

Free-will skit #3

Putting the car before the horse

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Performers x 2

Constance/Narrator

Penny

(Penny sees Constance coming and tries to cross the street pretending she hasn't seen her.)

Con "Penny Darling!..Yahoo?"

Pen "Connie!...Um...hello."

Con "I wasn't expecting to see you in town today."

Pen "Our car's playing up,...So I'm just off to buy another one."

Con "How lovely!...Can I come with you?" (pleading) "Please?...Please? I just adore the smell of leather upholstery in new cars....Mmmm."

Pen "It won't be new actually....And it won't have leather upholstery unless they're putting it in Toyotas for free.."

Con "But Darling...It *must* have leather seats....Penny Darling....Sounds like you need my help....I'm an absolute wizard with sums....I'll get you a bargain."

Pen (Under her breath) "I was afraid you'd say that."

Con "Pardon?"

Pen "Oh...Nothing."

Con "Here we are....Humphreys Euros."

Pen "European?"

Con "Yes....Of course!"

Pen "Jim says it has to be a Toyota because you can buy parts for them from any Corner Dairy...just about."

Con "Well..Jim's about to take a step or two up the ladder....and he'll thank me for it one day."

Pen "I don't know?"

Con "Now what are we looking for?....An Auto with leather seats..."

Pen "No,...A Manual..."

Con "Penny Darling....Did I hear you right?...A Manual?...This is 2016 not 1816!.."

Pen "Jim says Economy is the priority...so it has to be a Manual because....."

Con (Interrupting) "Why doesn't Jim get himself a horse and cart?.....No!....We'll find you a nice little Auto."

Pen "But I don't want an Auto.."

Con "Fiddlesticks....Just trust me!....".(enthusiastically)..."Oh.....Just look at this one...Metallic blue....Oh...."

Pen "But I want white."

Con "Do you know what *this* colour says?"

Pen "Yes....It says second mortgage."

Con "It says I've *made* it....Just try and keep up with me..."

Pen "But it costs nearly as much as our house!.."

Con "Yes...your house,...I've been meaning to talk to you about that....I think it's time we toured the Real Estate offices too..."

Pen "But Jim says..."

Con "Where is Jim by the way?"

Pen "He's at work."

Con "Exactly...So we're making the decisions today....And we decided an Auto with leather upholstery....And if you buy *this* one...Jim will overtake everything else on the road...and he'll get to work early...So he'll do more work and get paid more....And you'll probably make money on it..." (looking pleased with herself.)

Pen "I was afraid you'd say that."

Con "Pardon?"

Pen (smiles)

Con (putting her head in the window) "Oh! Just smell that interior.....It's heaven!...C'mon!"

Pen "Definitely smells of second mortgage!"

Con "Well...I have a nose for a bargain...and *this* is today's one."

Pen "But it costs so much?"

Con "And a bargain at that!....Hop in and try it..."

Pen "But how do I change gear?"

Con "I do hope you're joking?"

Pen "Well...No I'm not."

Con "*This* is why they should ban *all* Manuals...and make everybody drive proper cars...Here....I'll get in beside you and give you a driving lesson."

Pen "But which one's the gear lever?"

Con "Gosh...You and Jim were born two centuries too late...Now..please don't hit any of these other cars or you'll have to sell your children into slavery to pay for them...Just start the car with your foot on the brake then push down slowly on the accelerator..."

Pen "But it's not in gear yet?"

Con "I do hope you're joking?.....I'll go and ask if they've got a car that you can pedal."

Pen "Oh my!...Oh my!."

Con “Now just do as I say and you’ll drive into the 21st Century...in style.”

End

Narrator “To some people *economy* is the most important thing about a car, to others it’s *style*. And we should make it our priority when we buy one, or we will always be dissatisfied. There’s a reason for the choices we make, and when we accept second-best, it isn’t a choice, it’s defaulting. The Lord wants us to have whatever is important to us, because free-will gives us the power to choose that....No-one else has the right to choose what car we drive or how we like our coffee...When Adam named that big grey animal an Elephant in the Garden Of Eden, The Lord accepted that as its name and it always will be an Elephant. And when you make *economy* the priority in a car, He accepts that, and you should make sure your friends do as well.”

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