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*The Intrepid Interviewer Series*



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*Today's Interview Topic: Hair*

*The successful revival of Hair, the 1960s "American Tribal Love-Rock Musical," inspired my Assignment Desk Manager, Tony Romero, to send me to the malls once again, this time to interview people about hair.*

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***Intrepid:*** Good afternoon, ma'am, I'm Will Penwright the Intrepid Interviewer from *Periwinkle Press*. I'm asking people shopping in the mall today about hair, either their own or someone else's. What is your name?

***1st Interviewee:*** My name is Simpra McDermott. Actually, it's Simpra Anne but only family members call me that. And what's your name, sonny?

***Intrepid:*** I'm Will Penwright from *Periwinkle Press*. I'm interviewing people about hair.

***1st Interviewee:*** Oh my, I don't worry about my hair anymore! It's gotten so grey and kinky I can't do a *thing* with it. People tell me my hair and my poodle's hair look the same! But there is no question hair is important, except of course for that Star Trek Captain, oh what *was* his name. . . he is as bald as my late husband was, well, anyway, I wish Hillary would do *something* with *her* hair, pull it

back from her face into a bun or *something*. Here she is representing our country all around the world and her hair, well, I don't mean to be unkind, but it's a *mess*! I suppose she's too busy to have it done, what with meetings with world leaders and all but it's really strange that Bill's hair looks better than hers. The next time she's in Paris. . . .

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*Intrepid*: Excuse me, sir, I'm Will Penwright the Intrepid Interviewer from *Periwinkle Press*. I'm asking people in the mall today about hair, either their own or someone else's. What is your name?

*2nd Interviewee*: *Dude!* This is *awesome!* Our karmic corridors have connected *again!*

*Intrepid*: *Oh no!* Well. . . yes, I guess I *have* interviewed you before. . .

*2nd Interviewee*: So what's the haps, what're you doing *here* this afternoon, dude?

*Intrepid*: Yes, uh, I'm asking people in the mall today about hair, either their own or someone else's. I see you have a variety of colors in your hair, a little green with purple highlights and some yellow mixed with orange and . . .

*2nd Interviewee*: My hair is *awesome!* My main man, Roberto, well not Roberto himself, his *wife* does my hair, you know, for *free*, well not exactly for free, I supply her with a little. . . ah, anyway, when she finally gets into a mellow space, you know, day trippin', I just sit on a kitchen chair and she gets, you now, *inspired*, dude, and mixes the colors, she's *awesome*. . . .

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*Intrepid*: Good afternoon, sir, I'm Will Penwright the Intrepid Interviewer from *Periwinkle Press*. I'm asking people shopping in the mall today about hair, either their own or someone else's. What is your name?

*3rd Interviewee*: So, you picked *me* because I'm *bald*?

*Intrepid*: Oh, well no sir, I'm just asking people at random about hair. . .

*3rd Interviewee*: Well, don't worry yourself about insulting *me*. I've been bald since I was twenty-two and I've heard *all* the bald jokes, so do your *best!*

*Intrepid*: I assure you I didn't mean to. . .

*3rd Interviewee*: It's the genes. The *mother's*.

*Intrepid*: The genes?

*3rd Interviewee*: The mother carries the gene for male baldness. My father was bald, too, but that was because *his* mother carried the gene for male baldness. It's not really my mother's fault, I suppose, but I still turned out *bald* even if she didn't *mean* for me to be bald. The taunting never stops! All you people with hair, so smug, so superior. . .

*Intrepid*: Well, thank you for your time. . .

3<sup>rd</sup> Interviewee: There are plenty of other things that *are* her fault! I didn't learn to drive until I was forty because she constantly worried I would wreck the family car if I learned to drive. And then when I *did* wreck the family car, she said, "See, I *told* you!" and she cut off my allowance for a month! *Dad* never said a *word*! And she constantly worries about me catching a cold. That's why I smell the way I do. She puts Vick's VapoRub on my chest and throat before I go out *anywhere*. Then she wonders why I can't "meet a nice girl and settle down"! And another thing. . .

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**Intrepid**: Good afternoon, ma'am, I'm Will Penwright the Intrepid Interviewer from *Periwinkle Press*. I'm asking people in the mall today about hair in general or their own hair or someone else's hair. What is your name?

4<sup>th</sup> Interviewee: Smarka Zamoshki. I think hair is very important, especially for a woman. Men can get away with a crummy haircut or with shaving their heads for the new bald look but women have to constantly take care of their hair, mainly because of what other women will say about them if they don't look really, *really* good.

**Intrepid**: So, Smarka, what do you do to make your hair look good?

4<sup>th</sup> Interviewee: I used to try to do it myself or have a friend do it for me but I got tired of looking just so-so. Now I go to a *professional* hair stylist, Maria, at Roscoe Rasmussen's Rapid Redo down on Chili Lane in the South Valley.

**Intrepid**: Really! They're one of the sponsors of my column.

4<sup>th</sup> Interviewee: Oh, they're *really* good at Roscoe's! And I can take Norbert with me when I go.

**Intrepid**: Norbert?

4<sup>th</sup> Interviewee: Norbert is my Mastiff. He gets a shampoo and trim while I'm getting my hair done. Saves me a trip to the pet groomer and Norbert just loves Pierre.

**Intrepid**: Pierre?

4<sup>th</sup> Interviewee: Yeah, Pierre does the dogs and the facials. *He's* good, too.

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*There you have it, Intrepid Interviewer readers. Our next interview question will be "Are you for or against Daylight Savings Time?" I can hardly wait to get back to the mall!*

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