

HELEN  
We called an ambulance last year  
because I broke a hip.

MARCY  
Trust me, I know. And this is why this  
year's choreography is light.

12 INT. CHURCH HALL

Murmuring and excitement builds before the show.

RACHEL RYANS  
Is this seat taken Elijah?

ELIJAH  
Well it's for the Pastor but she's on  
a date with her boyfriend so we won't  
see her for four days--oh my gosh my  
college rival and my *current* rival for  
the Regional District Multi-Faith  
Singing Competition, Rachel Ryans.  
What are you doing here?

RACHEL RYANS  
I happened to have a free night off  
and figured I'd come see your choir's  
showcase. After all, a liturgical  
minister is only as good as his choir.

ELIJAH  
Well my ability to sing isn't measured  
by how well my choir sings.

RACHEL RYANS  
Oh is that so?

fx; someone off key in the distance.

ELIJAH  
That is so.

RACHEL RYANS  
Since I know you wouldn't divulge  
anything about what you're singing for  
the competition, I figured you might  
be coy enough to leave clues in the  
showcase.

ELIJAH  
For your information, I didn't direct

the showcase.

RACHEL RYANS

Oh? Why is that?

ELIJAH

Because I've been so consumed with practicing for the competition that I handed the showcase off to a few members of the parish.

RACHEL RYANS

Oh I see, I came to watch a slaughter tonight didn't I?

ELIJAH

I'm quite confident in the caliber of the material.

fx; more off key notes.

13 INT. CHURCH HALL STAGE

MARCY

Welcome everyone to the SCONE Spring Showcase. It's me, Marcy from Marcy's Playground. I know some of you can't believe I'm a member of this parish. But I am! Every church has their celebrity after all.

LIV

I thought our church celebrity was the owner of that viral cat? Except he stopped coming.

JONATHAN

And he had two viral memes with that cat, double the hits Marcy Playground has had.

MARCY

First up, we open the evening with a delightful politcio showstopper. Please welcome Socialist Dave and Communist Derek to the stage!

fx; applause.

ELIJAH  
 (whispering)  
 Oh dear.

RACHEL RYANS  
 What was that Elijah?

ELIJAH  
 I said 'oh wow'.

fx; piano overture.

COMMUNIST DEREK  
*If the world ain't equal than it ain't a good world.*

SOCIALIST DAVE  
*If we let the upper class win then what happens to the boys and girls?*

COMMUNIST DEREK  
*There's only one way, there's only one way.*

SOCIALIST DAVE  
*And that's to destroy capitalism baby.*

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RACHEL RYANS  
 Well, this is truly interesting to say at least. Reminds me of the bold choice back at the college winter sing-off when you wore a sparkly blue tuxedo.

ELIJAH  
 Yes, you'd know boldness considering you think you can handle a Celine Dion song.

14 INT. CHURCH HALL STAGE - BACK STAGE

JEAN BLUE  
 Marcy...we're four acts in and so far it's going smooth.

GLADYS  
Garfield never wrote me a song.

RACHEL RYANS  
Oh an *original?* A bold move I'd say  
for a showcase...

ELIJAH  
Like I said, I had nothing to do with  
this showcase.

GARFIELD  
*Like a rose...like a daisy, like any  
flower she wants to be, My lady is the  
finest of all my previous babes.*

fx; Garfield singing in the background

GLADYS  
Well I'm not going to stand for this!  
He didn't do anything like sing a song  
for me. Garfield didn't even pay for  
my meal at Olive Garden, I had to pay  
for my own frozen spaghetti. Why I'll  
show him...I'll use this stage grease  
to wax the floor outside Garfield's  
dressing room. Then he'll slip and hit  
the floor...hehe it's my best work  
yet.

GARFIELD  
*And there's no one as good as my  
Denise. There's no one as beautiful as  
my hussy!*

fx; applause.

RACHEL RYANS  
I will say, for what it lacked in  
skill, it made up for with ambition.

