of me Liv, but I do care about this

event.

JONATHAN

I think both of you are wrong, the centerpieces should be fish.

CAROL ANN

Well I think the candles work. It reminds me of the time I was accidentally involved in the Sunshine Cult...it was a terrible cult, not a lot of sunshine there...

SHARON

I have an idea. Why don't we go with my idea?

JONATHAN

Is that an idea? Or more of an order from a prison gang leader?

SHARON

I never stepped a foot in prison but everyday Jonathan you make me move one step closer to that prison.

JONATHON

Well let me know when you finally take that last step and walk into processing and intake.

SHARON

Oh honey I'd be going away for your murder. You wouldn't see me in prison.

JONATHAN

I'd haunt you from beyond the grave.

LIV

I'm already in the grave because this whole situation is hell. Carol Ann, please get the candles.

CAROL ANN

Okay!

SHARON

Carol Ann I forbid you to even think about getting candles!

CAROL ANN

Well I don't know how you'd be able to stop me from *thinking*--

SHARON

Don't even THINK Carol Ann!

CAROL ANN

But I'm thinking about the candles right now!

SHARON

BUH!

CAROL ANN

OH!

fx; serious of sounds from both Sharon and Carol Ann

LIV

Well this is ridiculous, clearly Carol Ann is allowed to think and express ideas.

CAROL ANN

Maybe Sharon is right--

LIV

Alright, maybe Carol Ann is *not* allowed to express ideas.

JONATHAN

Carol Ann I thought you didn't like Sharon since she's now like the Head Volunteer and she kicked you out of the lobby and forced you to work upstairs--

CAROL ANN

Well I bend to the pressures of leaders sometimes.

SHARON

You heard Carol Ann! She said I'm a LEADER Liv!

LIV

I think we already decided that Carol Ann can't have ideas...so with that being decided, Carol Ann get candles.

SHARON
No, get tealights!

fx; door opens

ELIJAH
*Good morning my staff! How are we
doing on this glorious day--*

CAROL ANN
Elijah we need your help, Liv and
Sharon are having a fight.

ELIJAH
(nervous)
A fight? As in they're having a
disagreement.

JONATHAN
Well until it turns physical because
Sharon can't keep her hands off Liv.

SHARON
No, instead of Liv I'm going to go to
your throat Jonathan.

ELIJAH
You guys I have one rule around here.
And what's Elijah's Rule?

SHARON / LIV / CAROL ANN / JONATHAN
Don't get Elijah involved in
disagreements.

ELIJAH
So you all have my rule memorized but
you don't follow it? *Interesting...*

LIV
Elijah, it would be great if you could
intervene.

ELIJAH
*You know what they say, intervene and
you're going to loose a spleen!*

JONATHAN
Who says that?

ELIJAH
Alright, well since you guys don't

need me--

LIV

But we do need you.

ELIJAH

But you need me for confrontation
which I don't do so it's like you
don't need me at all.

SHARON

I mean he's not wrong.

ELIJAH

Thank you Head Volunteer Sharon!

JONATHAN

Sharon's only agreeing with you
because she doesn't need you. Sharon's
just gonna stomp all over Carol Ann
and Liv.

ELIJAH

Great, I'm glad I won't be needed to
settle this!

LIV

But by being neutral you're siding
with the oppressor so you're not
really in the middle you're--

ELIJAH

I have so much work to do for the
Regional District Multi-Faith Singing
Competition so I must *adjourn to my
office.*

fx; footsteps and Elijah singing.

CAROL ANN

For someone who is co-in charge of
this church Elijah doesn't act like
it!

LIV

Carol Ann you're siding with Sharon,
don't act like you're holding your own
out here.

CAROL ANN

Honestly Liv I'm scared of Sharon,

Jonathan told me that Sharon used to be in charge of the prison kitchen. And this one new girl disrespected the kitchen meals so Sharon made this one new girl's experience terrible...

LIV

Carol Ann that's the plot of the first season of Orange is the New Black.

SHARON

I've been told I look good in both orange and black.

JONATHAN

Who told you that? A prison guard?

6 INT. CHURCH HALL

PASTOR

Once again Church Hall Hermit Benni, the church hall looks perfect!

BENNI

Oh I didn't do anything. This was all Sharon and Liv

ELIJAH

Well I'm glad they were able to work out their differences.

BENNI

I don't think they did. Cause they were yelling at each other yesterday.

PASTOR

Oh that's upsetting...how comes the food Carol Ann?

