

# HOW TO MEET MY MOTHER

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*A Ten Minute Comedy Skit*

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**SYNOPSIS:** Ginny Reed is about to meet her boyfriend Matt's family, but first she has to get to know Marian, his mother. While Matt is off buying watermelons, Marian and Ginny begin to chat. But the "chat" turns into an interrogation when Marian whips out a clipboard and begins checking off Ginny's qualities or lack thereof. Will Ginny measure up?

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

*(2 females, 1 male)*

GINNY REED (f) ..... 20's; A recent college graduate.  
*(96 lines)*

MATT MORGAN (m)..... 20's; Ginny's boyfriend, a  
recent college graduate.  
*(14 lines)*

MARIAN MORGAN (f)..... Matt's mother. *(77 lines)*

**SETTING:** The living room of the Morgan home.

## SET

Two comfortable chairs with a small table between them.

## PROPS

- Keys (MATT)
- Wallet (MATT)
- Clipboard (MARIAN)
- Papers (MARIAN)
- Pen (MARIAN)

**COSTUMES**

GINNY and MATT – Everyday dress.

MARIAN – Dress or skirt and blouse. If desired, she can wear an apron which she should remove when she enters.

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**AT RISE:** *MATT picks up his keys and wallet from the small table and is putting them in his pocket. GINNY stands behind one of the chairs, gripping its back tightly.*

**GINNY:** Do I have to, Matt?

**MATT:** It's just my mother.

**GINNY:** I know that, but....

**MATT:** Ginny, she's the sweetest, nicest person you'll ever want to meet.

**GINNY:** Everybody thinks that about their own mothers.

**MATT:** Trust me. It's true!

**GINNY:** Can't I get the watermelon? Please?

**MATT:** Mom wants me to get it because she says I've got radar.

**GINNY:** What does radar have to do with it?

**MATT:** Watermelons whisper to me. *(Points to imaginary watermelons.)* I'm ripe. I'm ripe. I'm not ripe!

**GINNY:** You're weird!

**MATT:** And that's why you love me, right? Right?

**GINNY:** *(Melting.)* To the moon and back, Mr. Morgan. But can't I go with you so I can see your radar in action?

**MATT:** Mom won't bite. And she needs help getting the picnic stuff ready.

**GINNY:** Matt, you're not making meeting all your relatives very easy for me.

**MATT:** Look who's talking! When I met your Uncle Harry, I had to spend an hour listening to him jabber on and on about the birds and the bees.

**GINNY:** He's an ornithologist whose hobby is bee-keeping.

**MATT:** Then I remember your Aunt Sylvia.

**GINNY:** Cousin Sylvia. Her mom's my Aunt Sophie.

**MATT:** One of them splashed gazpacho on me, then grabbed a dishcloth that had been soaked in bleach to clean me up. There went my new pants! Not to mention how weird I looked in camouflage Dockers!

**GINNY:** Everybody understood, Matt.

**MATT:** And then who was it? Your second cousin twice removed? Carter's kid.

**GINNY:** Carter's only once removed.

**MATT:** I wish he'd had his kid removed!

**GINNY:** I told you Leonard's a bit strange.

**MATT:** He thinks he's an Ewok. So, goodbye. I'll be back real soon!

**GINNY:** (*Nervously.*) Matt!

**MATT:** There's not an Ewok in my entire family!

*MATT pecks GINNY on the cheek, exits left.*

**GINNY:** Traitor!

*GINNY tries to fix herself up in nervous anticipation. MARIAN enters right holding a clipboard and pen. If MARIAN is wearing an apron she will remove it upon entering.*

