"The Other Awards" Sample Dialogue

Will: For a city mired in a dark and troubled past, it would be easy for all humor to slowly be sucked out, drained, and systematically outlawed.

Reed: It would be wholly understandable for people to look at each other with malice and contempt, brows furrowed, and hearts hardened, frowning angrily at the mere sight of their fellow man.

Will: But there are renegades among us! Brave souls whose wit and irreverence break us out of our depression, who make giggles out of gargoyles, and whose senses of humor trump our collective sense of inferiority.

Reed: And in a town filled with medical facilities, it's not the doctors and nurses who restore our health, it's these clowns who administer the best medicine.

Will: The nominees for Funniest Person are:

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Bekah: We all need a little boost sometimes, and Birmingham is no different. It's easy to root for the Magic City when Forbes is writing about how we're the Austin of Alabama, but what about when Forbes.com is writing about how we're the East St. Louis of new Austins?

Al: There's plenty of fair-weather faux Birminghamians, but it takes a special breed to bring cheer, and cheer on their fellows through seasons of both plenty and want.

Bekah: These are the kinds of folks who share your event on Facebook, just because you're doing something, attend your opening, even though they don't understand your artistic vision in the slightest, and text you encouraging words when you're feeling unsure about your role in this little big city.

Al: The nominees for Biggest Cultural Supporter are: