

The Bartender/Gary

Spotlight up on GARY, telling a story to the audience as if sharing it with Marla's group.

GARY

I've been in this group a while. Heard stories from lots of people with all kinds of gifts. Mine's ridiculous. Knowing the color of people's underwear, who needs that? I sit on a park bench people-watching and all I see is black, white, pink, gray, plaid. It's not even a good party trick. Bet someone you can tell 'em the color of their panties and that's a good way not to get invited to any parties. Yeah, it'd help some of the time with flirting but now I'm married and I don't flirt anymore. I'm an accountant, and I work out of my home office. Clients come by. I try to match the colors to the personalities but there's no rhyme or reason. It's only interesting when someone surprises you. This one guy, owns his his own landscaping business. Real tough guy, small talk is all motorcycles and hunting. A real man's-man, so to speak.

(points at his crotch)

Fire-engine red. Every time. Red's a bold color, not many people can pull it off. But this guy...maybe he fancies himself a rebel. I have to admit, he's a little more interesting than I gave him credit for. Maybe that's what it's about...reminds me that sometimes the book is more interesting than the cover, y'know?