

Any Other Dublin - Episode 6 - 'People Don't Change'

Cast of Characters

<u>Dami</u> :	Fatuma
<u>?????</u> :	Pastor Sam
<u>Alicja</u> :	Jolita
<u>?????</u> :	Presenter (Voice Over)
<u>Gordo</u> :	Charles
<u>Leah</u> :	Maggie
<u>Andy</u> :	Sci-Fi Fan
<u>Gordo</u> :	Brony Guy
<u>Andy</u> :	Sean Og
<u>Leah</u> :	Marta
<u>Dylan</u> :	Oisin
<u>Leah</u> :	Girl

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1 - Talking with Pastor Sam

- 1 ATMOS: MOORE ST MARKET, DAY, CROWD NOISES ETC
- 2 GIRL
Free Sim Card.
- 3 SOUND: DOORBELL RINGS
- 4 PASTOR SAM
Fatuma, my darling girl, what are we going to do with you?
- 5 FATUMA
I don't know, Pastor Sam, what are you going to do with me? You might have to marry me yourself!
- 6 PASTOR SAM
You know, Fatuma, if I wasn't already on the hook I'd have you at the altar in a minute, you awful girl.
- 7 FATUMA
That can be arranged, Pastor, we could have an accident for your wife.
- 8 PASTOR SAM
That is not funny, Fatuma. I love my wife.
- 9 FATUMA
Ah, but would you love her if she fell down the stairs! And she was lying at the bottom and she had no head.
- 10 PASTOR SAM
That's a terrible thing to say. Please don't threaten Margaret.
- 11 FATUMA
Oh no, pastor, I get on well with Margaret, that was just a little joke.
- 12 PASTOR SAM
Fatuma, let's be serious now. I've been meaning to have a chat with you for a while.
- 13 FATUMA
Oh yes Pastor? Do you have a husband in mind for me? Or do you need someone to help out at the church. I am always free.

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14 PASTOR SAM

Well, I'll keep my eye out, and I'll let the other ladies know you're interested in helping out, but it's not that.

15 FATUMA

Well then, what is it?

16 PASTOR SAM

I've heard some rumors, Fatuma, probably silliness. Some people from the parish have been telling me you have been messing about with the devil.

17 FATUMA

Pastor, you know you shouldn't be listening to gossip.

18 PASTOR SAM

I know, I knew there was nothing to it, you're a good girl. I did not think you would play with dark forces.

19 FATUMA

Like demons and witches and things? You know I would never fool with that stuff, Pastor Sam. Back home they say that if you call a zombie in to curse someone, you'll be cursed yourself.

20 PASTOR SAM

That's a relief. Edith got it into her head that you were trying to sell her some magic cards.

21 FATUMA

Oh you mean my spirit pack? Don't worry about that, pastor. It's just to tell the future and bring a bit of good luck. Nothing serious.

22 PASTOR

But Fatuma, you must know such things are forbidden. The dark arts-

23 FATUMA

Don't be so silly, pastor, it's just a bit of fun. Would you like me to do your tarot now?

24 PASTOR

I most certainly would not, Fatuma.

25 FATUMA

Oh come on, it's only playing. Let me read your future.

26 PASTOR

I do not think so, Fatuma, it would not be appropriate. There are things men were not meant to know.

27 FATUMA

I knew you were going to say that! I saw it in the cards hahaha.

28 PASTOR

Fatuma, I am being very serious now.

29 FATUMA

I know, Pastor Sam, you are wearing your I-am-being-very-serious-now face.

30 PASTOR

These are occult things, Fatuma, dark things-

31 FATUMA

Just look at the pack, pastor, does this look dark to you? Look at all the pretty colours! See here, we have the baby Jesus on this card, and the next one is Saint Christine.

32 PASTOR

Saint Christine? I do not know that one, she must be new.

33 FATUMA

Oh yes, and here is Saint Thomas, see how easy it was to find him! You can collect them all. I sell them right from the shop. Normally they are fifteen euro, but for you only eleven euro, I will not take a penny more.

34 PASTOR

I do not think so-

35 FATUMA

Not another word, Pastor, and quickly, give me the money, I don't want the other customers to see I am giving you special prices.

36 PASTOR

OK, OK... What did you say, eleven euro?

