

THE “P” WORD (4 Actors)

Three men hold the No Evil Positions with one actor in front of the group.

YOUNG MAN:

Every time I hear the “P” word I have to cover my ears.

HEAR NO EVIL:

Penis.

YOUNG MAN:

It’s a subject I don’t care to talk about.

SPEAK NO EVIL:

Penis.

YOUNG MAN:

And I don’t even look at it unless I have to.

SEE NO EVIL:

Penis.

YOUNG MAN:

Stop.

TRIO:

Penis, penis, penis --

YOUNG MAN:

Stop it! Stop! We must never say the “P” word. Never. See no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil. (*Calms down.*) I know they exist. I know it's down there. I just don't want to know. Why do we have to know? The Sisters at Our Mary of Hope Springs Eternal would not be happy if they heard the “P” word.

The trio become the Sisters.

SEE NO EVIL:

Thou will say fifteen “Hail Mary’s.

YOUNG MAN:

I'm sorry Sister Agatha.

SPEAK NO EVIL:

Evil talk.

YOUNG MAN:

I'm sorry, Sister Maddy.

HEAR NO EVIL:

Sinner!

YOUNG MAN:

I'm sorry, Sister Fran. I'm sorry!!!

TRIO:

Pray.

YOUNG MAN:

Hail Mary full of grace...Forgive me father for thinking about...about...? What do I call it if I can't really say it?

The three look puzzled. They huddle and discuss it. They turn back to the man.

SEE NO EVIL:

Man flesh.

YOUNG MAN:

Man flesh? *(They nod and go back to their positions.)* Man flesh. *(Becomes a bit disgusted by it.)* I didn't like that word either. It's not that I'm constantly living in denial of my man flesh. I just choose not to discuss it or even look at it. I mean I do have to look at it for certain functional things but I don't whip it out at the spur of a moment. No. I couldn't do that. I couldn't. The other Catholic boys thought I was crazy.

(The trio become Catholic boys.)

SPEAK NO EVIL:

Phallophobia.

YOUNG MAN:

What's that?

SEE NO EVIL:

Fear of the man flesh.

YOUNG MAN:

I'm not afraid of it.

HEAR NO EVIL:

You're a phallophobic.

YOUNG MAN:

I am not.

TRIO:

(Teasing him.)

Phallo-freak! Phallo-freak!

YOUNG MAN:

(Shouting.)

I am not afraid of my penis!

The trio become the Sisters again.

SEE NO EVIL:

Thou will say fifteen "Hail Mary's."

YOUNG MAN:

I'm sorry Sister Agatha.

SPEAK NO EVIL:

Evil talk.

YOUNG MAN:

I'm sorry, Sister Maddy.

HEAR NO EVIL:

Sinner!

YOUNG MAN:

I'm sorry, Sister Fran. I'm sorry!!!

TRIO:

Pray.

YOUNG MAN:

Hail Mary full of grace... One time the Sisters brought us on art tour and when we came upon the statue of David, I shouted to the sisters, yelling, "Manflesh Sisters, evil manflesh." The sisters ran over armed with their rosaries. They looked at the statue and smiled.

SEE NO EVIL:

That sort of man flesh is acceptable.

YOUNG MAN:

Why?

SPEAK NO EVIL:

Because it's art.