

SKETCH PACKET - RUBY SHOWCASE

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1. You Remind Me Of
2. Babe-Raham Lincoln
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YOU REMIND ME OF

INT. OFFICE - DAY

TOM finishes a tour with new hire LANA.

TOM

Gotta say Lana, we all loved your resume. Super impressive. And here at KTG we recognize skill and hard-work above all else: race, gender, sexuality-

LANA

I know. I'm very familiar with your company's inclusive policies. It's why I'm so happy to come on board.

TOM

We're happy too!

(beat)

Hey, you know who you remind me of? Giovanni Ribisi.

LANA

The guy from Avatar?

TOM

Yes. But not Avatar. His Season 3 episode of The X-Files where he was so committed, so intense.

Lana is about to respond when BRIAN, another employee, approaches and cuts her off.

BRIAN

Hey! Lana right? I'm Brian from HR.

(jokingly)

Tom here gives you any trouble, you come to me.

(straight)

But, seriously, if anyone *does* give you trouble, come to me. KTG is a judgement free zone.

LANA

Thank you. I appreciate that.

BRIAN

Ah! I just realized who you remind me of.

TOM
Giovanni Ribisi.

BRIAN (CONT'D)
Steve Buscemi.

LANA
Did you say Steve Buscemi?

BRIAN
Yea! Reservoir Dogs Buscemi, you know? He surprises you with his presence.

PATTY, another employee enters, eating chips.

BRIAN (CONT'D)
Patty. Who does Lana remind you of?

PATTY
(matter-of-fact)
Paul Giamatti in Sideways.

As PATTY exits:

Oh yeah.

TOM

BRIAN
Totally see that.

LANA
Can you please stop saying I remind you of all these random character actors? It's not flattering.

TOM & BRIAN
Whoa.

TOM
I guess comparing you to talented and hard-working artists is uncouth, even though *your* skills have been underrated in a similar way.

LANA
They're *super* talented and underrated but not...attractive.

TOM & BRIAN
Whoa!

BRIAN
Who would you wanna get? Megan Fox?

TOM
Kim Kardashian?

LANA
Well...I wouldn't mind it.

TOM & BRIAN
Whoa.

BRIAN
They rely on their looks instead of their talent or intellect to advance themselves.

LANA
But you think they're hot right?

BRIAN
As hot as a Yale Ph.D candidate who *plagiarized* her work.

LANA
Ok, fine. But I'm also fit--

BRIAN
Like Michael Emerson on Lost.

LANA
And strong.

TOM
Danny Trejo, From Dusk til Dawn.

LANA
And female!

BRIAN & TOM
Tim Curry in Rocky Horror!

LANA
Those are all terrible comparisons! Except for maybe Tim Curry.

ANN, another worker, enters.

TOM
Ok, this is Ann, our VP of Sales. Who does Ann remind you of?

LANA
I don't want to play this game.

ANN
Come on. How bad could it be?

LANA
Fine. Um, Charlize Theron.

ANN
(upset)
Wow.

LANA
(figuring it out)
In Monster.

Everyone reacts happily.

ANN
Thank you!

TOM
Welcome aboard Lana! KTG is happy
to have someone like yourself who
seems willing to stick with a tough
decision against what may be the
greater good even if it means
wiping out an entire population.

Tom, Brian, and Ann exit. Lana thinks a moment. Then.

LANA
I am Giovanni Ribisi in Avatar...

END.

BABE-RAHAM LINCOLN

INT. APARTMENT - NIGHT

ALVIN, in a vampire costume, impatiently stands in the living room. CLAIRE, off stage, speaks with a Valley girl accent.

ALVIN

Claire! Come on! We're gonna be late!

CLAIRE (O.S.)

Maybe if you didn't tell me at the last minute we were going to a Halloween party, I wouldn't still be putting a costume together!

ALVIN

Just put on a black dress and paint whiskers on your face.

CLAIRE (O.S.)

I'm more creative than that!

Claire steps out dressed in a sexy mini skirt and blazer with a Lincoln top hat and Lincoln beard.

ALVIN

What the hell are you wearing?

CLAIRE

I'm Babe-raham Lincoln. Sexy yet historical.

ALVIN

That's not a thing babe. Why wouldn't you just be regular Lincoln?

SFX: Presidential music.

Claire and Alvin look around.

ALVIN (CONT'D)

What the hell is that?

ABRAHAM LINCOLN enters.

LINCOLN

Four score and seven--

ALVIN

Holy shit! Are you Abraham Lincoln?

LINCOLN

Um, yes.

CLAIRE

Like the dead one?

LINCOLN

Yes.

ALVIN

Whoa. Why are you here Mr. President??

LINCOLN

I fought for many liberties. I wanted to fight for women too but I was assassinated too soon. To me--

CLAIRE

Get to the point puh-lease.

LINCOLN

I wanted to tell you that you don't have to exploit your body this way.

ALVIN

(to Claire)

I told you to be regular Lincoln.

CLAIRE

I'm not exploiting anything.

LINCOLN

I just mean you don't have to dress so revealing.