37 FATUMA

Yes, and you can get another pack next time you come. You can use them to tell the future, or to discover if your wife is cheating on you.

38 PASTOR

Well, I wouldn't do that.

39 FATUMA

No, of course not.

40 PASTOR

It would not be appropriate for a Pastor.

41 FATUMA

Oh I agree! Why would you need to know the next week's lottery numbers, or how high the shares are rising and falling? These are not things for a man of the spirit.

42 PASTOR

The lottery numbers... No... Of course not. I should have instructions also, so I can talk to other parishioners, to know for sure they are not using the cards in the wrong way, practicing witchcraft.

43 FATUMA

Lucky for you, I have just the book. It will tell you everything you need to know. It's only thirty nine euro.

44 PASTOR

Thirty nine euros!

45 FATUMA

For you, pastor, I will not charge VAT, thirty euro eighty one cents, only.

46 PASTOR

Fatuma, you could sell ice to an Eskimo.

47 FATUMA

Oh no, pastor, I would never do that, they have plenty of ice already!

48 PASTOR

Good day to you, I'd better get out of here, while I still have some money left in my wallet, God help me!

49 FATUMA

Good day, pastor Sam, see you on Sunday!

50 SOUND: DOORBELL.

2 - Narrator

51 NARRATOR

Fatuma is a recent immigrant from the troubled West African nation of Liberia. A hard worker, after only two years in Ireland, Fatuma has already established her own shop, selling mobile phones and religious accessories on the busy concourse of Dublin's Moore St. Having found success in business, Fatuma is eager to find love, and has recently begun meeting men from the internet.

3 - RESTAURANT

52 SOUND: ATMOS - RESTAURANT EVENING, LIGHT MUSIC, VOICES, DISHES AND CUTLERY

53 FATUMA (ON MIC)

I hope very much this fellow is better than the last one. I haven't had much luck so far. They say the internet is the new place to meet people, but so far all the men I have been meeting are very angry. One of them even showed me his weapon. I have had enough of that back home. I want a nice successful man, with a good head of hair. It's not too much to ask. He should not own a machine gun, or even a hand gun.

54 CHARLES

(STRONG NAVAN ACCENT) Fatuma?

55 FATUMA

Oh hello! You must be Charles, my goodness you are a whole lot of a man (LAUGHS) I hope you are hungry, the food here is fantastically delicious.

56 CHARLES

Is this a foreign place?

57 FATUMA

Excuse me?

58 CHARLES

Looks like Chinese or something.

59 FATUMA

The food here is from Malaysia. Some of it is cooked by my friend Maggie from church. It's not her real name, but the Malaysian people they change their names when they come to Ireland, to make them easier for the Irish to understand.

60 CHARLES

You like talking, don't you?

61 FATUMA

I am being so rude, and you have barely introduced yourself! Are you wearing your wellies at the table?

62 CHARLES

I'm just up from Navan for the weekend.

63 FATUMA

Is that in the West of Ireland?

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64 CHARLES

It's in Ce-avan, up near the border...

65 FATUMA

I have not been there yet. I hope the weather is better than in Dublin! And what do you do, Charles, do you own your own business?

66 CHARLES

I'm in rearin' cattle.

67 FATUMA

My grandfather was a farmer back home.

68 CHARLES

So, you're on the extreme right?

69 FATUMA

I'm sorry, am I sitting on the wrong side? We can switch places if you like? I just enjoy looking out at the street - so many different kinds of people going by.

70 CHARLES

The ad said you were looking for Mr Extreme Christian right...

71 FATUMA

Yes, Mr Right, and I hope he is extremely Christian, because I go to church, and I like all the saints, especially Saint Patrick (LAUGHS).

72 CHARLES

But you want them out?

73 FATUMA

Who? The snakes? They are already gone Charles.

74 CHARLES

(Whispers) The fuggies.

75 FATUMA

But I only just got here myself.

76 CHARLES

You I don't mind, you're a grand bit of woman. It's the other ones, the (WHISPERS) Asians and the Poles and all them. You're not Nigerian, are you?

77 FATUMA (INDIGNANT)

I am originally from Liberia, Charles, but what difference does that make to you?

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78 MAGGIE

What can I get for you both this evening?

79 CHARLES

I'm eating na-thin'.

80 MAGGIE

Would you like a little more time to decide?