ELIJAH  
Well in my absence I wasn't going to  
let this showcase fall apart.

RACHEL RYANS  
Just like the time when you were  
absent during your solo in "Total  
Eclipse of the Heart" in the Thankful  
Thanksgiving Aria back in school? The  
background singers totally eclipsed

you.

ELIJAH

Well I suppose we all have a weak moment or two. Oh wait, I'm sorry you've went on to have a career weaker than Usher's discography in the last decade.

fx; cry out

ELIJAH

What was that?

RACHEL RYANS

Probably someone practicing.

16 INT. CHURCH HALL STAGE

fx; huffing, puffing, running

ELIJAH

I came as quickly as I could, is someone okay?

JEAN BLUE

Someone is *not* okay. Helen slipped over here by the dressing rooms...

ELIJAH

Slipped on what? These are polished wooden floors!

MARCY

These floors are as polished as this spring showcase.

AGNES

So they're not polished at all?

HELEN

I think I broke my other hip.

DENISE

Helen, I think you meant you broke your hip again.

HELEN

Well can someone call 911, I'm in so much pain?

HELEN  
It's okay I really just want medical attention...

MARCY  
Speaking of attention, I better go address the crowd...

fx; swipe

MARCY  
Due to a medical emergency, we will be taking a quick break. Please don't leave, we have some more great acts coming up.

RACHEL RYANS  
A medical emergency...I suppose someone could brandish this cluster of performances as such.

ELIJAH  
If I recall, the captain of the football team also broke up with you due to your...'medical emergency'.

RACHEL RYANS  
I had mono!

ELIJAH  
Good excuse for getting larynx surgery.

fx; sounds of Garfield and Denise getting steamy come out over the speakers.

GARFIELD  
Denise, your girls look pretty good, like two old plums.

DENISE  
Thanks Garfield...your chest looks as sculpted as a seal's belly.

MARCY  
What the hell kind of cheap smut is coming over the speakers? Garfield, Denise, your mics are hot!

fx; Marcy running

GLADYS  
Oh no, someone turned on their microphones! This is terrible!

GARFIELD  
Denise I wanna suck on your stomach like a lamprey

fx; disgust from the audience.

DENISE  
Garfield, I want you harder than a boulder.

fx; digust from the audience.

GARFIELD  
Hehe, I'm already there. You know I'm as big as a boulder too...you hussy.

fx; disgust from the audience.

RACHEL RYANS  
Well this certainly goes down as one of the more shocking events I've seen at a showcase. And I was present at the Super Bowl halftime show when Janet Jackson showed her showcase.

ELIJAH  
Good, you should expect similar shock at the Regional District Multi-Faith Singing Compeition.

RACHEL RYANS  
HA, I shall Elijah Moses Corinthian.

ELIJAH  
Right back at you Rachel Ryans.

RACHEL RYANS  
Keep it going Elijah Moses Corinthian.  
You'll need all the luck you can get.

ELIJAH  
Please, I have you beat all the way to the bank, Rachel Ryans.

RACHEL RYANS  
We'll see about that Elijah Moses Corinthian.

turned on their microphones. But it was funny so I'll keep it between you and me.

fx; running

MARCY  
(running and out of breath)  
Alright...let...me...address...the stage...

MARCY  
(on microphone)  
Everyone....please....please...ooh, I can't breathe.

fx; a single clap turns into thunderous applause.

MARCY  
Tha...thank you. Thank you. THANK YOU!

LIV  
Why are we clapping?

JONATHAN  
I'm not sure, maybe because this was the first time things didn't completely smolder into a raging out of control fire?

ELIJAH  
Subversive, unexpected, wild, untamed, raw...quite a lovely experience!

RACHEL RYANS  
Well....I wouldn't go that far.

fx; applause continues.

MARCY  
Please give it up for me Marcy, and Jean Blue the director!

JEAN BLUE  
I'm so grateful to work with such talent.

MARCY  
You're welcome!