

Psychic Hotline

1-minute play by Barbara Bellman

Setting: an office with cubicles, equipped with a phone bank and a “psychic” in each. The phones ring and the psychics pick up on the first ring. The pace is fast.

(PHONE RINGS)

John

Psychic Hotline. (Pause) Yes, I expected your call. Um hmm, I *know* you’re dealing with a *stressful* problem . . ./

(PHONE RINGS)

Mary

Psychic Hotline. (Pause) Of *course* I can help you. I can tell that money is a big concern for you, right . . .?/

(PHONE RINGS)

Bob

/Psychic Hotline. (Pause) Yes, you *do* have a *difficult* choice to make but the answer is . . . Um hmmm/

(PHONE RINGS)

Sara

/Psychic Hotline. (Pause) Uh huh... Yes! I see you’ve got a big decision to make affecting your . . .job! I was just going to say that . . ./

(PHONE RINGS)

John

/Psychic Hotline. (Pause) I know, you’re confused, but you’re wondering if a new relationship is . . . I see. Yes.

Mary

(Holds her hand over the phone to ask aloud . . .)

Anyone have any idea when the mailman’s coming today?

All

(Loud whisper)

How should we know?

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