

HANGMEN AUDITION

SHIRLEY

MOONEY. You're quite a shy girl, aren't you?

Shirley splutters out her tea.

SHIRLEY. What?!

MOONEY. Yes. I noticed that yesterday.

SHIRLEY. Well...I'm not as shy as some.

MOONEY. I can't hear you.

SHIRLEY. *(Louder.)* I said I'm not as shy as some.

MOONEY. Oh no? Like who?

SHIRLEY. Eh?

MOONEY. Like who aren't you as shy as?

SHIRLEY. Well...I don't know. All sorts.

MOONEY. Footballers?

SHIRLEY. Well, I'm shyer than footballers.

Pause.

MOONEY. Nuns?

SHIRLEY. Nuns?

Pause.

I'd say some nuns are shyer than me. It depends on the nun, don't it!

MOONEY. Yes. The new nuns, just starting out, who don't know the ropes...

SHIRLEY. Yes, I'd say I'm not as shy as them nuns. Not half as shy!

Pause.

MOONEY. Paraplegics?

SHIRLEY. I suppose it depends on if they were shy before they had their accident, doesn't it?