

Harvey, the Lobbyist

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Harvey: Mabel, it's taken me quite awhile but I now know what I want to dedicate my life to.

Mabel: So, your retreat center for pets is no longer in your vision?

Harvey: Right as a retriever, Mabel. As powerful a ministry as that would be, I think I need to give myself to my fellow man.

Mabel: Harvey, I think you have been watching too much of the History Channel again?

Harvey: Not on your tintype, Mabel. I was at the church having another really deep conversation with Fr. Mike. You know... the kind where I can tell we're really in the spirit because he puts his head in his hands and groans.

Mabel: Well, Harvey, I know you really get a lot out of those meetings. Its too bad the Rector's Council has told Fr. Mike that, in order to keep his strength, he can only meet with you two times a year. So is this anything where I should be ready to visit Fr. Mike in the hospital like last time?

Harvey: Not on your black velvet Elvis portait, Mabel. He's officially released me to follow my dream. I've decided I need to take my gift of speakin' deep to the streets. There's just too much inside of me to keep in one place. I need to move out and spread myself around.

Mabel: Well, I know that Fr. Mike would probably agree with the moving out part.

Harvey: Right as a runway, Mabel! Anyway, I decided that I need to be one of those guys who talks to other people about a lot of different stuff.

Mabel: So your vision is to become a gossip?

Harvey: No, Mabel, not just stuff... real stuff. I want to be one of those people who talks to other people about real stuff... important stuff... powerful stuff!

Mabel: You want to be a talk show host?

Harvey: Not on your Jerry Springer, Mabel! You're thinkin' too small. I want to be one of those people who goes downtown here in Washington and talks to those Senators and Congressman about a lot of important stuff.

Mabel: I get it, Harvey. You want to be one of those guys that lobby.

Harvey: No, Mabel! I want to go right smack dab into their offices!

Mabel: Oh, Harvey, that's what they call it. I heard about it on public radio. They call that kind of a person a lobbyist. The other day that had one of those lobby people on... he wanted our Senators to save the Florida cockroach.

Harvey: Right as Raid, Mabel! That's what I'm talkin' about. Sayin' important stuff.

Mabel: Well, Harvey... who would you do this for?

Harvey: Everybody... anybody. I know there's got to be all kinds of people who would want to have a guy like me speak for them. I got all that figured out. I'm gonna start my own ministry and get lots of people to send me money talk about different stuff. I'm gonna call it CLUTS.

Mabel: CLUTS?

Harvey: Right as the House of Representatives, Mabel. CLUTS, C-L-U-T-S, Christians Living Under the Spirit. We'll even have special name badges to wear when we go visit folks. I'll walk into one of those Senators offices and my badge will say it all before before I even open my mouth. Mine'll read: "Harvey... I'm a CLUTS!"

Mabel: You got that right, Harvey!

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