

"Had the Sisters Built the Ark"

Note: We pre built a flat ark out of cardboard in two sections .it was 12 f about four feet high (including the roof). At the aft we put an outhouse wh into the script. We painted it an awful pink with green roof .cut two windo and hung orange curtains .we wanted it ugly for our purposes.

Narrator:

"Gather around Sisters and Brothers
For I have a tale to tell to you
About the construction of an Ark
Featuring Noetta, (That'd be me) and her crew!"

It seems in the year 2000, God had decided the world had gone bad
All the violence and corruption Why! It made her feel so sad
So she decided it was time to repeat what was done so long ago
So she called down to earth to get her duckies in a row
She talked first to a Brother- but was met with little elation
For the Brother she had chosen had just started his vacation"

(A brother sitting on the sidelines, reading a newspaper his script was taped on the inside of paper and he never once looked up during the following conversation as men are prone to do)

A Sister: (Ours was a 97 year old member)

"Who-dy Who! Oh Brother Noah! Yoo Hoo- Brother Noah!"

Brother: (Who just keeps reading his paper)

"Yeah? Who is it? And What do you want?"

Sister:

"It's me Noah .It's me, God! And I need you to do me a favor, Brother Noah!"
I've been keeping my eye on earth for quite awhile, and I gotta' tell you, I am not happy with what I see So, I'm going to cause another flood! And I need another Ark built, and I'm asking you to do it."

Brother:

"Me? Oh no! Not me, God! Not this time! Give me a break I just started my vacation, and I gotta' tell ya', work is definitely not a part of my plans! You're just gonna' have to find someone else to do it this time, God. Sorry! Say! Why don't you ask my wife? She and her friends are always looking for something wild and crazy to do .and besides that, it would keep her off my back whil I am enjoying my vacation!"

Narrator:

"And so God did indeed call upon Noetta and the Sisters
And was met with no disdain
And the first thing Noetta did? Why she started the telephone chain!"

(here we used the paper cup and string attachment for the telephone, and strung it f the East to the South .another one from the South to the West, and yet another one from the West to the North)

Noetta (Who also was the narrator):

"Ring! Ring! (says this)

Sister: (Having picked up her cup)

"Hallo!"

Noetta:

"Sister Shemette, this is Noetta God just called, and she wants us to build an ark!"

Shemette:

"Oh Fun! And when we are finished are we going to raffle it off for the Worthy Gran Matron's Special Project?"

Noetta:

"Get a life, Shemette! We need to build an ark because God is gonna' make it flood again she asked Noah to do it, but he refused he's on vacation you know and so I told her, no problem we'd do it and besides that, it will beat watching him sit arou all day in his recliner with that blasted remote! So I need you to call the Sisters them to get to the Temple asap!"

Shemette:

"10-4, Noetta Over and Out!" (She picks up the other "phone" which is connected to the West, and says) Ring! Ring!"

Sister Hametta

Hallo?

Shemette

"Sister Hametta? Shemette here! Noetta just called. She needs us to get to the Te ASAP! We're going to build an ark!"

Hametta:

"An Ark? Eww! That sounds like fun! Can I do the interior decorating? Hunh? Hunh?"

Shemette:

Look, Hametta! Just call the next name on the chain, okay? We'll discuss the detai when we get there!"

Hametta:

"10-4, Shemette!" (Picks up the other phone connected to the North) and says, Ring! Ring!

Japhie:

"Hallo?"

Hametta:

"Japhie? Shemette just called. We have to get to the Temple We're going to build an Ark and I get to do the interior decorating.

Japhie:

"Oh fun! We could paint it pink hang green curtains a few mini blinds here and there "

(as she is finishing her conversation the Narrator starts in on her next lines while three sisters leave the Chapter Room)

Narrator:

"And so the phone calls were made and the Sisters got real busy To them no chore was so great that it would send them in a tizzy! The Brothers? You ask helping hands were they giving or lending Oh no! All they could do was laugh, and engage in sidewalk superintending!"

(We made a tape of the sounds of power tools, and played this in the preparation and ante rooms all the Chapter members were in those two rooms- and as they were "working" one of our musically gifted singers came to the East and sang the following the tune of "Lucky Old Sun")

Up in the morning, Out on the job, Work Like the Devil for no pay
While the Brothers think they have nothing to do, but supervise all day

We hammer, we saw Have to decide whether or not to paint it gray
While the brothers think they have nothing to do but criticize all day

Good Lord Above, can't you see we're trying sweat it on our brow
We won't complain, we'll do our work, and get it done somehow

Give us some time, we'll make it through, we'll get it done our way
While those Brothers think they have nothing to do, but sit around and supervise all day!

(as soon as the song is done, the Brothers in the ante room begin laughing, and the Sisters shout out such things as "Blueprints? Who needs Blueprints"
"Nails will too hold!"

"No! We don't have a plumb line, and we wouldn't use it anyway"

"Rudder? What on earth do we need a rudder for?"
etc.

Then the Sisters enter from both doors carrying the two sections of ark, and singing
(Tune of Small World"

It's a girl's world after all it's a girls world after all, It's a girls world after a
Female World"

(This may have to be sung a couple of times as they take the ark to the east, and put the two sections together)

Narrator:

"And now the Ark was completed all the work was done!

And not one minute too soon for the clouds had covered the sun!

Ah! What is this I feel? (holds out hand, and one of the Sisters dumps a cup of water
the Narrator's head)

Could it be a drop of rain?

Ah look! Here come the Brothers they look a bit in pain!

