

# RITA Side #1

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## ACT ONE Scene 2

Time: The following Friday.

Place: The same.

*(Lights up to reveal Mary Ellen, Rita and Vi. The diner is closed. The sign on the door, from the inside, reads 'Open'.)*

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Rita: So, I was in the parking lot and I was walking towards my car and he walked right up behind me and he said 'Rita'? And I turned around and there he was in all of his priestly glory. Draped in black from head to toe except for the white collar shinin' out at me like a beacon of purity. And I said 'Yes, father?' And he says 'Why do you and your friends call me Father What-A-Waste'?

Vi: He did not!

Rita: I swear he did.

M.Ellen: Oh my God!

Vi: How did he find that out?

Rita: He must have overheard us. I don't know.

Vi: Sweet beloved. So what did you say?

Rita: I told him the truth.

M.Ellen: Rita, you did not!

Rita: I did! I says 'Well father, you are the handsomest man in Stewiacke by a longshot. I mean, you put the rest of these boys to shame,' I says. "And yet you've taken a vow of celibacy. Well, me and the girls think that's a terrible waste of manpower. Hence the name Father What-A-Waste."

M.Ellen: And what did he say to that?

Rita: Well, he grinned and he blushed and he said 'Well, that's a relief. I was worried it was because you thought my sermons were a waste of time.' And I said 'Oh no, I don't listen to your sermons, Father. I just like to watch your lips move.'

Vi: Oh, you devil!!

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