81 FATUMA

I am starving, Maggie! What is good on the menu tonight?

82 MAGGIE

Oh Fatuma! How are you, I didn't recognise you. You're so dressed up. I love your hair, it's so long!

83 FATUMA

Thank you, Maggie, it's good to see you too.

84 CHARLES

All right, all right, we'll order, will we?

85 MAGGIE

The beef Rendang is good, but I recommend the Ikan Asam Pedas this evening, our mackerel is very fresh.

86 FATUMA

The mackerel sounds delicious, I have not had it before.

87 CHARLES

Do ya do chips?

88 MAGGIE

I'm afraid not, sorry.

89 CHARLES

What kind of a place is it doesn't do chips?

90 MAGGIE

So sorry, we serve only traditional Malay, Chinese and Thai dishes.

91 CHARLES

Bloody typical fo-in-ers.

92 MAGGIE

Once again I'm sorry sir, perhaps I could get the chef.

93 FATUMA

It is not you who needs to apologise, Maggie. Charles, I think you should say sorry to my friend.

94 CHARLES

Me? It's her should be apologising for coming over here and serving this mongolian BBQ. How am I supposed to know what's in this garbage? There could be dogs' parts and all sorts.

95 FATUMA

I think you should be going home now, Charles.

96 CHARLES

I am not going home! She should go home! (PAUSE) I'm staying... (ROMANTIC) I'm staying in a bed and breakfast up the road. Why don't we leave together. I brought me camera up from Na-van, we can take a few dirty snaps.

97 FATUMA

How dare you, you are a very rude man, please go now and leave me alone!

98 CHARLES

Well, feck the pair of yee. Don't bother calling me later when you change your mind, Tina Tuner!

99 SOUND: CHARLES STORMS OFF

100 MAGGIE

I'm sorry, Fatuma, I didn't mean to ruin your dinner.

101 FATUMA

It is not your fault, Maggie. These men! They are all like little boys, they should be on boy friend finder, not on adult friend finder.

102 MAGGIE

Oh my goodness, I think, Fatuma, that is a website for dirty business.

103 FATUMA

God save us! How do you know that, Maggie?

104 MAGGIE

I think... I think I must have seen it on the television.

105 FATUMA

Yes, that's where I heard about it too. Hehehe.

4 - Fantasy Fiction Convention

106 SOUND: CONVENTION HALL, VOICES ETC

107 FATUMA

Books about angels, books about saints, books about heaven, all the books you could ever wish for!

5 - Narrator

108 NARRATOR

It's Sunday, and Fatuma has come to the annual International Fantasy Fiction convention, to try to sell some of her stock of religious books.

6 - Fantasy Fiction Convention

109 FATUMA (ON MIC)

I do not understand it. There are hundreds of people here, who all love fantasy, but none of them want to learn about the greatest fantasy of all, the story of Jesus.

110 FANTASY FAN

Do you have any Dragon Lance books?

111 FATUMA

Well hello. No, I do not have any books about dragons, but I do have a book about Saint George, the man who killed the last of the dragons. Take a look, there he is on the cover, he even has a lance.

112 FANTASY FAN

No thanks.

113 JOLITA

How are things going at your table, Fatuma?

114 FATUMA

I can't explain it, Joli, I haven't sold a single book! This is even worse than on Moore St.

115 JOLITA

Same here. I think Irish people just aren't ready for sexy Centaur fiction. Six months and it'll be bigger than vampires, but by then I'll be just another me too scribbler, trying to leap on the bandwagon.

116 FATUMA

Still, I'm very impressed that you make all your own books. I see here in the liner notes you do everything, you even draw the covers.

