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THREE PUPPETS WALK INTO A BAR...

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ABSTRACT

Pandora's Box, Medusa, and the physical embodiment of Hope are three friends who had a tough day. They decide to drink their pain away and head to a local bar. They were all set for a quiet night of drinking and sulking, but wouldn't you know it, it's karaoke night. Come sing out your favorite song and see what happens with our favorite three ladies. (But really, some sing, it's karaoke!)

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Figure 1.

Three Puppets Walk Into A Bar

(Lights up on the bar. The pre-show music fades. The puppets enter through the upstage door)

Barbara- That meeting went terribly! There's no way they're ever going to give us our own show now. Uggh

Medusa- Yea we kinda screwed the pooch on this one

Hope- Oh, come on friends. Maybe it didn't work out this time, but instead of sitting around and feeling sorry for ourselves, we can use this time to painstakingly go over every little detail of what happened, figure out where we went wrong, and come up with a game plan to get' em next time!

(The other 2 slowly look towards her like dude just let us drink)

MC- All right all right everyone welcome to karaoke night here at The Bar! Woوو.

Barbara- Oh no.

MC- So how it works is anyone, and I mean anyone can come up and sing, even you (*describe a person in the audience, preferably someone we know*). How it works here is I'll ask who would like to come up to the mic and sing, if you're looking to show off your pipes raise your hand and I'll call you down to the mic. If you have already have song in mind amazing, just let us know what it is when you get up to the mic; if not, you know, just try and think about it ahead of time because they only gave us 30 min here. If you need the lyrics we ask that you pull them up on your phone because the fourth wall where we usually project them seems to be missing

Hope- Ahhhhhhh ok the planning session can wait, we are doing karaoke! This is gonna turn our day around for sure!

Medusa- Fun! I'm in

Hope- Yay! I'll get us drinks

(Hope runs to the board and signs all 3 of them up before Barbara can say anything)

Barbara- I really, really don't want to do this. We just had the worst day and I just want to fold up in the corner with this martini

Medusa- Come on, you know how Hope is. She just wants us to look on the bright side and she's gonna see this as a silver lining to our shitty day.

Barbara- She can do what she wants, I'm just tired of always having to be cheery just because she's the physical embodiment of humanity's ability to hope

Medusa- Well miss container formally known as Pandora's Box, we love her and this makes her happy. We can play along

Barbara- You can play along. I will not be singing today thank you very much. I will be sitting here drinking that drink

Hope-Ok here are our drinks, I wonder when they'll start

MC- *(interrupting)* Ok folks, Who's first up tonight?

Hope- AHHHH Me!!!!!!

Barbara- Ten bucks says she sings that song again

Medusa- You know she always sings it, just let her be

Hope- *(At microphone)* Hi, I want to sing my most favorite song in the whole world, hit it please!

(Frank Sinatra's High Hopes plays, she sings, people clap and then she goes back to her table)

Medusa-Aww Hope, you were great, wasn't she Babs?!

Barbara- *(sarcastic and annoyed)* Yea, amazing.

Hope- Aww thanks friends, you're all the best.

MC- Ok everyone let's get some volunteers, who's next up to sing? *(Call someone up maybe some banter)*

(The Audience member tells us the song. We pull it up on YT over the speakers and they sing with lyrics from their phone.)

MC- *(Makes a congratulatory comment about the audience member)*

Hope, Medusa & Barbara- *(Adlib about how wonderful the song just was, maybe a joke if I'm quick enough on my feet)*

MC- Ok next up to the mic, we have...

Medusa- I'll go

MC - Amazing come on down the Head of Medusa on the Aegis

Medusa- Why do they know my full name?

Hope- I was afraid they wouldn't know who you were if I wasn't explicit

MC- Ok Medusa, what song are you going to sing for us?

Medusa- Let's do (*Stronger kelly clarkson, or I will Survive, or Sorry not Sorry*)

(She sings, we clap)

MC- We're definitely not sorry for that performance, thank you Medusa!

Hope- Dusa, that was amazing!!!!

Medusa- Aww thanks

Barbara(*pointedly says nothing and keeps on drinking*)

MC- (*Calls up 1-3 more people depending on where we're at with time. When we get down to 9 or 10 minutes left we will stop audience participation. The general order is MC announces name and asks for a song, and then at the end congratulates them and calls up the next person. This repeats like that until we hit that time. Feel free to throw in a joke*)

Audience song 2

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Hope- They were all so great, I'm so happy we came here tonight. I knew it was going to turn our day around!

MC- Ok folks, we're down to our last 2 songs for the night. Who's next?

Hope- She is she is!

Barbara- Nope. Not gonna happen

Hope- Oh come on, we sang and we both feel better, it'll be good for you.

Barbara- I said no

Hope- Ok, I can take your turn if you want. I was just trying to find something to pull you out of your funk

Barbara- Well no one asked you to! You're always so pushy. I just wanted to sit here and be alone and you ruined it! You ruin everything

Medusa- Barb!

Barbara- What?!

Hope- No she's right. I did. I do ruin everything

MC- So is someone coming up or...?

Hope- *(makes her way up to the mic but she is sad now)* It's me again... Whenever you're ready

(sings You Ruined Everything from Crazy ex-gf)
(After she's done she comes back to the table sadly.)

Barbara- Hope...

Hope- *(sadly)* Yea.

Barbara- You didn't ruin everything. I'm sorry I said that I was just upset about the meeting and took it out on you.

Hope- Really?

Barbara- Really, you're a great friend you both are the most amazing friends a 2700 year old container could ask for. I love you ladies

Medusa- Group hug!

(they all hug as best a group of puppets can)

Hope- Hey, let's say we blow this popsicle stand and go get some lunch ladies!

Medusa- Hell yea! I'm starving

Barbara- I'm in, but before we head out, I have to do one thing *(she steps up to the mic and the music cues)*

(At the end of the song blackout)

Video Link:

<https://vimeo.com/816984438>