CAROL ANN

I've been frying fish all day...I'm going to start serving out the rolls soon...

fx; footsteps

SHARON

Pastor, what do you think? Does everything look resplendent?

PASTOR

It does look like you spend a lot of time working on this!

LIV

That's not what resplendent means--

SHARON

As you can see some of the tables have tealights which were *my* idea. Some of the other tables have candles, a *dangerous* decision made by Liv.

ELIJAH

I think most fish fries are dangerous if you consider all the carbs and high fat--

PASTOR

I think both the tealights and the candles look lovely.

SHARON

Which looks better?

PASTOR

I think they're equally beautiful.

SHARON

(mumbles)

This church doesn't know taste if it hit them square in the tongue...

fx; footsteps

ELIJAH

Oh dear, here come the protesters.

PASTOR

Which group is the Vegans for Animals and which group is the Vegans for Health?

ELIJAH

There's two groups? I thought it was one angry vegan group!

COMMUNIST DEREK

The Vegans for Animals club is here to protest.

SOCIALIST DAVE

The Vegans for Health club is also here to protest.

PASTOR

Well I set up some protest space for you. It's over in the corner by the bathrooms.

PAGAN GINGER

Pastor, how are we supposed to actively protest in the corner by the bathroom?

ELIJAH

Pastor and I want to encourage you and your protests. But we want to make sure you're not in the way of the event. Some of our older folks get very passionate about the fish fry--

GLADYS

Out of my way I want to be first in line for that KRAFT Mac and Cheese!!

PASTOR

See, we don't want you to get in the way of *that*.

DRUNK CHARLES

Well I brought a stiff drink so I guess it doesn't matter where we go.

CHERYL

Oh can I have some of that? I only brought weed.

DRUNK CHARLES

Normally I'd say yeah, cause we get drunk and high together at AA. But we're two different vegans...

CHERYL

You're right, we have to stand by our morals.

DRUNK CHARLES

Unless it's for booze or drugs.

ELIJAH

So you guys won't put animal products

in your bodies...but you'll put drugs
and alcohol in your bodies?

DRUNK CHARLES

Drugs aren't animals dude, they can't
feel pain.

CHERYL

Unless, well can they?

DRUNK CHARLES

I don't give a fuck if drugs and booze
feel pain, I'm not giving them up.

PASTOR

Alright, well off to the corner with
you protestors.

COMMUNIST DEREK

Yes, we will protest this fish fry for
animal rights!

SOCIALIST DAVE

And we will protest this fish fry for
health rights!

fx; footsteps and clammoring of vegan protests.

PASTOR

Alright, I've put Carol Ann in charge
of making sure the protestors don't
get out of hand.

LIV

Well where is Troy, the security guard
that we have on staff for these kind
of things?

ELIJAH

He went out of town for a wedding.

JONATHAN

Well that's a pretty normal activity.

ELIJAH

It's a wedding for a thruple.

LIV

And there's the kinky element.

fx; swipe

fx; phone ring

ANNABELLE

Ricky...where are you?

fx; voicemail click

RICKY

(voice message)

This is Ricky, leave a message and I'll talk to you soon Annabelle! Or anyone else who is calling...but it's pretty much just Annabelle who calls me.

fx; click

ANNABELLE

Ricky, the Fish Fry is about to begin, where are you? Who is going to help me put this performance together? You promised you'd be here for me...please don't let me down.

fx; footsteps

MARCY

The fish fry isn't that great when it comes to food, but at least it's not catered by Peter and Marjorie. I haven't had that bad of food since we stopped at Denny's back on tour in 2004. The grand slam was more of a strikeout if you ask me.

JEAN BLUE

Oh there's that little girl...your granddaughter! What's her name?

ANNABELLE

Marcy is my *step* grandmother. In fact she's such a *step* grandmother I should call her a *staircase* grandmother.

MARCY

Jean Blue, I think you remember Annabelle. I believe we witnessed her earlier this week trying to sing with that broken larynx she has...

ANNABELLE

That is rich coming from a woman who sounds like a garbage disposal.

JEAN BLUE

Oh dear, she's a trashy child. She reminds me of...New York.

fx; sad twinkling memory music

ANNABELLE

Not this again!

JEAN BLUE

The streets were wild with pavement and sea salt scent--

fx; Jean Blue prattles on in the background

MARCY

Where's Ricky Annabelle? Did he decide he had enough of you like I had enough of Pat Benatar when we were at the same table during the Rock and Alternative Songwriters Dinner and Awards Ceremony back in 2002?

ANNABELLE

I'm sure he'll be here.

