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A veteran tour guide and a young trainee are about to show a group of tourists the Washington Monument. They pull at their bow ties and make sure they look nice.

MR. TED: Now, I know this is your first tour group, but try not to be nervous. And feel free to speak up.

MARCY: Yes sir, Mr. Ted. Wow, my first tour group.

MR. TED: (To audience) Monumental Pain.

MARCY: (To audience) By Peg Ratliff.

MR. TED: (To Marcy) Now, I usually try to warm up the crowd a bit before we start, so that we can develop a rapport with them.

MARCY: Develop a rapport. Okay, Mr. Ted, I'll follow you.

MR. TED: Oh, here they come now. Yes, it looks like a great group. Hello! That's right, gather 'round.

He waves his arms in a circular motion as if he is shepherding people into a circle. Marcy stands straight, hands clasped, beaming at the group.

MR. TED: Welcome to the Washington Monument. How was your trip on the train?

MARCY: Any wrecks? (She laughs at herself, a snorting, goofy laugh.)

MR. TED: (A little surprised) I'm sure it was a great ride.

MARCY: (Poking an imaginary tourist) Looks like you found the dining car. (Mr. Ted is a little shocked; Marcy doesn't notice and laughs some more.)

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