

*(Cassandra slams the phone down violently. Laughs and laughs. Maybe waves that Mardi Gras streamer thing around, joyously. Sonia walks downstairs.)*

SONIA. Goodness, who did you yell at?

CASSANDRA. It was a wrong number. I got coffee and other stuff. *(Phone rings again. Cassandra looks angry, and picks up the phone.)* I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL BACK! *(Listens.)* Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were someone else. Who did you want to talk to? Well, she's right here. *(Cassandra offers Sonia the phone.)*

SONIA. Who is it?

CASSANDRA. *(To phone.)* Who's calling please? *(To Sonia.)* Joe.

SONIA. I don't know who that is.

CASSANDRA. *(To phone.)* She doesn't know you. *(To Sonia.)*

Should I hang up angry or polite?

*Sam* SONIA. Wait, I'll take the call. *(Answers the phone.)* Hello, this is Sonia. Who is this please? *(Cassandra exits with her bags off to the kitchen.)* Joe? I'm afraid I don't ... Oh yes, Joe from last night! The party, yes. What? Yes, this is Sonia. My voice sounds different? Oh. Uh. *(Thinks quickly.)* Wait a minute, I have a frog in my throat. *(Pretends to cough, and then switches to using her Maggie Smith voice.)* Heilo, Joe. How are you today? Oh your head hurts a little. I hope you're not an alcoholic. You're not. That's good! But you like to get drunk sometimes. Well, it's a good man's failing. I'm a crack addict. No, darling ... I'm just teasing. It was very nice to meet you last night. Remind me, what was your costume? A raincoat. Uh-huh. Anything else? A fedora. Uh-huh. So you were pretending it was raining in 1946, is that right? Oh — you were Sam Spade. The detective. I'm sorry, I should have remembered that. And Maggie Smith was actually in a movie where Peter Falk played Sam Spade, and she played Nora Charles. From *The Thin Man*. *(Frowning, kind of changing her mind, still in the Maggie Smith voice.)* You know, Joe, I have to go back to my own voice for a little while, do you mind? *(Switches back to her normal voice.)* I'm sorry, I'm a little confused. Did you really think that was my voice last night? Oh I see. Well I must have forgotten to give you the proper explanation last night. I was telling everyone I was the Evil Queen as played by Maggie Smith. But I guess by the time I met you, I had gotten tired of explaining, and you just assumed that was my real voice.

But this is my real voice, actually. It's sort of boring compared to Maggie Smith. But nonetheless, I am who I am and I'm stuck

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