

start (HUMPTY DUMPTY appears on the wall.)

BILL. Humpty Dumpty is making an appearance. Humpty! Humpty!

HUMPTY. No questions, please.

BILL. But Humpty, tell me, why haven't you fallen from the wall?

HUMPTY. I said no questions.

BILL. But it's the people's right!

HUMPTY. Okay, okay. I haven't fallen from the wall because...because...I don't want to. And that's *my* right, isn't it?

BILL. But Humpty, why all of a sudden, have you decided not to fall from the wall? Why today?

HUMPTY. I met a man. An angel, I think. And the angel told me not to jump. He showed me what my life would have been like if I didn't exist. And I didn't like it. I didn't like it at all. Why, there wasn't even a wall here. And no one knew who Humpty Dumpty was and all the King's Horses and all King's Men were doing other stuff and —

BILL. And what was this angel's name, Humpty?

HUMPTY. His name? His name was Frank.

BILL. An angel named Frank?

HUMPTY. He said he used to be a newsman before he saw the light and realized that we can be anything we want to be. And he decided he didn't want to be a newsman anymore, just like I decided I don't want to fall off this wall.

BILL. There you have it folks. An angel named Frank. Strange days indeed. Back to you in the newsroom, Frank. } End

BETH. It's not Frank, Bill. It's Beth! Frank quit!

BILL. Frank quit?! When? Just now?

BETH. No, before. Call me crazy, but the angel named Frank, that Humpty Dumpty was talking about, might just be *our* Frank.