

Pastor Greg Aud

TIMOTHY. But that ... that would hurt too much. (*The door opens. Pastor Greg walks in.*)

PASTOR GREG. Knock. Knock. Knock. (*He's a nice guy. In slacks.*)
Over so soon.

~~MARGERY. We were just ...~~

TIMOTHY. I was just leaving.

PASTOR GREG. Have a blessed day. (*Timothy flips him the bird as he makes his exit.*) Troubled kid.

MARGERY. Yeah.

PASTOR GREG. How was puppet practice today?

MARGERY. It was ... I am daily being taught lessons of patience and forgiveness.

PASTOR GREG. Thatta girl. When can we expect the debut of your Christcateers?

MARGERY. I don't know, Pastor Greg.

PASTOR GREG. Will giving you a deadline help.

MARGERY. I don't think so.

PASTOR GREG. Well I do. Service, next Sunday yer on the bill and if you don't have a presentation it'll be up to you to explain it.

MARGERY. But ...

PASTOR GREG. Ah ah ah, no buts. The church has been more than generous with space and resources ...

MARGERY. Fine. I'll see what I can do.

PASTOR GREG. Thatta girl. (*Margery packs up her puppet and her Bible.*) There's also gonna be a potluck after.

MARGERY. Oh.

PASTOR GREG. Yeah.

MARGERY. Huh.

PASTOR GREG. Will you be there.

MARGERY. I wasn't plannin' on ...

PASTOR GREG. I would sure like it if you came.

MARGERY. Oh Pastor Greg.

PASTOR GREG. I know you don't get on well with the Ladies Auxiliary, but I think these puppets are gonna be a big hit.

MARGERY. Oh Pastor Greg.

PASTOR GREG. And I promise I will not leave your side.

MARGERY. Oh Pastor Greg.

PASTOR GREG. Try me you'll like me. Least gimme a "we'll see"?

MARGERY. It hasn't been but six months ...

PASTOR GREG. Just a "we'll see."

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MARGERY. *(Sigh.)* We'll see.

PASTOR GREG. Great. I'll see you there. You have a blessed day.

MARGERY. Night pastor.

END

Scene 2

So in time we are a little after Jessica and Jason left the basement.

They're sitting on playground swings. Drinking Coke from cans.

Jessica has taken her puppet off.

Jason has not.

Jason takes a drink of his soda.

He is using the puppet mouth to hold the can.

It's a little funny.

Jessica maybe giggles.

Jason maybe gets red.

Maybe switches the soda to his other hand.

JESSICA. You don't take that thing off much do you.

JASON. I do. I do all the time. I spend long periods of time with it off. Like in the bath. Or when swimming. Or ...

JESSICA. Only when dealing with water.

JASON. What?

JESSICA. What, is he some kinda hydrophobe?

JASON. Who Tyrone?

JESSICA. Is that his name.

JASON. Ummm. Yeah.

JESSICA. And he's afraid of water.

JASON. I know what hydrophobe means.

JESSICA. I didn't think you didn't.

JASON. He just takes a really long time to dry. You take him into the pool once and there goes your Saturday night, alone in the bathroom with the hair dryer. *(She giggles again. He gets red again.)*

JESSICA. Aww you're embarrassed.

JASON. I'm not embarrassed.

JESSICA. You don't have to be embarrassed.

JASON. Good I'm not.