

# Satan Is Everywhere

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## CHARACTERS

Gena - Late night chat show host

Brother Abe - A nut case

*The stage is set like a local TV talk show set. Gena and Abe sit in two chairs. Abe has a bag full of props and photos, listed in the script. Some third rate theme music plays as the lights come up.*

GENA: Good morning, and welcome to the 3 AM Chat Show on WZIG, the show that keeps you informed while curing your insomnia. Joining us this morning is Mr. Abe Sheckman--

ABE: Uh, that's Brother Abe. I'd like you to think of me as your brother in the Lord.

GENA: O--kay. Brother Abe has just written a new book called, "The Devil Is Everywhere," in which he exposes the subliminal messages that the devil has hidden everywhere in our society. Mr. Sheck-- I mean, Brother Abe, you claim that the devil is not only in movies, rap music, and heavy metal, but that he's in just about everywhere in our society. How is that possible?

ABE: Oh, Gena, if only you knew.

*Pause.*

GENA: So, are you going to tell me?

ABE: Well, I'd rather people read my book and learn for themselves.

GENA: I'm sure you would. But let's say you give us a few clues?

ABE: Well, okay. Now as you and every smart person in this country knows, rock music is the devil's playground. From men with long hair and spandex pants to lyrics about sex and drugs and the devil himself. But my book is more about the hidden evils that lurk in our homes every day, as mentioned in Chapter Three of my book, the Mouse from Hell.

GENA: Provocative title.

ABE: I don't know what that means. But let me show you one of the most evil pictures of the devil, the pied piper of sin leading our children astray before the age of three. Feast your eyes on this.

*Abe pulls out a photo of Mickey Mouse.*

GENA: That's the devil?

ABE: You bet.

GENA: It's Mickey Mouse.

ABE: Yes it is Mickey Mouse. The devil Mickey.

GENA: Forgive my saying, but he doesn't look like the devil.

ABE: Of course he doesn't. You don't expect the devil to show up kids TV in his native form, do you?

GENA: I suppose not.

ABE: But, when I draw in these horns... *(he draws horns on Mickey)* and the goatee... *(he draws a goatee)* Now what do you have?

GENA: The devil?

ABE: That's right, the devil!

GENA: But you just drew those on yourself. That doesn't prove anything.

ABE: Hey, listen, I have the gift if discernment. And if I say he's the devil, he's the devil.

GENA: Well, I guess I can't argue with that!

ABE: Of course you can't! And Mickey's only the start. Let me show you a few others.

*He pulls out a picture of Kermit the Frog. .*

ABE: Do you recognize this guy?

GENA: Kermit the Frog?

ABE: It looks like Kermit the Frog. But when I add these horns, and this goatee...

*He draws the horns and goatee on Kermit the Frog, Big Bird, and the Texas Longhorns mascot with only a goatee drawn in.*

ABE: Behold, the devil Kermit the Frog!

GENA: *(sarcastic)* No way!

ABE: You want to see another?

GENA: Actually, I—

ABE: Of course you do!

*He pulls out a picture of the Chicago Bulls mascot.*

ABE: Look at this one. How obvious is this? He didn't even bother to hid his horns. Just add the goatee...

*He draws in a goatee.*

ABE: It's the devil!

GENA: I guess what you're trying to say is, the devil is everywhere.

ABE: And nobody sees it. Isn't that sad?

GENA: Very sad.

ABE: I knew you'd see it my way.

GENA: So you really go around, drawing devil horns and goatees on faces to scare people?

ABE: Scare people? I just want them to open their eyes and see what I see.

GENA: But this is ridiculous! I mean, is there anything out there that isn't from the devil?

ABE: Just the Kilroy family, the finest and most inspired gospel music family in the world. All the rest of those clowns in their matching dresses and suits - the devil.

GENA: Okay, I think that's enough. We're going to go to break now, and when we return, we'll have a guest who isn't delusional and crazy.

ABE: Crazy? Lady, this is from the Lord.

GENA: No, this is the work of a lunatic.

ABE: Oh I get it. I see what this is. I know what's going on here. You're part of the liberal elite media, and you know what that makes you?

*He puts devil horns on her head and sticks a goatee on the chin.*

GENA: Of course. Why didn't I see this coming?

ABE: Get behind me, Satan! Back to the pit with you!

*Abe storms off the set.*

GENA: When we come back, we'll be talking to Jeb Mason from Jeb's Fire Pit Barbecue who, ironically enough, will give us his recipe for Devil's Food Cake. It's 3:05 AM, and I'm the Devil.