

MAIDENS

So tell us what you want, what you really really want

KING

I'll tell ya what I want, what I really really want

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KING

I wanna, I wanna, I wanna, I wanna
I wanna really really really really ziggy zig aah

If you wanna be a royal
You gotta do what I say
Obey Achashverosh
Every single day

If you wanna be a royal
You have got to live
Quiet, calm, and faithful
That's just the way it is

MAIDEN 1: (*Rolling her eyes*) I guess it's not gardening that he's into.

KING: (*Expansively*) All right, ladies, so who's gonna be the next queen? Make your pitch!

MAIDENS *remain nervously silent. Finally, ESTHER steps forward.*

ESTHER: Sure, I'll do it.

KING: "Sure, I'll do it"? That's not exactly an enthusiastic response.

ESTHER: You see anyone else jumping up and down for the job?

KING: Why do *you* want to be my queen?

ESTHER: (*Shrugging*) Well, you've got a nice house.

KING: And of course you worship the ground I walk on.

ESTHER: I didn't say that. But I *do* kinda like the idea of living in the big city.

KING: And, as a woman, you have an instinctual need to be near a powerful man like me.

ESTHER: (*Rolling her eyes*) Oh god. *No*, I didn't say that either. But I do appreciate the fact that I won't lack for food or clothing as queen.

KING: No, that's not it. You see my crown, you know I'm famous, and your womanly instincts practically compel you to obey my orders.

ESTHER: (*Trying to control her fury*) Stop it! Stop trying to explain my feelings to me!

“The Mansplaining Song”

(Sung to the tune of “Don't Speak” by No Doubt)

ESTHER

You and me, we could be together
Every day together, always
I really feel that I could be your best friend
But I can hear that you're still talking
I want to be the queen you chose
Except it seems your mouth just doesn't close

Don't speak, I know just what you're saying
So please stop mansplaining
Don't tell me what you know
Don't speak, I know what you're thinking
I know you have opinions
Don't tell me what you know

You're royalty, well, that sounds real exciting
But I don't really need your help deciding
I will try to not reply
But your reasoning makes me want to die

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So please stop mansplaining
Don't tell me what you know
Don't speak, I know what you're thinking
I know you have opinions
Don't tell me what you know

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