

WRITING SAMPLE

WAGMAN VS THE FLYING SAUCERS-

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Dr. Bruce Wagman, a plastic surgeon, is on his way to perform a nose job on the CEO of a cosmetics company.

EXT. COSMETICON CORPORATION BUILDING. MANHATTAN EARLY AFTERNOON.

Ambulance pulls out of building. Dr. Bruce Wagman is pulling out metal cart, piled high with surgical instruments. Driver tries to help him. He waves him away. Pushes the cart himself towards the building. Doorman opens. The door for him. CAMERA FOLLOWS him to elevator.

People are forced out of elevator.

INT. COSMETICON CORPORATION BUILDING. 7TH FLOOR. A FEW MOMENTS LATER.

Dr. Wagman pushes cart to glass door. ENGRAVED TITLE ON DOOR: MARZY SCHMINDORF, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

He goes in.

INT. MARZY SCHMINDORF'S OFFICE.

Marzy is seated at a huge mahogany desk with various of her Cosmeticon packages displayed in bell jars at the front of the desk. SECRETARY rushes in.

SECRETARY

There's a really strange man in your office.

MARZY

Strange. How so?

SECRETARY

He says he's a doctor. He says he's here to perform an operation.

MARZY

What's he look like?

SECRETARY

Wild hair, a green tie- a kind of strange gleam in his eye- might mean he has a sense of humor. Could mean he's a serial killer.

MARZY

Oh, I know what that is. It's Dr. Wagman. Send him in.

Secretary goes out. Immediately Dr. Wagman moves in, pushing his cart.

DR. WAGMAN

Just relax, Ms. Schmendorf. It'll be over in less than an hour.

MARZY

Over- what will be over?

DR. WAGMAN

See all this.

Points to cart.

DR. WAGMAN (CONT'D)

Over half of this is anesthetics.
You won't feel anything.

MARZY

What?

DR. WAGMAN

I do all my anesthetics myself. I
never use anyone else.. Please make
yourself comfortable. We can do it
right at your desk.

MARZY

Do what?

DR. WAGMAN

The procedure, of course.

DR. WAGMAN

Most people are shocked when they
find I can do at their desk, in a
couch, on that nice divan in the
powder room-

MARZY

Doctor, you got my letter-

DR. WAGMAN

Yes, of course. I'm here.

MARZY

Did you read it?

DR. WAGMAN

I can't read everything I get in the mail. How could I? Especially after that damned news conference? Reading some of those letters make me want to throw up. Not that yours would. I just naturally expected you wanted a procedure. So I came right over.

MARZY

You naturally expected- what? What procedure?

DR. WAGMAN

A nose job, Ms. Schmendorf. It always starts with a nose job.

MARZY

You're here to give me a nose job?

DR. WAGMAN

Of course, its all here- the scalpels, the anaesthetic, I use aloe vera gel-

MARZY

Do you think I need a nose job, Dr. Wagman?

DR. WAGMAN

Of course not, Ms. Schmendorf. No one does. Its a luxury.

MARZY

Well, I don't want a nose job, Doctor.

DR. WAGMAN

Really, how curious. How wonderful!
This is a first! What is it you
need, Ms. Schmendorf? A little
eyebrow removal, a slightly uplifted
chin, perhaps a little derriere
padding- I don't know. I doubt if
you need any of my little
procedures- You know a woman as
beautiful as you really doesn't need
plastic surgery. But they all want
it.

MARZY

And- tell me Doctor- what kind of
surgery do you think I need? Be
frank. I won't get mad.

DR. WAGMAN

Perhaps the shoulders-

MARZY

The shoulders? The shoulders-

DR. WAGMAN

A little too wide, perhaps.

MARZY

Of course, they're wide. Dr.
Wagman. See, they're shoulder pads.

DR. WAGMAN

How do you expect me to know that?
I've seen your pictures in the paper
`a lot, Ms. Schmendorf. Everything
looked fine.

MARZY

I knew you were a plastic surgeon.
But I didn't know you did house-
calls.

DR. WAGMAN

Its in all the journals, I do house-
calls. I'm the only one.

MARZY

Well, I don't want any surgery. You thought you were called to the largest cosmetic company in the world to do surgery?.

DR. WAGMAN

It happens every day. From senators, from oil tycoons, from baronets-everyone wants it done-fast- right now. I accommodate. I take my things with me. I guess I should have read your letter.

MARZY

I've read your research. I- perhaps we could discuss this over lunch, Doctor.

DR. WAGMAN

That's possible. But I'm not hungry. I was ready to surgery. I'm now in pre-operative let down.

MARZY

Come with me, Doctor. I'm sure we can find something.