

Free-will skit #4

Trolley full of bargains

Kevin Lee

Performers x 2

Constance/Narrator
Penny

Props

Shopping trolleys x 2

(Penny pushing a trolley sees Constance pushing one and tries to turn away to avoid her.)

Con "Oh...Penny Darling?"

Pen "...Oh...Constance"

Con "Well...You did tell me you were shopping today....So I thought I'd come too and we can shop together."

Pen "Really?"

Con "Yes....I've a nose for a bargain...I can help you budget."

Pen (Muffled) "That's what I was afraid of."

Con "Pardon?"

Pen "Oh.....Nothing."

Con "Good.....Here we are...Meat...Now what are you after for that ravenous horde of yours?"

Pen "I was thinking Sausages."

Con "Sausages?"

Pen "Yes!"

Con "Do you know what Sausages are made from?"

Pen "Sausage meat?"

Con "No...That's where the eyes and ears and feet and all the other paraphernalia end up!"

Pen "In Sausages?"

Con "Yes..."(whispering) "A friend of mine heard it from a friend of a friend who works in a Butchers shop."

Pen "No?"

Con "Yes!"

Pen "They wouldn't do that."

Con "They do...We'll get you something better than ears and eyeballs...Ah here...Steak!"

Pen "But look at the price of it?...I can't afford that!"

Con "Fiddlesticks....When your Jim eats this he'll be twice as strong...and he'll do twice as much work..and he'll earn twice as much...So...You'll actually make money on it.."

Pen "Oh...No!"

Con "And what else Darling?"

Pen "Peanut butter."

Con "Yes...here...The only one I buy!"

Pen "But that's the expensive one."

Con “Yes...But you only get what you pay for....And *this* is worth paying the extra for...”

Pen “Oh...My!”

Con (Looking Penny up and down) “Penny Darling ...You wear those same clothes every week.....How old are they?”

Pen “I was born in them.”

Con “Very funny!....But you’ll die in them if I don’t help you.”

Pen “No...These are just fine...They fit me perfectly.”

Con “Well....They look like they grew on you.....You’ll probably have to shave them off....We can go fashion shopping *together*.”

Pen “I can’t afford fashion...I like comfy and practical.”

Con “Fiddlesticks...Every woman can afford fashion.....Comfy and practical are for farmers wives.”

Pen “No...Really...There’s no need...Jim says...”

Con “If Jim likes them he can wear them...But you’re not looking like an orphan around me.....There are only two places I shop at for style.....It’s my little secret...But I’ll take you on a shopping expedition there.”

Pen “But I like my clothes!”

Con “I’ve been thinking of giving classes in Home Budgeting....How would you like to be the first to sign up?...You can profit from my wisdom.”

Pen “I’ve already learnt from it today.”

Con “Yes...You have!...So you’ll be the first to enrol...It will absolutely change our life..”

Pen (Quietly) “If there’s any change left.”

Con “Pardon?”

Pen “Oh my!...What will Jim say?”

Con “Now...What else do you need Penny Darling?”

Pen “I need a Money Tree.”

Con “Very funny...C’mon we’ll walk around the aisles and see what else tickles our fancy.”

(They move off.)

End

Narrator “Every family has its flavour in the kitchen. To some it’s Curry, to others it’s herbs. Some love spicy, others prefer bland. Some make sweet, others make sour. If someone else does your shopping for you, you’ll end up with tins and packets of things you will never use, because that is *their* taste, not yours. It’s about choice, and choice is a personal thing, because the Lord wanted each of us to decide how many sugars we like in coffee, if any, and if we even drink coffee. And if we want to eat ears and eyeballs, He will let us, and He will even provide them for us, because free-will gives us that choice.”

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