

Sisters  
By Karena Krull

Theme Song: Chorus of "That's What Friend's Are For"

M.C. announces Thelma, a 92 year old woman enters stage, barely moving across the stage, using a walker with built in seat. She has 5 feet of T.P. trailing behind her from under her dress, wearing her glasses. Finally arriving at podium, she inadvertently faces the back of the stage. M.C. Turns her around, grabs the T.P. But holds onto it until her next line.

Thelma: \_\_\_\_\_ Sorry I'm late, I was indisposed, it you catch my meaning.

MC: (To audience)

Yep, I caught it, all right.

(Holds up the TP. Sits down in a chair on stage)

Thelma: \_\_\_\_\_ here, asked me to speak to you ladies today 'bout being soul sisters.

(Opens walker into chair position and finally sits down)

Gonna start with 3 things we soul sisters have in common. Things that truly bind us together.

First off, is shoes. Really, see this here report?

(Pulls report out of bosom)

Says in 2006 we women spent 6.9 billion dollars on shoes! Like I said, shoes bind us soul sisters together! 1,009 women were surveyed about shoes and here's what it says. An average American woman owns 17 pairs of shoes, buys 3 new pairs a year and spends an average of \$49.00 per pair.

30% of these women admit paying \$100.00 or more, at some time or other, to buy those, "Must have" pair of shoes.

And when it comes to wearing shoes, 60% of us confessed that we are willing to "suffer for fashion." I say, why not? We "suffer" for everything else... Like I said, we have a lot in common!

(Pauses)

(Puts her glasses into her bosom)

Second thing that ties us soul sisters together through out our various generations? Handbags. And they go right along so nicely with the shoes, don't ya think?

Styles and the contents of a women's purse have changed with each generation. When I was a girl I used to carry a small, purse with a few essentials such as a small brush, mirror and a few pieces of makeup. Nowadays purses have morphed into full sized backpacks! They have to carry cell phones, computers, and even meals since everyone seems to be on the run these days, My goodness!

And a mother's purse grows so much more exponentially in size over time than in my day. Today's purse has mutated into a multi purpose lunch box, toy store, diaper bag and medicine cabinet. Purses literally become miniature shopping malls over time!

Personally, I don't carry a purse anymore. Couldn't remember where I left it even if I had one. I keep everything close to my heart...no really...see here!

(Dumps out the various props from her bosom all at once except T.P. Then shows the audience each item as she talks about them)

My reading glasses. No string attached! And I don't forget they're on my head.

(Puts glasses on her head)

My wallet,

(Holds up wallet)

so if I pass out the medics will find my I.D. right off the bat—really fast.

And to keep me from losing my marbles I keep them right here...Heavens! Don't look at me like that! They're for my great grandson to play with!

The third item that binds us together as soul sisters but definitely NOT least is toilet paper, especially when you consider the fact that in the old days we used Sears and Roebucks catalogs! Toilet paper's value and comfort is NOT to be taken lightly!

(Rolls out about 4 squares from bosom)

All of us soul sisters use it for blowing or wiping runny noses

(Demonstrates by blowing nose, making a loud honking noise)

(Rolls out about 4 more squares from bosom)

Washing faces of toddlers

(Spits on T.P. and demonstrates on pretend child)

or fixing one's lipstick.

(Smears lipstick across her face from lips)

There! That's much better.

(Rolls out about 4 more squares from bosom)

Wiping away sweat from hot flashes or any kind of tears.

(Wipes her face, smearing the lipstick even more)

(Rolls out about 4 squares from bosom)

Grabbin' those pesky spiders ya find crawling round where ya don't want to find 'em. Them spiders and TP flush down the toilet quite nicely together!

And you'll be a hero when the gals in the public bathroom find themselves out of paper. There you are, in their dire time of need. Just pass it to 'em under the bathroom stall and away they'll go!

(Takes out roll and throws it to the M.C.)

Those gals will be thanking ya, I tell ya. Soul sister in need is a soul sister indeed!

(Puts everything back in her bosom but can't find her glasses on the top of her head)

(Referring to her glasses)

See what I mean?

Anyway, so what is a real soul sister? It's NOT just about the shoes and purses. It's walking along together in this life, one day at a time helping each other live through it all and in spite of it all...even with all our differences. Doesn't matter how young you are, or how old you are neither. Or whether your shoes are black flats or purple and gold with heels up to here.

(Puts her hand up high in the air)

We're all still from the same family. The family of God. Even if some of us talk about it and some of us don't. That's okay. We can still be there for each other through the good and the bad. Being kind and tender hearted, hugging or just listening when needed. Being a sister who prays through the hard times whether they come at me or I create them. Not throwing out their own opinions or judging but praying God shows each of us what to do in their lives. That's how I see it.

(Pauses)

So if you and a soul sister are out shopping and find that perrrfect pair of shoes...link your arms firmly together and buy it in every color!

(Pauses)

(Abruptly, matter of fact)

Well, that's all, that's it.

(Gets up, folds up her walker with the M.C.'s help and gets turned around)  
(She bows with her bottom to the audience until the M.C. turns her back around to face the audience)

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Exits to theme song, "Today Is Your Day" by Shania Twain. Thelma dances off stage using slow side kicks while holding onto the walker.

The End

- Director Notes: Don't rush the lines. The audience needs time to catch the play on words to get the humor. Using a slow southern drawl will help. Also, be prepared to pause until the audience is done laughing or the next lines will be lost. Thelma can act confused or in her own world. She can also ad lib back to the audience. Example: "What's so funny? This is serious!"
- Thelma: 92 year old woman. Speaks with authority, a little bit crotchety but not crabby. Very matter of fact. Tell it like it is person.
- Costume: Gray wig, frumpy old dress, any color with polka dots on it. Must have room to stuff all the props into her bosom and pull them out easily. Possibly sew in different pockets inside but some of the humor is in watching her fish for them.
- Props: Piece of paper, glasses, T.P., wallet, walker with built in seat or regular walker and additional stool to sit on.
- Song: "Today Is Your Day" by Shania Twain