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- 117 JOLITA
Not so loud! I'd prefer if people didn't realise I'm self-published.
- 118 FATUMA
Nonsense, you should be proud! Hey you, yes you over there in the costume like a little pony. This girl here is an artist and a writer. She makes up her stories and she can make her own books, you should buy some of them.
- 119 BRONY GUY
Are they urban fantasy?
- 120 JOLITA
Hell no, they're way more original than that! My heroes are an ancient race of noble centaurs that secretly live amongst us.
- 121 BRONY GUY
Wow, I love ponies. Are they... Eh... I mean is there a lot of... Pony... eh (SNIFF) play?
- 122 JOLITA
Just between you and me, they're really steamy.
- 123 BRONY GUY
Oh dear, that's em... Ha ha.
- 124 JOLITA
How does a signed copy sound? Eight ninety nine.
- 125 BRONY GUY
OK, I think em, my eh niece might like it. Can you make it out to Twilight Sparkle?
- 126 SOUND: SIGNING, WRAPPING PACKING
- 127 JOLITA
There you go!
- 128 FATUMA
You see, you just need to scream from the roofs above about your book.
- 129 JOLITA
Thanks so much, Fatuma, you're such a sweetie. Tell you what, I'm doing a wire show tonight in Flibber McCree's, you should come along.
- 130 FATUMA
Oh thank you, Joli, but I have a service this evening. I usually go on Sunday mornings, but I have missed it this morning because of this silly convention.

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131 JOLITA

Come on, go mad, skip it, just this once.

132 FATUMA

I would skip it, just this once, but there's someone special I want to see.

133 JOLITA

Wooo, who's the lucky guy?

134 FATUMA

Oh he's a tremendous man, Joli, a pillar of my community. He's very religious, and he has a full head of hair!

7 - Rejection

135 SOUND: GOSPEL MUSIC IN BACKGROUND, PEOPLE MILLING OUT

136 FATUMA

Pastor Sam, coo-y, coo-y! Pastor Sam, could I take a moment of your time and keep it in my pocket.

137 PASTOR SAM

Hahaha, of course, Fatuma, I always have time to talk to my favorite parishioner. What is going on with you? How is your shop? I have been playing with your cards, so many new saints these days.

138 FATUMA

I am so glad, Pastor Sam. I wonder if we could talk for a moment in privacy?

139 PASTOR SAM

Of course, Fatuma, come back here into the rectory.

140 FATUMA

Or if you prefer we could talk in my apartment. It's not far, I could cook you something, you must be starving after all your hard work on this evening's sermon.

141 PASTOR

That would be lovely, Fatuma. Perhaps another time. My wife Margaret can make some of her famous crab cakes and we'll both join you for dinner.

142 SOUND: DOOR OPENING, WALKING ON STONE STEPS

143 PASTOR

So, what is it you wanted to talk to me about? Are you concerned about a spiritual matter? I hope everything is going well with your business?

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144 FATUMA

Wow, I have never been back here before. You have a beautiful home. Did you decorate it yourself?

145 PASTOR

Oh thank you, Fatuma, mostly it was Margaret, she is the one with the eye for this kind of thing.

146 FATUMA

I love all of your paintings, did your wife paint them?

147 PASTOR

Oh no. That one is a copy of a painting by a famous German man called Max Earnst.

148 FATUMA

It's very disturbing I think. Very naughty.

149 PASTOR

Well, perhaps we go back eh, in the church... I think that everyone will have left by now...

150 FATUMA

Oh, not so quick, now I have you in my clutches. Hehe. I prefer it in here, it's so private. Just the two of us.

151 PASTOR

Now Fatuma, what was it you wanted to talk to me about exactly?

152 FATUMA

Oh Pastor, I hoped that you would have some advice to give me. As a man who speaks to many people about love. I have been feeling so lonely since I came to Ireland.

153 PASTOR

You have?

154 FATUMA

I have met so many men from the internet.

155 PASTOR

How many?

156 FATUMA

Oh many, many men, but they are all the same. All of them are crazy, or they have no job or they think that they are all that when they are not all that.

157 PASTOR

Um hum.

- 158 FATUMA
I need a real man, Pastor. A strong, Christian man who doesn't need me to take care of him.
- 159 PASTOR
Yes I can see that.
- 160 FATUMA
A man who isn't intimidated by a strong woman. A woman who knows what she wants.
- 161 PASTOR
And what is that?
- 162 FATUMA
I want a man I can look up to, Pastor, a man like you.
- 163 PASTOR
I... I...
- 164 FATUMA
It is so cozy in here, just us two people, standing next to all these beautiful paintings, it is like in a romance novel.
- 165 SOUND: KISSING
- 166 PASTOR
No, Fatuma! I cannot do this, I am a holy man.
- 167 FATUMA
I know, pastor, we must control ourselves.
- 168 SOUND: KISSING
- 169 PASTOR
No! Get off me, you evil woman. The other ladies were right about you. You are a witch, trying to use your wicked powers to make me betray my wife.
- 170 FATUMA
What are you saying, Sam, I would never do anything to-
- 171 PASTOR
Leave, leave this place. Get out of here, you serpent, and do not come back. We are holy people here! I am excommunicating you!
- 172 SOUND: DOOR OPENING, NOW THEY'RE BACK IN CHURCH

173 FATUMA

No pastor, please. You are the man for me!

