

## APMDA - Hypnotist

### 1. INT. TV SHOW AUDITION ROOM. DAY

The audition room of hit reality TV show, 'Australia Possesses Marginal Degrees of Aptitude'. Three JUDGES sit behind a desk. Before them is LEONARD THE MAGNIFICENT, a hypnotist, who dangles a pocket watch from his finger and wears a mystical cape.

JUDGE 1

So,

(referring to her notes)

'Leonard the Magnificent' ...  
what's your talent?

LEONARD

I am a great hypnotist, madam,  
and can make you believe whatever  
I wish.

JUDGE 2

Oooh, do me!

LEONARD

Very well.

Leonard swings his watch.

LEONARD

You are getting sleeeeeepy ...  
very sleeeeeepy ...

Judge 2's eyes roll back in his head.

JUDGE 3

He's gone under!

LEONARD

Listen to my commands ...

JUDGE 2

Yes, master ...

LEONARD

When I click my fingers, you will  
open your eyes, and think that

you are a chicken. One ...  
two ... three!

Leonard clicks his fingers, and Judge 2's eyes shoot open. He tries to make a chicken wing action with his arms, but can't seem to get them unstuck from his sides.

JUDGE 2

Oh God! This is awful! Why am I stuck in this horrible little cage? Please, no, don't force feed me any more growth hormones! Aahhh, I think I have a gangrenous infection from the wire cutting my leg!

Leonard gives an self satisfied smile and the other judges are amazed - they clap over Judge 2's distressed cries.

JUDGE 3

That is very impressive.

JUDGE 1

He really thinks he's a chicken!

JUDGE 2

(still struggling to get out of his 'cage')

Please kill me ... end my torment ... no one should have to live like this ...

Everyone else laughs.

JUDGE 1

Very amusing! You're on to the next round.

Leonard bows deeply.

**END**