MARCY

Well I hope you don't have to perform a cappella! People like your singing voice because it's drowned out by vivid and lush instrumentals.

ANNABELLE

Don't you have rolls and fried fish to shove down your pelican gullet?

JEAN BLUE

--and that's when I realized that my New York City dream had died.

MARCY

Tragic story Jean Blue, just like Annabelle here. Let me tell you the time I accidentally wore jeans on stage...

JEAN BLUE
Yes, please do!

fx; Marcy and Jean walk out with Marcy going on for a second.

ANNABELLE
I don't know what my grandfather sees
in Marcy...then again he's deaf...

7 INT. CHURCH HALL

SHARON
I was thinking we can place the cole
slaw down here at the end of the
table.

fx; thud of cole slaw.

LIV
I think if the Cole slaw is down at
the end, people won't get to enjoy it.

SHARON
Well it's Giant Eagle brand cole slaw
I doubt anyone's going to enjoy it.

LIV
Sharon, just stop it.

SHARON
What? Giant Eagle's brand of cole slaw
isn't that good, it's too creamy--

LIV
No I meant stop steamrolling over
everything I said!

SHARON
Liv I think you're upset because I'm
back. You're truly my superior. Not in
life, but just here at SCONE. I'm the
Head Volunteer and Chief of Volunteer
Services and you're the receptionist.

LIV
Since when did your title include
'chief of volunteer services'?

SHARON
Pastor is too busy with her new
boyfriend--

fx; swipe

PASTOR
Desmond, did you look at that dessert
tray?

DESMOND
Nah, because you're the dessert tray
that I want.

PASTOR
(awkward giggling)

fx; swipe

SHARON
--And Elijah is too busy worried about
that upcoming national local faith
american idol thing--

fx; swipe

ELIJAH
Mnhmmmmhmmmm. Oh gosh. Was that both
flat and sharp?? Since when did my
voice become Marcy?

fx; swipe

SHARON
I don't think Pastor or Elijah care or
mind if I adjust my titles.

LIV
I don't trust you.

SHARON
Honey nobody asked you to trust me.

fx; footsteps

JONATHAN
You guys remember Silver right?

SILVER
Hey everyone.

SHARON
You mean the prisoner to whom you are
now dating?

JONATHAN

Let's not throw stones at glass houses
when we live in a glass city Sharon.

SHARON

Just sayin', I never served time in
prison.

JONATHAN

Well I don't have Silver handle my
finances, do I?

SILVER

Nope but you do make me spend them!

fx; laughing, Jonathan 'damn right I do daddy'.

8 INT. CHURCH HALL STAGE

fx; annabelle muttering under her breath

ELIJAH

Annabelle, are you ready to done the
stage?

ANNABELLE

Elijah...I'm not ready. Ricky isn't
here and he's supposed to play the
piano.

ELIJAH

Oh dear, I hope he's okay.

ANNABELLE

I think he's gotten so busy with math
that he's forgotten all about me. I'm
nothing more than Meghan Trainor in
his eyes.

ELIJAH

Oh honey, don't set the bar that
low...

ANNABELLE

What am I supposed to do? Marcy told
me that the only reason I do well is
because of the music.

ELIJAH

Lions don't listen to the opinions of
sheep.

ANNABELLE
You're right Elijah...

ELIJAH
Besides, where one piano topper
closes, another piano topper opens.

ANNABELLE
You're right! I got this Elijah!

fx; footsteps

ELIJAH
Oh, I was offering to play the piano
for you...but I guess I didn't state
that very well, did I?

fx; swipe

JEAN BLUE
Marcy, thank you so much for taking me
under your wing.

MARCY
No worries darling, I did the same
thing to many people like Lorde and
that alternative girl with the
trampoline song...even Robyn called.
She told me that she couldn't imagine
what it would be like to not have Sex
and Candy on her weed smoking
playlist.

JEAN BLUE
You're so accomplished Marcy! All
those people coming to
you...especially Robyn who is
from...New York City.

fx; sad music, someone in the background 'Robyn isn't from
New York City...'

MARCY
Jean, I love New York City. I was a
Rockette, I attended the Tish School
of the Arts...I was even a card-
carrying member of the subway. But I
think it's time to be more...present.

JEAN BLUE
You're right. Thank you for being my

friend.

MARCY

I'm sorry, I've never heard that before. What did you say?

9 INT. CHURCH HALL BUFFET LINE

AGNES

This buffet line is taking forever, what's the hold up?

BARBARA

I'm deciding between the fried and the baked fish.

AGNES

Take one of each Barbara.

