

## Plank sketch

1 *(This character is holding a small plank on their shoulder)* Hi ye! We were just talking about you. *(To some one off stage: Yeah, bye! Speak to you soon! Need to talk to you about Geoff. (Making 'phone me' gestures)* Phone me!

How are you then?

2 Has that plank always been there?

1 What?

2 Oh, never mind. Look, I've been wanting to –

1 *(Interrupting)* Ooh, ooh. Let me guess. To be the first female player in an England mixed gender team who scores a goal against Germany?

2 No, I've been wanting to –

*(Interrupting)* Let me guess again. To go deep sea diving in the Marianna Trench and discover new and amazing species of fish, never before seen by human eyes?

2 No, no, I've been wanting to –

1 *(Interrupting)* To become a brain surgeon and delve into the mysteries of neurological pathways?

2 No!

1 To learn to tap dance?

2 No

1 To wonder how Geoff can be so two-faced, being nice to people one minute, and then shouting his mouth off about them, the next? The git!

2 No! Look, I've been wanting to

- 1 To star on that TV program, Grand Designs, and design and build your own house and have the satisfaction of saying, “I built that!”?
- 2 What? No! It’s just that I’ve been wanting to –
- 1 *(Interrupting)* To understand how I have managed to give myself *(gesturing to himself)* such an amazing physique?
- 2 Really? No!
- 1 To express your heartfelt thanks to me, the best, most trustworthy friend that anyone could ever have?
- 2 Er, no.
- 1 To get my support in stopping gossiping and lewd innuendo in this church, because *(raising his voice)* frankly it’s just rife in this place? *(Pointing to someone)* Especially with her!!
- 2 Well –
- 1 *(Interrupting)* Ah-ha! I thought so! Come on then; spill the beans, dish the dirt. Who’s got too big for their gossiping boots then? Eh? Eh? Eh?
- 2 *(Taking a deep breath)* Well actually, if you really want to know, I’ve been wanting to ask *you* to stop gossiping about *me*, and spreading rumours about *me* behind my back.
- 1 *(Shocked)* Who, me?
- 2 Yes, you. I heard you, with that Marjorie woman the other day. I was standing right behind you two.
- 1 *(Blustering)* Well, that was... Well, you know. Just talk. I don’t gossip! And I certainly don’t talk about people behind their backs. I’ve got far more important things to do than that!

2 I'm just trying to say, that it wasn't very nice of you.

1 *(Getting up crossly)* Honestly! I don't know what you mean. So I'm going to go now. And I shall make a point of telling Marjorie what you've said!

2 *(Under her breath)* I'm sure you well...

1 Good bye!

2 Bye. *(Slight pause)* Mind how you go with that plank! You could take someone's eye out with it!

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