

SILENCE

(Your character is reading a book and talking to an unseen person nearby who just won't stop talking. Begin by reading the book silently. After a few moments, without looking up, hold up your hand in a "Stop" gesture towards the unseen person and begin the monologue.)

Stop talking. Just stop talking . . . No . . . Nope . . . Un unh.

(Lower your hand and continue reading for a few moments, then look up at the unseen person.)

I'm sorry, did you say something? . . . That's what I thought. Don't.

(Go back to reading the book for several moments. When you speak again, don't look up.)

You know, I can see your mouth moving. And I can hear sounds coming out of it. That must mean you're talking. Remember that part where I said, *Don't? Well, don't.*

(Reading the book for several more moments. Close the book and look up.)

OK, I'm finished. Hey – where are you going? . . . Well, it's not like I . . . What?!? . . . Fine . . . Gah! Some people are so sensitive.