**MARIAN:** (*Sweetly.*) Oh, here you are!

**GINNY:** Hi, Ms. Morgan.

**MARIAN:** (*Making a checkmark on clipboard.*) Very good! But now, please call me Marian.

**GINNY:** Oh, well, thank you, Marian.

**MARIAN:** (*Checking to be sure MATT'S gone.*) Matt's off getting the watermelon?

**GINNY:** Yes.

**MARIAN:** Good! That will give us a chance to get to know each other better.

**GINNY:** That'll be nice. And I'll be happy to help get things ready for the picnic. What can I do?

**MARIAN:** Oh, everything's all set.

**GINNY:** Napkins folded?

**MARIAN:** I did that last week.

**GINNY:** Burgers made?

**MARIAN:** I did those last week, too.

**GINNY:** Baked beans?

**MARIAN:** They've been in the crock pot since two this morning.

**GINNY:** At least they haven't been there since last week.

*MARIAN makes a checkmark on clipboard.*

**GINNY:** What are you doing, Ms. Morgan. I mean, Marian.

**MARIAN:** Oh, just a little checklist of mine.

**GINNY:** For what?

**MARIAN:** Don't you worry about it at all. Come here and sit down.  
You'll be standing up most of the afternoon greeting the family.

*MARIAN indicates chair.*

**GINNY:** Good point.

*They both sit.*

**GINNY:** Thank you.

**MARIAN:** *(Makes a checkmark.)* Well, your parents certainly taught you how to be polite.

**GINNY:** They tried.

**MARIAN:** That's all we can hope for, right? The rest is up to you. Is Matt polite?

**GINNY:** He is. Always.

**MARIAN:** Hmm...okay. Good! *(Makes a checkmark.)*

**GINNY:** *(Suspiciously.)* Are you...grading me or something?

**MARIAN:** *(With a laugh.)* Grading you? Goodness, Ginny, this isn't middle school!

**GINNY:** Then why do you keep making checkmarks on your paper?

**MARIAN:** Just taking an... inventory. Do you mind?

**GINNY:** An inventory of me?

**MARIAN:** Does that surprise you?

**GINNY:** Frankly, yes!

**MARIAN:** Hmm... suppose.... *(Makes a checkmark.)*

**GINNY:** What did you just check?

**MARIAN:** Easily offended.

**GINNY:** I'm not easily offended! Ask anyone. I don't offend easily at all! You could jab me with a pitchfork and I wouldn't be offended. Dead, maybe, but not offended.

**MARIAN:** *(Makes a checkmark.)* Excellent!

**GINNY:** What's that check for?

**MARIAN:** You have a sense of humor. That's a must if you're going to continue a relationship with Matt.

**GINNY:** *(Incredulously.)* What?

**MARIAN:** Matt has a strong need to laugh.

**GINNY:** I know that.

**MARIAN:** *(Makes a checkmark.)* Good. You know, he was just a little sourpuss when he was a baby. We did everything but stand on our heads and spit nickels to try and get him to laugh, but nothing worked. And then we got a puppy. That thing would lick Matt's face until I thought it would wear off. But that puppy got Matt laughing and he hasn't stopped since.

**GINNY:** Well, I don't lick his face.

**MARIAN:** *(Makes a checkmark.)* Good. You're hygienic. I imagine you use a lot of soap and water when you wash your hands and you keep some antiseptic wipes in your purse.

**GINNY:** No.

**MARIAN:** Are you sure?

**GINNY:** I don't carry a purse.

**MARIAN:** *(Makes a checkmark.)* Oh, my! Clever girl!

**GINNY:** Ms. Morgan, Marian, does Matt know you've got a checklist for potential girlfriends?

**MARIAN:** Of course not! He'd kill me on the spot.

**GINNY:** Then why don't you just put that thing away. We can just talk.

**MARIAN:** *(Looking over her list.)* Let's see....hmmm...conversational skills. Here we are! *(Makes a checkmark.)*

**GINNY:** This isn't a conversation.

**MARIAN:** No?

**GINNY:** It's a police interrogation.

**MARIAN:** *(Sweetly.)* Then think of me as "Good Cop".

**GINNY:** Can't I make the potato salad instead?

**MARIAN:** I did that.

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