BARBARA

But do I want that much fish?

AGNES

Then just take the fried.

BARBARA

Mmm, but I don't like fried fish.

AGNES

THEN WHY IS THIS A DISCUSSION BARBARA!

ALICE

Janice, can you pass the salad tongs.

JANICE

Accio, salad tongs.

ALICE

You can't even cool it in the buffet line can you Janice?

SAMANTHA

Oh my gosh I'm a slut for mac and cheese...

HONEY

See, that's where you can properly label yourself a slut. Cause you love mac and cheese so much that you're like a slut for it.

SAMANTHA

Just like I'm a slut for boys.

HONEY

But you haven't had any boys. You have had mac and cheese, which means you can be a slut for it.

SAMANTHA

Ah I see, I can only choose one thing to be a slut over? Well I'll keep it to boys...

HONEY

Samantha...

SAMANTHA

I know, I'm bad ain't I?

PASTOR

Desmond, would you like a bun?

DESMOND

Depends if it's as tasty as my two favorite buns.

PASTOR

Mmhm, I don't know if I can serve you those two tasty buns right now.

DESMOND

Then I'll have to wait till Saturday morning at midnight when I can eat meat again...

CHET

If Axl and I got in trouble for screaming blue waffle at the waffle breakfast benefit, Pastor you've definitely gotta do some service hours for this.

DESMOND

Don't you worry, Pastor Jamie puts in plenty of service hours already.

PASTOR

Although to be fair, I get *serviced* a lot as well.

CHET

Suddenly I don't think I can eat any
of this fish.

DESMOND

Hehe weird, I'm not the same at all.

10 INT. CHURCH HALL BATHROOMS

COMMUNIST DEREK / PAGAN GINGER / DRUNK
CHARLES

VEGAN FOR ANIMALS!

SOCIALIST DAVE / MATILDA / CHERYL

VEGAN FOR HEALTH!

SUSANNE

Excuse me, I'm just going to pass you
protesters for the bathroom...but also
because I wanted to see the drama...

fx; Susanne jingle, door opens.

CAROL ANN

You know I went vegan once, and my
goodness did I love it. It was back
when I lived in Brazil, I had fresh
mangos every morning...

COMMUNIST DEREK

Be quiet you evil solider of the
capitalist regime!

CAROL ANN

That's pretty harsh to say, I'm just
making sure you stay in the protest
zone.

SOCIALIST DAVE

Yes, stalling us to boredom like the
STALIN that you are. Carol Ann...more
like Suppressor Ann!

CAROL ANN

Well for being so mean I won't share
the snacks I made.

PAGAN GINGER

What? There's snacks? I'm so hungry I
already ate my entire pepper.

MATILDA

Well maybe you're not so bad Carol Ann.

COMMUNIST DEREK

Maybe calling you a solider was a bit harsh.

SOCIALIST DAVE

Maybe calling you a society-tit sucking anarchist pig who skins cows for carnal pleasure was overboard.

CAROL ANN

Alright, well here's some pinwheels I made for everyone

fx; tupperware snaps off.

CAROL ANN

Everyone take a pinwheel!

fx; massive sound of clammoring from everyone.

SOCIALIST DAVE

I do declare these are delicious, these would make even the most tyrant leaders step down from their post!

DRUNK CHARLES

These are great drunk snacks.

CHERYL

Add good munchies for when you're high too.

PAGAN GINGER

I haven't tasted flavor like this in such a long time...

MATILDA

What's in these pinwheels Carol Ann, they're absolutely divine!

CAROL ANN

Oh you guys treat me so well! It's pretty simple, it's a flax seed wrap with some argula and herb aioli crushed with munster cheese, figs, bacon and salt. Toasted with some butter...

fx; record scratch

COMMUNIST DEREK

Bacon? Herb aioli? Cheese? Butter?

PAGAN GINGER

Oh my gosh Carol Ann we're vegan clubs, how could you serve this to us?

DRUNK CHARLES

Well Pagan Ginger, we're the vegan for animals club. They're the vegan for *health* club.

SOCIALIST DAVE

DRUNK CHARLES NOW IS NOT THE TIME!

MATILDA

How could you poison us like this Carol Ann?

CHERYL

(mouth full of food)

Now hold on, it's not really poisonous. It's too good to be poison...

CAROL ANN

I thought you guys were the Heathens clubs!

COMMUNIST DEREK / PAGAN GINGER / DRUNK CHARLES / SOCIALIST DAVE / MATILDA / CHERYL

THE HEATHENS CLUBS?

