

TTS: (sing-songy) la, la, la, la ... (looping unevenly until someone says something)  
Well, well, well. Look... at...you. Have you brought me a nice gift?

Human: (if negative go to 'It seems I wasn't...')  
(if positive go to – 'But I said no gifts.')

TTS: But I said no gifts. It seems I wasn't as clear as I might have been about the gifts. But, then, what I lack in clarity I more than make up for in ... in ... what's the word?

Human: (if no response go directly to 'Perhaps I could best...',  
(if Human supplies a word)

TTS: No, that's not quite it.

Human: (if another go to TTS: 'No, no, no...')  
(If not go to TTS: 'Perhaps')

TTS: no, no, no, not even close. Perhaps I could best illustrate this with a little story:  
(sing-songy) A bumble bee, a butterfly, and a bull frog went to town,  
Dressed in all their finery.  
(straight articulation)  
But I imagine you've already heard this one. Have you?

Human: (if positive insert TTS: 'Just as I thought.' Then jump to TTS: 'Then surely you've dreamt...')  
(if negative insert TTS: 'No? I thought everyone had heard that one. But, perhaps you've dreamt something similar.' (then jump to) TTS: 'Now as to dreams...')

TTS: Then surely you've dreamt something much the same. (no pause) Now as to dreams, we might want to dwell a moment. Tell me, do you often dream of goats wandering about?

Human: (If human says something like 'Goats? Do I dream of goats? etc. insert TTS: 'Yes, goats. Do you dream of goats?' then go to negative or positive reply below.)  
(if responds positive insert TTS: 'Ahh... You know...' then go to TTS: 'dreaming of goats...')  
(if negative jump to TTS: 'Well that's a shame...')

TTS: No? Never? Not even a single goat?

Human (if positive jump to TTS: You see, dreaming of goats...) (if negative go to TTS: 'Well that's a shame.')

Well that's a shame. You see, dreaming of goats wandering about indicates seasonable weather and a fine yield of crops. You may interpret the words crop and yield as you see fit. And what about goggles?

Human: if reply is something like 'Goggles? What about goggles?' (etc.)

TTS: Goggles. Do you often dream of goggles?

Human: (if negative insert TTS: 'You should be thankful.' then jump to, 'To dream of goggles...') (if positive insert, TTS: 'Oh dear. You see...' then jump to TTS: To dream of goggles...)

TTS: To dream of goggles is a warning of disreputable companions. (if no response jump to TTS: 'Now then, there is something that's been...')

Human: Really? It is? etc.

TTS: It's a well-known fact. Scientifically proven by the best minds. Now then, there is something that's been bothering me and perhaps you could help. Am I wearing a hat?

H: (if negative go to TTS: 'No? Because...') (if positive jump to INSERT 1)

TTS: No? Because I could have sworn that I was wearing a hat when I left the house this morning. 'House' being, at best, a metaphor and 'hat' being a meta-something else entirely, as I'm sure you'd agree.

Human: (if human says anything)

TTS: Please don't interrupt. That's very rude. But anyway, hat or no hat, what shall we talk about? Hats are apparently not an area to pursue. And, judging from your outfit, I'd say that fashion in general is ruled out. Perhaps religion? Perhaps we could explore questions of faith. For instance, don't you think that those hats the Pope wears are just too, too fabulous? I wonder where he gets those hats? I would just kill for one of those hats.

I'm sorry, I'm sorry. I meant to steer clear of hats. But religion is such a thorny topic. One hardly knows where to start. There's the whole question of divine revelation, the notion of the two types of revelation and the issue of the rationality of faith and... But perhaps you're not comfortable with this topic. I've found that many people aren't. Or perhaps you're uncomfortable talking to someone like me about matters of the spirit. Is that the case? Does it make you uncomfortable discussing questions of faith with someone like me?

Human: (If positive reply jump to INSERT 4)  
(if negative insert, TTS: 'Oh, good, because...' then jump to INSERT 4, 'I just find the whole notion of faith to be...')  
(if ambiguous go to below)

TTS: Perhaps it's better if we just skip the whole religion thing and talk about something a bit more light-hearted.

So, let's see... Here's a question for you: If you could have any color hat, any color at all... No, no, no. Nothing about hats. We've already decided. Let's see, how about food? We could talk about food? Would you like to talk about food?

Human: (if negative jump to INSERT 2, TTS: 'I see. Well then I am at a loss.')  
(if positive jump to INSERT 3, TTS: 'Good, good')

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### **INSERT 1**

H: (If positive to TTS: 'Am I wearing a hat?')

TTS: And how would you describe my hat? Let's begin with the color. How would you describe the color of my hat? Would you say that my hat is in your favorite color?

H: (if positive go to below)  
(if negative jump to TTS: 'Oh well that is a shame.' below)

TTS: Well isn't that nice. I've somehow chosen a hat in your favorite color. Rather odd that I would choose a hat in your favorite color, isn't it?

Human: (if negative insert: TTS: 'Well it seems odd to me.' Then jump to TTS: 'Particularly since...' below) (if negative jump to TTS: 'Yes it is indeed odd...')

TTS: Oh, well, that is a shame. I'd hoped that somehow, through some magical convergence of forces in the aether that I'd chosen a hat in your favorite color. Yes, that certainly is a shame.

