

**2007 District 6 CLUSTER FORUM SKITS:  
OUR 3<sup>RD</sup> TRADITION**

**Setting: Courtroom**

**Characters: Judges / Old Timers, members of the jury / home group members, D.A., Applicant Representative (Public Defender), Bailiff, Applicant # 1: William D., Applicant # 2: Jessica R., Applicant # 3: Tequilla Sunrise, Court Recorder. *Other roles can be added.***

*Judge 1*

Okay, good afternoon everyone. (*Shuffling papers*) The date is April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and we have three dockets on the table, each an individual application for A.A. membership. I, the Honorable Bill B., along with the Honorable Augustus C. and the Honorable Ken B., have reviewed the application folders and are prepared to hear arguments. I will now allow the District Attorney Matt P. to address the jury.

*Matt / D.A.*

(*Walks to Jury*) Gentlemen and Ladies of the jury, as home group members it is our duty to protect the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous from individuals who – right or wrong – simply can not contribute to our cause effectively. The men, including co-founders Dr. Bob and Bill W., before us have laid down guidelines as a way to ensure the members of A.A. remain pure and respectable. We are up against a fatal disease. As our book clearly states, (*hold up copy of Big Book*) “We have been pulled from the gates of death.”

However, (*pause*) we can not afford to return to those very gates. We have our families...our professions...our lives to consider. I urge you to be selective, even conservative with your decisions this afternoon. (*dramatic pause*) God knows, our lives depend on it.

*Judge 2*

Thank you, Counselor. I now open the floor to Applicant Representative Susan B. to address the jury.

*Susan / Applicant Representative*

Thank you Your Honors. (*Walks to jury*) Members of the jury, I'd like to take you on a journey. Image a fellowship of the future. Call me idealistic, but a fellowship...(*pause*)...where the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. (*Pause*) Yes, I am fully aware the concept I am presenting is, to say the least, outside the box right now. But if you could just follow with me, keeping in mind the seed I have just planted, through this application trial with an open mind – and heart – oh, the doors we could open for the future of A.A.

True, as D.A. Matt P., has clearly exaggerated we are up against a deadly disease. However, I pose this question to you...how do we know these applicants are not up against it as well?

*Judge 3*

Thank you, Counselor. Alright, let's move onto the applicants. Bailiff?

*Bailiff*

The first applicant is docket number 1765432, William D.

*William D., a man dressed in biker attire, rises from the audience and walks up on stage onto the witness stand.*

*Judge 1*

You may precede Counselor.

*Matt*

Thank you Your Honors. (*Approaching William*) Mr. D. May I call you William?

*William*

Sure.

*Matt*

Alright William. I have reviewed your application folder and I have a few questions for you this afternoon. First, I'm concerned with your Tylenol consumption. When asked on the application questioner, Section 27 Question 123, if you use any medication you responded, and I quote, (*reading*) "I take a Tylenol every once and a while when I have a headache." End quote. Could you please define (*mimic air quotes*) "once and a while" for the members of the jury and home group?

*William*

I, uh, well, I'm not sure.

*Matt*

You're not sure? Do you take that many Tylenol you can't recall even how often?

*William*

No. Maybe once a month.

*Matt*

Wow, William, to me that sounds like a lot of "headaches." Would you say you have a problem with the drug Tylenol?

*William*

I don't think so. I'm a little confused.

*Matt*

I think we all are William. (*accusatory*) And how many of these pills do you take at a time?

*William*

Usually two.

*Matt*

Two? A little excessive don't you think William?

*Susan*

Objection! Your Honors the personal opinion of the D.A. is not relevant to this application proceeding. It is a known fact that two Tylenol is the standard dosage for an adult male at one setting.

*Matt*

You Honors. The D.A. would be more than happy to allow the App. Rep. to bring a medical examiner to the stand to testify to such claims as a "standard dosage." Until such time, unless the App. Rep. attended Med. school along with her night school law classes, I don't think her opinion on a normal dosage is relevant either, especially when she starts throwing around words like "standard."

*Judge 1*

Ms. B., the D.A. has a point. Bring a medical professional to the stand, otherwise, overruled. (*Turns to the D.A.*) You may proceed.

*Matt*

Thank you. So William, we have in question your Tylenol consumption. Now for my second question, allow me to ask what it is you do for a living?

*William*

I'm unemployed at the moment.

*Matt*

I see. It must have been the headaches that impaired your abilities. No further questions at this time.

*Judge 2*

App. Rep B. your witness.

*Susan*

(*Walking to William*) Hi William. (*Walks around a bit.*) William, what is your favorite color?

*William*

Uuuhh, blue.

*Susan*

Interesting. And William do you prefer the Red Sox or the Yankees?

*William*

The Sox. Definitely.

*Matt*

Objection. Your Honors what can be the relevance of the App. Rep's questions?

*Susan*

You Honors my questions are just as "relevant" as the D.A.'s inquisition. I am simply establishing respectability, as the D.A. was attempting to do with his Tylenol charade. It is clear as day that anyone who prefers the Red Sox over the Yankees is a respectable member of society. Besides, I have no further questions.

*Judge 2*

You may step down William. The jury will deliberate after the following proceedings. Bailiff?

*William steps down and returns to the audience.*

*Bailiff*

The next applicant is docket 1766332, Jessica R.

*Jessica R. rises from the back of the audience dressed in dressy, slightly provocative attire. The song "Wild Thing" begins and continues as she walks upon stage and is seated at the witness stand.*

*Matt*

Uh, Your Honors, the D.A. has no questions at this time for the applicant. We have reviewed her application folder and find no reason not to accept membership.

*Judge 3*

Very well. Counselor? (*Addressing Susan*)

*Susan*

Well Jessica, it appears you lucked out. The District Attorney clearly must have missed the question about taking Midol for abdominal pains.

*Matt*

Your Honors, the D.A. did NOT miss such a question however we feel there is sufficient evidence to suggest the applicant has discomfort beyond her control requiring the Midol consumption.

*Susan*

Discomfort – beyond – her – control? (*dramatic pause*) That must be some Auburn Alumni lingo. And sufficient evidence? Could that evidence be exhibits A and B? (*Susan points to her own chest*)

*Matt*

Jealous Susan? (*Waits for Susan reaction.*) (*Heated*) Susan, what exactly is it you want?

*Susan*

I want the truth!

*Matt*

You can handle the truth!

*The jury gasps.*

*Judge 1*

Enough! Congratulations Jessica you may step down. Bailiff the next case please.

*Bailiff*

The final applicant is docket number 1677345, Ms.....Tequila Sunrise?

*A man dressed in drag rises from the audience overly flamboyant. He walks up on stage and onto the witness stand very dramatically. Raising his right hand with theatrics.*

*Matt and Susan are silent. The Judges and Jury members are in shock.*

*Tequila Sunrise*

What?

*Matt and Susan walk to the center of the stage and address the audience...*

*Susan*

Thankfully the pioneers before us established the 12 Traditions of A.A. By the grace of God our Third Traditions states...

*Matt*

The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

**THE END.**