

JOB REVIEW

A Ten-Minute Comedy Duet

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**Originally performed at The Brick Playhouse in Philadelphia.*

CAST: FAITH and DARLA

SETTING: A hallway with an imposing door at one end. The door is shut. For contest purposes, this can all be mimed.

AT RISE: FAITH leads DARLA down the hallway toward the door.

FAITH: This is it. Just go through the door. They're waiting for you.

DARLA: I can't.

FAITH: You can't?

DARLA: I'm afraid.

FAITH: Afraid of what?

DARLA: I'm afraid of what's going to happen to me.

FAITH: It's just a job review. They're going to review your work.

DARLA: (**ominously**) That's what they say.

FAITH: What's that supposed to mean?

DARLA: Who's in there, exactly? Who are the "they" that will be reviewing me?

FAITH: (**confused, unsure of the answer**) The bosses. The supervisors here at work. They're people like you and me.

DARLA: I wouldn't be so sure of that.

FAITH: Excuse me?

DARLA: My friend Steve went in there to get "reviewed." I never saw him again.

FAITH: He probably got fired. Was Steve a productive worker?

DARLA: How should I know? I don't meddle in other people's business. (**pause**) And how would they know if Steve was a productive worker or not?

FAITH: They read the progress reports.

DARLA: That's what they want you to think.

FAITH: Well, how else are they going to find out?

DARLA: They have their ways. They have cameras. Cameras all over the place. In the hallways, in the bathrooms, behind the computer monitor screens.

FAITH: Behind the computer monitor screen?

DARLA: Yes, while you're typing on your computer, they're watching. They're looking into your soul.

FAITH: (**flippantly**) Wouldn't the backwards words on the screen get in the way?

DARLA: This isn't a joke.

FAITH: Well, you can't be serious.

DARLA: I'm as serious as Oliver Stone at a Conspiracy Theory Convention.

FAITH: They actually have Conspiracy Theory Conventions, ya' know?

DARLA: Yes, I've been to them. And the bosses here know that. They hired my best friend to spy on me. She told them all about my personal secrets. They paid her very handsomely to inform on me. That's why she's now my ex-best friend.

FAITH: She admitted it all to you?

DARLA: No. Do you think she has a death wish? These huge corporations are so powerful...so secretive. They can probably get away with just about anything.

FAITH: Let me guess. The bosses would take her out.

DARLA: In a heart-beat. It's not like they haven't done it before.

FAITH: I'm having a hard time swallowing all this.

DARLA: Oh, you know it's true. Deep down inside you know. But it scares you and you repress it.

FAITH: I can't repress something I don't even believe.

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