

MADAM ZELDA

A comic sketch

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Scene. Madame Zeldas' sitting room. Sideboard at rear. Candles and incense burning. Table at front, cloth down to floor, four chairs round.

Cast. Bill. 50s 60s. smartly dressed, nervous and timid.

Zelda. Age??? Flowing flowery dress, lots of scarves.

Bill (Off) Hello! Anyone there? Can you hear me? Anyone there?

Zelda (Off) No need to shout dear. I'll be with you in a moment. Go into the sitting room and I'll soon be with you.

Bill (entering) Sitting room! Is this it? I think this is a mistake. What's that smell?

Zelda (Off) I'm coming now William. Make yourself comfortable dear. Mistake was it? Well we'll show him won't we my loves. Soon be with you Bill. You don't mind me calling you Bill do you?

Bill (wandering round room) How does she know my name? I told her when I booked. No I didn't, I booked as Mr Richards. I didn't give her my Christian name. No, I've always been called.....

Zelda Your mother didn't like the name Bill did she dear?
(entering) Here we are dear. Why was it that your mother didn't like you being called Bill? Sit down dear and relax.
(she sits)

Bill How do you know my name? Good guess? You looked me up in the phone book?

Zelda My dear I am Madam Zelda. I have the seeing eye. When you crossed my threshold I saw everything dear. Your past, your hopes, your future.

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- Bill Really! Wow! OK why am I here then? What caused me to come here and see you? If you can see everything then I won't need to say a word will I?
- Zelda I can see so much but I don't know the answers to the questions you seek. Only you know what you want from me and the spirits dear. Now who is it you wish to contact?
- Bill Don't you know? I thought you said you could see everything.
- Zelda That I do dear but there is so much in your life I cannot know where to start, or who exactly it is you wish to contact. Your mother? Has she passed over?
- Bill Mother? What do you mean passed over?
- Zelda Has she passed over. Gone over to the other side dear.
- Bill No she was always a United supporter. I'm a city man myself. Thought you could see everything?
- Zelda Has your mother passed away dear. I of course know the answer but I need to hear it from you, that way we can build trust between us. Give me your hand dear.
- Bill Why? What will that do? I thought I'd just come in here, shuffle some cards and you'd be able to tell me what I wanted to know.
- Zelda If you go to the circus then you could get that, but it's only mumbo-jumbo. Only I, Madam Zelda, can really contact the love one who has passed away. To find the answers you seek.
- Bill Who were you talking to when I arrived? If you don't mind me asking.
- Zelda Talking to? Ah yes my husband and my lover. I talk to them all the time, they are always with me.
- Bill What together? I didn't notice a car outside. Doesn't your husband mind that you have a lover living here?

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Zelda My, my, my. So many questions but I must gain his trust
 must I not my dears. No my husband doesn't mind my
 having a lover dear. They have both passed over dear.

Bill And you keep them both here? That's unhealthy. That's
 disgusting.