174 PASTOR

Get out before I throw you out!

175 SOUND: PUSHING ETC

8 Therapy Group

176 SOUND: ATMOS THERAPY GROUP

177 FATUMA

And then he threw me out of the church, like a common criminal!

9 - Narrator

178 NARRATOR

It's two weeks later, and Fatuma has begun to deal with her feelings of loneliness by attending court mandated weekly group therapy.

10 - Therapy Group

179 BERNIE

Do criminals get throwed out a church a loh? I would a tough' it was de one place they'd feel safe.

180 SEAN OG

And how did it make you feel, Fatuma?

181 FATUMA

I felt like a foolish idiot, of course, what do you think I felt! Tell me, Sean Og, are you a married man?

182 SEAN OG

This isn't about me, Fatuma. It's about all of you.

183 FATUMA

Well, I think everyone would like to know if you are married.

184 SEAN OG

Really?

185 JOLITA

I think it's important to know who we're dealing with. I mean here we are revealing our deepest secrets to a perfect stranger, you might be a bigamist for all we know.

- 186 SEAN OG
I'm not a bigamist, Jolita.
- 187 JOLITA
Pity, I need some advice on handling multiple men.
- 188 MARTHA
Well, if you're not a bigamist, what exactly are you, Sean Og? I'm divorced, Joli and Fatuma are desperately alone, Bernie's a cuckolded sad sack-
- 189 BERNIE
Hey!
- 190 MARTHA
Bit late to show your rocks off now honey, and Oisin...
- 191 OISIN
What, I'm waiting, go on, give it to me.
- 192 MARTHA
Oisin is a pretty good lay.
- 193 JOLITA
Ew, ew, you didn't. Martha!
- 194 OISIN
Few can resist my surgical strike.
- 195 JOLITA
That's it, I'm playing for the other team!
- 196 SEAN OG
Well, I probably shouldn't reveal... I mean boundaries are a pretty important part of the process, so...
- 197 MARTHA
Oh spit it out, you Lilly livered half-man.
- 198 SEAN OG
I'm... Eh... I'm single, I was seeing someone for a long time, but it eh... She didn't eh... She...
- 199 OISIN
She cheated on you.
- 200 SEAN OG
It didn't work out.
- 201 JOLITA
So then, we're all losers.

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202 OISIN

Speak for yourself, darling. Honestly, you don't actually need to be so alone, if you lost a few pounds, slapped on a bit of makeup, maybe got your baps redone, you wouldn't be great, but you'd after twelve pints in Croppers.

203 SEAN OG

That's quite enough, Oisin. Respect is the watch word of this process.

204 JOLITA

Hah, don't worry about me, Sean Og, I can defend myself. Mr Clubland Sex Pest doesn't worry me. Behind that desperate-to-impress grin there's a little lost boy who just wants his mummy.

205 OISIN

Watch yourself! Don't you say another word about my mother.

206 JOLITA

What are you going to do, tough guy, throw a punch?

207 FATUMA

You know, I never usually drink, I am usually very well behaved, but today I think, today I would like to get drunk.

208 MARTHA

Then it's decided, we're all going to the pub.

209 OISIN

I know a place. They serve all night long and the owner has a snake he'll let you play with.

210 BERNIE

I should probably get home... Viola will be getting worried.

211 MARTHA

Bernie, pet. Better early than late, the last thing you want to do is interrupt.

212 BERNIE

I suppose I could stay for one.

213 JOLITA

Coming, Sean Og?

214 SEAN OG

We really shouldn't be socialising outside of group.

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215 OISIN

Hear that? He's too good for us.

216 JOLITA

Fair enough, Sean Og, I'm sure your own friends want to see you.

217 SEAN OG

Fine, fine I'll come. What does it matter anyway, it's not like anyone's going to cure you lot.

218 JOLITA

Don't blame yourself, Sean Og, people don't change.

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