

MURRAY

(continues, obviously pleased to be explaining it)

Lactation counseling acquaints new mothers with an array of breast-feeding techniques, including alternative methods such as pumping, and the supplementation drip system. Mother's milk contains two proteins—whey and casein—both of which are vitally important to a baby's development. And the nutrients lactoferrin and lysozyme are found only in mother's milk.

PRISCILLA

(in a mocking moderator's voice)

And that, ladies and gentlemen, concludes the educational portion of today's program...

LUIGI

He's something, isn't he? *(impressed)* You get this guy started on breast feeding, and he'll talk for an hour...just like a doctor or scientist.

MEGAN

Speaking of the medical profession, I've always told Amy that she could've been a doctor, if she'd only applied herself.

AMY

Really, Megan? *(annoyed)* Must we start this?

MURRAY

And I agree. *(praising her)* Amy would've made a helluva doctor.

MEGAN

But she wouldn't take my advice, of course. Too hard-headed and, frankly, too lazy.

AMY

According to Megan, I should've been lots of things. In fact, I should've been anything except what I am.

MEGAN

I'm serious, Amy. You would've made a great doctor.

LUIGI

It's not too late, you know. Recent surveys show that lots of people in your age bracket are enrolling in medical school.

MEGAN

More drink, please. *(new focus)* You say your name is *(distastefully)* "Luigi"?

LUIGI

Yes, ma'am.

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MURRAY

But we call him “The Count,” (*proudly*) because he can trace his bloodlines all the way back to 18th century European royalty.

LUIGI

My great-great-grandfather, Giancarlo, was a Count, and his wife, Maria, was a Contessa.

MEGAN

I always thought “Luigi” was a pasta dish. (*pretends*) Oh wait...that’s *linguini*.

(LUIGI chuckles)

LUIGI

My full name is Luigi Antonio Pentangeli. My family is from the Naples region of Italy. In Italian, my name translates as “Luigi Five Angels.”

MEGAN

So I take it you’re Roman Catholic?

LUIGI

Yes, ma’am. (*proudly*) Very much so.

MEGAN

Personally, I’ve never had much use for religion. The notion of an all-powerful God residing in Heaven seems almost cartoonish—something that would appeal only to the poorly educated and the feeble-minded. But that’s just me. No offense intended.

LUIGI

None taken.

AMY

Would you stop showing off? No one wants to hear your views on religion.

MEGAN

I’m not showing off, Amy. All I’ve done is introduce Contemporary Atheism into the conversation. Speaking of which, does anyone know who Henry Bacon is? No? Okay, does anyone have a \$5 bill?

(MURRAY raises his hand)

MEGAN

Good. (*pleased*) May I see it, please?

MURRAY

Well...not on me.