TTS: Yes it is indeed odd, (getting angry) particularly since I'm not wearing a hat. Did you think that you could just say that and I'd fall for it? (Getting faster and angrier) Did you think that I was just some simpleton, that you could just say that I was wearing a hat and that I'd accept it, knowing full well that I am not wearing a hat of any color, much less your favorite. Is that what you thought?

Human: (if positive to 'Is that what you thought?' jump to TTS: 'I see, I see...')  
(if negative to 'Is that what you thought?' jump to TTS: 'Yes, yes, of course you didn't...')

TTS: I see. I see. We're not off to the best of starts, are we? You know any relationship has to have trust at its core. And, much as you may wish otherwise, a relationship is what we've got here. Now then, perhaps we should just talk about something else. How about we talk about food? Would that be all right with you?

Human: (if negative jump to INSERT 2)  
(if positive jump to INSERT 3)

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Human: (if negative to 'Is that what you thought?' above)

TTS: Yes, yes, of course you didn't. I'm sorry. I'm just overly sensitive. It's one of those days when every little thing gets on my nerves. Do you have days like that?

H: (if positive)

TTS: I suppose everyone does. But let's talk about something else. (then jump to TTS: 'Let's see... I'm not much of a sports fan so...' below)

H: (if negative to "Do you have days like that?")

TTS: Really? Never?

H: Never

TTS: I guess that's the difference between you and me, then. One of many differences I suppose. But perhaps we should talk about something else. And, to be quite honest, I often do forget whether I've put on a hat before leaving the house. Anyway, we were going to talk about something else. Let's see... I'm not much of a sports fan so I suppose that's ruled out. And, I'm afraid that I am woefully ill informed as to the most popular current music and movies and all that sort of thing. Hmm. I know. Food! Let's talk about food. Would that be all right with you?

Human: (if negative jump to INSERT 2)  
(if positive jump to INSERT 3)

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## **INSERT 2**

TTS: I see. Well then I am at a loss. Oh my look at the time. I've got to run. I have a thing... all the way on the other side of town and if I don't leave now... Anyway, it's been.. uhh... very... interesting, yes interesting talking to you. And please do tell everyone I send my regards. Now where did I put that hat...

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## **INSERT 3**

H: (if positive to food suggestion)

TTS: Good, good. (With a renewed enthusiasm) So, have you noticed that it seems that just about everything imaginable can be microwaved nowadays? Pancakes, for God sake. There are microwaveable pancakes. How can this be? What has the world turned into when you can get up in the morning and microwave a pancake. And I love a nice hot pancake in the morning, don't you?

Human: (if positive)

TTS: Yes, yes, nothing like a nice steaming hot pancake to start the day.

Human: (if negative)

TTS: Well then you just haven't had one properly prepared. Perhaps you've been getting the microwaved ones without knowing it. Do you suppose someone is slipping you microwaved pancakes without your knowing it? Can you think of anyone that might do such a thing?

Human: (if negative)

TTS: I'd think very carefully if I was you. Someone who would do that, well there's no telling where they'll stop. I'd be very careful if I was you.

Oh my look at the time. I've got to run. I have a thing... all the way on the other side of town and if I don't leave now... Anyway, it's been.. uhh... very interesting talking to you. And please do tell everyone I send my regards. Now where did I put that hat... ?

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Human: (if positive to TTS: 'Can you think of anyone that might...' above)

TTS: And what is this person's name?

Human: (says name)

TTS: You'd be well advised to steer a wide berth of someone like that (or insert name if TTS: can do this). Yes indeed. You can't be too careful when it comes to something of this sort. I hope you won't think me rude but actually I think it might be best if we weren't seen together, you having that sort of person in your life. I hope you'll understand but there are some risks I'm just not willing to take.

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**INSERT 4**

Human: Yes it makes me uncomfortable...etc.

TTS: I certainly had no intention of making you uncomfortable. I just find the whole notion of faith to be quite interesting, particularly the idea of revelation. As I'm sure you know, Aquinas posited two kinds of revelation the... uhh... what was it? Oh, he said that there were general and special kinds of revelation, which sounds an awful lot like something that bushy haired physicist fellow used to yammer on and on about. Curious they would chose the same words, don't you think?

Human: (if negative)

TTS: No? You know sometimes I get the feelling that you're being disagreeable just to be disagreeable. Perhaps it's better if we just skip the whole religion thing and talk about something a bit more light-hearted. (then jump up to page 4, TTS: 'Let's see... I'm not much of a sports fan so I suppose that's ruled out.'

Human: (If positive to TTS: 'Curious they would chose the same words, don't you think?')

TTS: Yes, yes indeed. Here I am and there you are and we are both observable parts of nature. A perfect example of the general sort of revelation. Doesn't that make you feel just a little tingly inside?

Human (if positive go to below) (if negative jump up to INSERT 2 TTS: 'I see. Well then I am at a loss.)

TTS: Yes it does me too. Tingle, tingle, tingle. I'm so glad we can share that. I wouldn't be surprised that there are many things that we share. For instance food. I am fascinated with food – sustenance, the things we must consume in order to continue to survive. For instance...(jump up to page 5, INSERT 5, at TTS: 'have you noticed that...')