

## MARIAN & HAROLD

**MARIAN:** Please don't let me keep you, Professor Hill. You must have many more important things to do than explain the Think System to me.

**HAROLD:** Can't think of one.

**MARIAN:** And I must be very dull company for a man of your experience.

**HAROLD:** Now saaaay ... where'd you get an idea like that?

**MARIAN:** One hears rumours of traveling salesmen.

**HAROLD:** Now, Miss Marian – you mustn't believe everything you hear. After all, one even hears rumours about librarians.

**MARIAN:** I suppose you're referring to Uncle Maddy.

**HAROLD:** Uncle Maddy?

**MARIAN:** Mr. Madison – My father's best friend. No matter what they say He left me an assured job so Mother and Winthrop and I would have some security. Surely you don't believe ...

**HAROLD:** Of course not! That's exactly what I'm saying. But why do you think people start those rumours?

**MARIAN:** Narrow-mindedness, jealousy – jealousy, mostly, I guess.

**HAROLD:** Exactly. And jealousy mostly starts rumours about traveling salesmen. What have you heard?

**MARIAN:** Oh – oh nothing about you personally – just generally –

**HAROLD:** What have you heard generally?

**MARIAN:** Just that ... but of course, it stands to reason that – that disappointment and jealousy can lead to – I mean – take you for instance – your attentions to – to – customers and – and well, teachers might easily be misinterpreted mightn't they? I mean honestly ... mightn't they? And so you say – if another salesman – or somebody were jealous – I mean- well, they might be downright lies – couldn't they?

**HAROLD:** What could?

**MARIAN:** Rumours and things.

**HAROLD:** Why, of course.

**MARIAN:** It just proves you should never believe everything you hear, doesn't it?