

MISUNDERSTOOD

A 90-second monologue

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Comedy

FRAN (30-60s), in an embarrassed rush, explains a little misunderstanding to her friend, SUE.

The other day, I was at the gynaecologist, with my legs in the stirrups – as you do – and she says, ‘I like your hair.’

My hair!

For a moment, I thought she was maybe being ironic, hinting that it would have been polite to, you know, remove it. Get one of those ‘runways’.

Who does that for the gynaecologist?!

And then she says, ‘Did you dye it?’

‘Er, no,’ I say.

And I’m thinking, I need to change gynies.

And then she says, ‘I’m thinking of getting mine cut.’

God Almighty! I hardly noticed how cold the speculum was!

‘You can get dressed now,’ she says.

And then, as she’s taking off those purple gloves, she turns and says, ‘Do you mind giving me the name of your hairdresser?’

Phew! It just shows how easy it is to misunderstand people.

Beat.

Like the other day, when I said I liked big men, and you told me all about your husband.

In detail!

What I *meant* was I liked men who are taller than me, coz as you know, I’m quite tall.

I never thought of your husband like that. I never thought of him at all.

But now, I’m thinking... I should give you the name of my gynaecologist.

210 spoken words

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