CLAIRE

Excuse me Mr. President or whatever but you will not slut shame me.

LINCOLN

It's not--

CLAIRE

It is. I'll dress how I want. Alvin--

ALVIN

(to Lincoln)

You know, when people ask if you could have dinner with any--

CLAIRE

God! This isn't the time for your "what if" games.

ALVIN
(to Lincoln)
It would be you.

CLAIRE
Alvin, this guy called me a slut.

LINCOLN
No. That's not what I said.

CLAIRE
Mmmm yea it was.

LINCOLN
Look, character is a tree and
reputation its shadow--

CLAIRE
You think I don't have character?

LINCOLN
Actually, what is meant by "shadow"--

CLAIRE
Don't mansplain me. No wonder
you're dead.

LINCOLN
I was assassinated.

CLAIRE
Whatever. I'm out.

Claire exits.

LINCOLN
Mansplain? I thought I was being a
feminist.

ALVIN
2019, different time Mr. Pres.
Chicks are tough.

CLAIRE (O.S.)
Not a chick!

ALVIN
I should go. But don't worry. Next
Halloween, I'm dressing as the
regular you.

Alvin winks at Lincoln and exits. Lincoln notices a \$5 bill
and a \$100 bill on a side table.

LINCOLN

Oh look. Me! Wait. Franklin is on
the \$100? He wasn't even President.
Just a skank with syphilis.

CLAIRE (O.S.)

Do not slut shame Franklin!

Lincoln freezes, then pockets the cash and exits.

END.

MENTAL LOAD TROLL

EXT. BRIDGE - NIGHT

Two travelers, KENDRA and THOMAS are lost.

KENDRA

We're lost. Ughh. There's a bridge.
Check the map for a bridge.

Thomas takes out a crumpled ass map.

THOMAS

Babe. You always navigate.

KENDRA

Yeah and I asked you to do it this
one time.

The MENTAL LOAD TROLL pops out from under the bridge.

MENTAL LOAD TROLL

Who disturbs my sleep? It's been so
long with nothing to keep! And now
I'm awake so I must clean and plan
and bake!!

THOMAS

What?

MENTAL LOAD TROLL

I'm the Mental Load Troll. And you
must pay the Mental Load toll.

THOMAS

What's the mental load?

KENDRA

God, Thomas. I've told you. It's
when women handle the brunt of
household duties. Even when both
people work full-time.

MENTAL LOAD TROLL

It also happens in the workplace.
Helping many men save face.

THOMAS

Why don't you just ask me to help?

MENTAL LOAD TROLL

You would say that, you little
pratt.

(MORE)

MENTAL LOAD TROLL (CONT'D)

She shouldn't have to ask for such simple tasks that sit right in front of your face on a daily basis.

THOMAS

That didn't rhyme.

MENTAL LOAD TROLL

Shutup.

KENDRA

So we have to handle some sort of mental load to pass the bridge or?

MENTAL LOAD TROLL

Not you, he. For he is who the failure be.

THOMAS

K.

MENTAL LOAD TROLL

First is the bathroom or loo. What is wrong on first glance or two?

A toilet appears with an empty roll of toilet paper.

THOMAS

Nothing. I put the seat down.

KENDRA

ARE YOU KIDDING ME THOMAS?

THOMAS

What?? I wiped it too!!

MENTAL LOAD TROLL

Oh wee, nothing you see? I guess zero for you, and one for me.

KENDRA

Toilet paper! You buy some before it runs out!

MENTAL LOAD TROLL

That's it ole Thom. Listen to your friend. Or this creaky bridge may be your end. Now second is the keeping of birthdays. Kendra's mother's, when is it, and avert Kendra's gaze.

THOMAS
How am I supposed to know that?!

KENDRA
It's on Christmas! Every year!

THOMAS
Still don't know.

MENTAL LOAD TROLL
Oh brother. What about the birthday
of your mother?

THOMAS
Uhhhhh.

MENTAL LOAD TROLL
What about your birthday?

THOMAS
Kendra? Wanna help me out?

KENDRA
How do you not know your own
birthday?!

MENTAL LOAD TROLL
Haha! Well, be. Third on the--

KENDRA
No, just kill him.

MENTAL LOAD TROLL I'm sorry? THOMAS What?

KENDRA
Thomas, we've been having issues
for a long time. It goes beyond the
mental load honestly. And I know
that whatever she puts next, you're
gonna fuck up anyway.

MENTAL LOAD TROLL
Ok.

Mental Load Troll does some magic and Thomas disappears.

MENTAL LOAD TROLL (CONT'D)
Forest exit is just through those
tress over there.

KENDRA
I don't have to solve some riddles?

MENTAL LOAD TROLL

Nah. I know the shit you have to put up with. You know, I've been doing this 327 years and I've never once let a man through alive.

KENDRA

You know, he did do one thing great; he was a mean weed roller.

MENTAL LOAD TROLL

Oh, well there's this device now that can do it for you.

KENDRA

What is it?

(catching herself)

Nope. I can Google it myself.

MENTAL LOAD TROLL

(to audience)

And that is how you too can help reduce the Mental Load.

END.