

Talk About A Murder Sample

RICKY: OK. Our next guest has been called the Princess of the New Age of Enlightenment. She's an astrologer, a psychic, a druid, and ... a certified public accountant.

NICKIE: And, she has a new talk show debuting this fall on the Chakra Cable Network. Please welcome ...

RICKY: The lovely and talented ...

NICKIE: Celeste Ethereal!

Music up. Celeste enters and sits. Music fades.

RICKY: Welcome to the show, Celeste!

NICKIE: Or is it Ms. Ethereal? (*smarmy glance at Phoebe*)

CELESTE: No, Celeste is cool. I must say, it's a very moving experience for me to be here this evening. To feel the energy in this room. The positive vibrations. The love.

RICKY: So, you can actually feel "energy" in the room? And vibrations?

CELESTE: Oh yes. Many vibrations.

SHECKY: Hey, I was feeling "vibrations" too, but I thought it was a truck rollin' by or the burrito I had for lunch.

EDIE: You're such a stinker Shecky!

SHECKY: Ya don't have to tell me!

NICKIE: So tell us about your show, Celeste.

CELESTE: Yea for sure, well, it will be a physic talk show.

RICKY: A Physic talk show?

SHECKY: What, you sit around and read each others minds?

EDIE: I knew you were going to say that!

SHECKY: I guess if you know what they're gonna say, there's no sense in asking any questions. (*To audience*) Am I right or what?

CELESTE: *(To Shecky)* You're an amusing man with a delightfully small aura.
(To Nickie) No, what I plan to do is like.. "channel" spirits from the nether plane to speak through me. But like, you know, in the talk show type of trip. What I plan to do is interview celebrity guests from the great beyond.

RICKY: Really? Dead celebrities? Wow! Who might we expect to see ... or hear on your show?

CELESTE: Well, I have connections with Jerry Garcia, Janis Joplin, as well as Bertholt Brecht and Soupy Sales.

RICKY: What a diverse group there Celeste! Could you ring one of them up now?

CELESTE: Now? You mean, right now? Well, I don't really know if the conditions are right.

SHECKY: What do you need, babe? Some incense? A lava lamp? I think Edie may have a mood ring, if that helps.