

Why Weight?

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Cast of Characters

Peter: A slightly over-weight man
Marge: A beautiful, fast-talking,
sales woman

Scene

America

Time

Today

ACT I

Scene 1

The stage is bare as MARGE pulls on a chair and sets up a sign that says, "Why Weight? Weightloss solutions!" She surveys the audience before finding PETER.

MARGE

You, sir, look like you love to eat!

PETER

Excuse me?

MARGE

I don't mean, "you look like you love to eat" because you're fat--

PETER

What?

MARGE

I mean, you're not *that* fat.

Peter stares in disbelief and scoffs.

MARGE

Tell me sir, are you married?

PETER

No, not that it's any of your--

MARGE

Didn't think so; what a shame. Why not?

PETER

Well my mom says it's--

MARGE

Come on up here.

Peter walks up onto the stage next to MARGE

MARGE

Let's take a good look at you.

She rotates him to get a good look.

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MARGE

How do you feel about your body?

PETER

I was feeling pretty good until you called me--

MARGE

Just as I thought-- poor self-image.

She walks around him, touching his shoulders, ears, and waist, perhaps whispering at times.

MARGE

Did you know that people with good self-images get the best jobs, fastest cars, and sexiest women?

PETER

How can I--

MARGE

With the proper diet and weight-loss products of course!

PETER

Can't I just continue therapy and gain self-esteem?

MARGE

With a body like that? You'd be lying to yourself and nobody wants to sleep with a liar.

PETER

I guess I can try a diet, but which one?

MARGE

Well, there is the Atkins diet, south beach diet, cookie diet, slim fast, vegetarian, fruitarian, Rastafarian, Kangatarian--

PETER

Kangatarian?

MARGE

You only eat Kangaroos--Google it.

PETER

Okay... Go on.

MARGE

Jenny Craig, Joel Fuhrman, Graham, Weight Watchers, Spark People, Nutisystems, Master Cleanse, Subway, and of course Bulimia and Anorexia.

PETER

Bulimia and Anorexia are serious eating disorders, not diets!

MARGE

Nonsense! Bulimia is one of our best sellers! Look at Bulimic Monthly for a catalog of throat tubes and a list of foods that taste better the second time around. As for Anorexia, yes it is very serious. We lose millions in revenue each year to Anorexia.

PETER

People die from it!

MARGE

Yes, yes, so sad. All those potential customers lost. Shoop! Slip right through the cracks--Pardon the pun

PETER

I don't think I need a fad diet.

MARGE

Then how about the power of science to help you trim down? We have a wide variety of diet pills and medications to melt the pounds away with minimal side effects.

PETER

Side effects?

MARGE

Oh yes, just very minor inconveniences like gas, nausea, bloating, cramps, diarrhea, insomnia, high blood-pressure, weight-gain, heart attack, and death.

PETER

Death is a minor inconvenience?

MARGE

Look on the bright side; at least you'll lose 21 grams!

PETER

I don't need your diets or your pills. That stuff is too expensive anyway.

MARGE

Too expensive? "If you think healthy living is expensive, you should try obesity." You know who said that? Benjamin Franklin.

PETER

No, I'm pretty sure that was--

MARGE

So I may have changed it a bit.

PETER

And he was fat!

MARGE

That's not important, moving on. Would you rather pay \$30 a month for the rest of your healthy life or pay thousands in medical bills?

PETER

Well I have pretty good insurance and if you do the math--

MARGE

I'll make you a deal, just buy this one bottle of vitamins and I'll let you go.

PETER

What do they do?

MARGE

They supply your body with all the unnecessary vitamins and minerals that you can't get anywhere else. Eventually your body will become dependent on them and you will have to come back month after month or else you'll suffer horrible heroin-like withdrawals.

PETER

No thanks.

MARGE

...Well shit...

PETER

How about I buy you dinner instead?

MARGE

Great, I'm starving!

They exit

Blackout. End of play.