CAROL ANN

I'm so sorry my listening device has been a little funky. The other day I thought my husband said that he was hungry for my chops...but he meant pork chops.

fx; door opens

SUSANNE

Oh dear, I could hear all of that in the bathroom. I guess Carol Ann really put the *shrimp* on the *barbie*...

fx; susanne audio gag

COMMUNIST DEREK

Vegans, we must unite. We must put
down our swords of whether we are
vegan for animals or for health and
aim them at this POISONER!

CAROL ANN

Oh dar, I better get out of
here...with my tupperware!

fx; swipe

fx; screams in the background

PASTOR

It seems like that vegan protest is
getting out of hand. I hope Carol Ann
can handle it.

ELIJAH

We underestimate Carol Ann
sometimes...she's pretty good at
handling situations. The other day she
cleaned the microwave with such
determination...

ANNABELLE

(into a microphone)

Hi everyone, unfortunately I'll be
singing this song a cappella. My
backup promised to be here but instead
ditched me...

GARFIELD

Reminds me back when I was in the war.
I was left behind in battle too.

AGNES

What happened Garfield?

GARFIELD

They left me at the brothel! I had to
walk a mile back to base.

JAMES

SAME HERE BROTHER!

ANNABELLE

(singing)

*We learn to sacrifice, because the
higher spirits that be sacrifice all*

*the time. They do it so that we learn
and that we try to avoid our crimes...*

GLADYS

There's a lot of singing at this
church, perhaps too much.

SHARON

Liv, can you hand me that plate of
pickles. I'll take it up to the buffet
line...

LIV

You know what, I think I can handle
it.

SHARON

Give me the plate Liv.

LIV

It's my plate to take up Sharon.

fx; grunting, back and forth movements.

SHARON

Liv, I need you to let go of this
plate.

LIV

You're holding onto this plate like
you're kidnapping it. I expect nothing
less from you Sharon!

SHARON

For someone who doesn't care about
this church you sure seem to care
about these pickles.

JONATHAN

My boyfriend Silver can attest that I
care about *his* pickle.

fx; shatter of glass

SHARON

Great job Liv, you dropped that plate
of pickles...

fx; screaming sounds begin to pick up in the background.

LIV

Well maybe if you didn't try and control everything Sharon, the pickles would be on the tray on the table.

SHARON

Liv, maybe I have been too bold. I've been trying to prove myself...

CAROL ANN

OUT OF THE WAY! I THOUGHT THE VEGAN CLUB WAS THE HEATHEN CLUB AND I FED THEM MEAT AND CHEESE PINWHEELS AND NOW THEY'RE CHASING ME OOOOOO--

fx; slip and crash sounds

ANNABELLE

thank you lord or a higher power!
Thank you for listening!

MARCY

I guess Annabelle isn't the biggest accident of the night...it's this mac and cheese...

SAMANTHA

Thank goodness I chose to be a slut for boys and not this mac and cheese...

PASTOR

Carol Ann are you okay?

ELIJAH

Can we still use those pickles?

CAROL ANN

I...should...be fine...

COMMUNIST DEREK

Pastor Jamie, Carol Ann accidentally fed us meat and dairy!

PAGAN GINGER

It was a violation of our bodies, truly assault!

PASTOR

Wow, and what did we learn?

CHERYL

That meat tastes really good...

SOCIALIST DAVE

Cheryl! That's not what we learned.

MATILDA

I don't think we really needed to learn anything, I think this was more of a...problem?

SHARON

Well I learned something...Liv, I'm sorry that I've been a little bossy. I've been trying a bit too hard, I'll try and take a step back.

LIV

And maybe I've been trying too hard because you've been trying too hard.

ELIJAH

Wow, what model behavior from our Head Volunteer.

CAROL ANN

But...I made...pinwheels...

PASTOR

Filled with meat and dairy that you fed to vegans, that's definitely not head volunteer behavior...

CAROL ANN

Oh...dang...gasp.

ANNABELLE

Well I learned that Ricky is not a good friend, he didn't come to help me perform tonight.

AGNES

You did great Annabelle, although I wish there was a backing instrumental to compliment your vocals.

MARCY

Did I not say that Jean Blue?

JEAN BLUE

Wow, I can't believe my new best

friend is a *professional musician!*

AGNES

Oh dear, I forgot how stupid my
daughter is...

MARCY

I can't believe I have a best friendé?
Is that how you say that? 'best
frienede?'

JONATHAN

I can't believe Marcy's referred to as
a professional musician or as
someone's friend!