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Yeah Yeah

I went to-

I wanted to get away from all the showbiz...-- crazy showbiz,

So I decided I'd go on vacation you know,

And I don't uh, uh like to go to hotels cause all my years of doing uh, my night club act I uh

w-jst-I don't like hotels,

So I decide I'll go, you know, my buddy tells me, he goes, "Hey you should go to one of them

bed n' breakfasts," ...you ever heard tell of them?

Yeah, the idea is you go there,

It's a guy's house,

And you live in his room and then he, he makes you some breakfast.

So uh, I, I, I looked one up on the Internet there, and I found one, I went to Vancouver Island

Victoria, which is beautiful, oh my god, it's God's c-country and so I go there, and Uh,

Uh, I, I, I look up my place where I'm supposed to go, I have it on a little piece of paper,

And, I knock on the door, right? And there's no answer, so I knock again, there's still no

answer.

So finally I look in, like the, in the window there,

And there's an old man sleeping on a couch, you know?

So, I bang on the door, ringing the doorbell, you know,

So finally I hear like a, "Eh keep your pants on!" there, you know from the inside, and

He comes to the door - old guy, you know, about I'd say 80, 85 years old - old Harold

Delayney, was his name.

Yeah, nice enough gentleman, you know, and uh, so I get in there and I says, "Well, I better go

**to sleep," - there's no one else there. You know? Like, I thought it'd be a whole bunch of
people in different rooms, you know, and it's just me.**

So uh,

I go up and I, I go to sleep and uh, I'm, I'm *ready* to go to sleep, and a knock comes on the door, right?

Uh, a knock on the, on my bedroom door.

So uh, I figure uh-oh... old Harold Delayney wants to have sex with me-there,

And uh, uh, course, that's not -- I didn't come to Victoria to have sex with old Harold Delayney.

You know,

I came here to do some sight seeing.

So, Then I hear him, he goes, "Well you ought to play some scrabble."

Yeah, so I say ok, that's good, I'll play some scrabble. So I go down and he pulls out this scr-old scrabble game there, and we start to play, and you know I like scrabble you know,

So y-I get the first turn you know, cause I picked the lower letter,

And so I get the first turn, so I make RAPID, you know,

It's a good word,

And then, and then uh, I do it. I do it pretty quick. I take like a couple minutes,

And then old Harold Delayney,

He takes like a half hour to like, get his word, and the whole time he's not talking, he's not telling me old stories, cause I like hearing old stories, you know?

And, instead, there's like, for a half hour, there's old Harold Delayney going – <silence>

So then,

So then after a half an hour of that, you know- I'm just sitting there,

He comes up with this word, it's uh, HAT.

And Yeah, HAT, so puts it and he, he takes the word HAT, and he puts it like way in the corner on that triple letter score, the triple word, the red one, that you want to get to, but you can't just put it there,

Yeah, you got to move up there, you know,

And finally get to there, but instead he just puts it right there – HAT.

So, uh I go, ahahalright, you know, and uh, so it's my turn you know, I do some and uh, uh-uh-uh quickly and then again the same thing like –

You know, and then time going by and then every word he h-I was coming up with good words, you know, I had uh, SLEIGH, you know “sleigh-ride”, and uh, uh- a-AVOCADO, that was a seven letter word,

You have fifty extra points, I’m still way behind him,

<Cause he’s free-lancing the board>

Yeah,

And so finally I’m like, I gotta say something, you know, so he-a-a-and all his words were like CUP and HAT, I think it was just like things he’d see around the room, and

So, I’m playing excellently, I should be in the lead, but instead I’m like a thousand points behind him, and finally, I’m like I gotta say something you know,

So he put uh, BOOT, you know up, uh o-on this triple, and it really annoyed me, cause I was building towards the triple letter,

And he just puts BOOT and uh, s-so I said fine, I gotta say something here,

And I go, “uh-Hey, uh, Old Harold Delayney there, uh, I I don’t know uh, y-you can’t put BOOT there,” and then he goes, “Well, you never heard tell of a boot?”

So I go no, no uh, I know what a uh, a boot is I’m just saying you know, he goes “Eh-well-that-fam-leg-goes-ut-ther(?), so wear a boot?” so I go, “No, I know what a b-l made AVOCADO. I know a boot.”

You know?

And it just took him forever, and I think, and also I noticed a weird thing, he had no, there were no blanks, you know how you, you have the-the blanks in the game? It’s always good, you, eh any letter, right?

I realize there’s no blanks in this game, and I figured, old Harold Delayney must have uh,

When he got the game, figured,

“What the hell is that?” you know, and thrown it away.

Yeah

There was no breakfast.

I got up the next day, I, I ga-I was so uh, hungry from playing scrabble all night,

So I says, uh, "Hey, Harold. How you doin, there, uh, uh, how bout some breakfast?" and he goes, "I've never been much for breakfast."

So I go, "oh...uh, a-alright," so I go uh, "Oh I guess I'll go down to Mcdonald's and pick up uh some breakfast or something Harold," and he goes, "Could you get me an egg mc muffin?"

It was crazy.