(The Brothers enter through the ante room door, carrying umbrellas and folding chair

One of the Brothers approach the Ark, and pretends to knock, but actually says,
"Knock, Knock, Knock"

One of the Sisters sings,

"Somebody's Knocking, should we let them in?

Lord it's the Brothers, and their looking grim"

And someone says, "They look a little sheepish too!"

Brother:

Hey! Ah! We're getting a little wet out here and we were, umm, just wondering if we
could come aboard!"

Noetta:

"NO!"

(on board the Ark are two groups of Sisters ones who want the Brothers on, and one

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who don't)

Sisters who want the brothers on respond by saying"
NO?

Noetta:

NO!

Sisters reply, "WHY?"

Noetta:

"Why? You have to ask Why? Where have you been these past few months? Those are the very same brothers who stood around while we did all the work, and did nothi but criticize, criticize, and criticize! And you have to ask , Why?"

The Sisters respond in unison by saying "Yeah! Why?"

Noetta responds by singing The Stone Cutters Song from Carousel

"Stonecutters cut it on Stone, Woodpeckers peck it on wood. There's Nothing so bad for a woman as a man who thinks he's good.
The clock just ticks your life away there's no relief in sight. It's sewing and coo and scrubbin' all day

(at this point, we have a Sister who is pregnant, and she stepped forth, showing her profile, and sang "And not much sleeping at night!"

And Noetta, continued,

Stone cutters cut it on stone, Woodpeckers peck it on wood there's nothing so bad fo a woman as a man who thinks he's good."

Then, the Sisters who don't want the men aboard said in unison
"Amen!"

Then one of the Sisters who want them aboard say, "So? We still want them aboard!"
And the rest of the Pro Brothers shout in unison "Yeah!"

Noetta than cups her hand to her ear and says "Hark! What is this I am hearing?"

The Sisters who want them aboard say in unison, "Rumble, Rumble, Rumble .Mutiny!
Mutiny! Mutiny!"

Noetta turns to the Sisters who don't want them aboard, and says, "Could that be sounds of mutiny?" and one of the sisters says, "10-4"

Noetta replies: "Hmmm! Well, we wouldn't want that! Okay! I guess we had better let them come aboard!"

The Sisters who don't want them say in unison WHAT?"

Noetta says, "Providing!"

One of the Sisters who wants them says, "Providing What?"

Noetta responds, "Providing they sign an agreement and one of you write this down! They must agree that this time around they rid themselves of that notion that we girls were put on this earth to answer to their beck and call!"

And the Sisters who don't want them aboard add:

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"Yeah! And when they get hungry, they can get their own meals, and clean up after themselves"

"If they get something out, they put it back where they found it!"

"They must acknowledge that the furniture and the floor are not closets when they take their clothes off, they will hang them up, or put them in the hampers.!"

"They will understand that there will be no channel surfing if we allow tvs aboard"

One of the Sisters who are in favor says, "Wow! They are on a roll!"

The Sisters who do not want them, continue:

They can do their own laundry, which includes ironing, folding, and putting their clothes in the proper place"

"And, they will put their empty pop cans in the proper place."

"And they will take the garbage out"

Noetta then says to the Sisters who want them aboard:

"Okay, Sisters give them the agreement, and have them sign it and then they can come aboard and oh yes! Make sure you tell them that this is not just for the duration of the voyage .It is for all eternity!"

(Before the agreement is given to the Brothers, one of the Sisters yells, "Wait", and whispers in Noetta's ear)

Noetta, after listening to the Sister says:

"No! No! I don't think that will be a problem and besides of which, there isn't time for additional construction Trust me, unisex bathrooms will work!"

The Sister whispers again, and Noetta listens, and says:

"Now that is a problem! But! We can deal with that very easily. You see, I had the strangest feeling that you were going to cave in and want the brothers aboard, so I chat with my first mate and she agreed to give a lesson or two to our Brothers on the matter Are you ready, Sister?

(At this point, one of the Sisters steps off the ark, with a toilet seat in her hand to the row of Brothers they are seated on the chairs that they brought with them when they came into the Chapter Room in front of the ark)

"Brothers, listen up! Now I am sure you are very familiar with this item (she holds the toilet seat) But what you are not aware of, apparently, is that there is a bit of protocol that goes with the use of this item. (the toilet lid is labeled "A", and the labeled "B")

Brothers, notice part B. This is referred to as the seat. Whether you know it or not when you leave the bathroom, part B should always be left down do you know what can happen to a Sister if this part is left up? Did you ever wonder why you never see the Tidy Bowl Man dangle his feet out of his boat? I'll tell you why that water is cold brutally cold!

And see part A here? This part should always remain in the Up Position! For a Sister in a hurry, or in the dark, this can be just as devastating as a seat that has been Do I need to say more? Okay, Sister Noetta, I think they have it!"

(The Brothers now join the Sisters on the Ark)

The Narrator then continues"

And so the Ark set on its lengthy course, and throughout the journey in the rain You might ask , Just what did they do to keep them entertained?"

The answer is so simple of this I shall not fool ya'

They outfitted their favorite Grand Officer to dance for them the hula"

(At this point we got our Grand Officer, Martha; and put a grass skirt on her, flowered the head, wrists, and ankles, and coconuts you know where, and made her dance) The program ended with the Chapter shouting "Aloha", and then everyone took the ark

apart and sang:
Row, row, row our ark
Gently up the Stream'
None of this was factual
It was all a dream

Take take take down our ark
Our story now is done
Hope you had a real good time'
Hope you had some fun

The Sisters and Brothers then took the ark out of the Chapter Room, and Worthy
Matron finished program with remarks, etc.