

# 'Vermont News' - comic skit by Stephanie Nash

00:00:00 Oh, this just in.

00:00:22 We have an on the scene live report from Melanie Mash in Burlington.

00:00:27 Thanks, Bob.

00:00:29 I am here on the west side of Burlington, Vermont, just outside the forest next to Lake

00:00:35 Champlain.

00:00:36 A possibly homeless man who locals have reported often meanders in the very well maintained

00:00:44 paths of the forest and is reported to go by the name the Head Chin or the Big Chin

00:00:51 was seen drunkenly walking down the path muttering 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 1, 2, 3, 4,

00:00:59 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

00:01:00 And he kept waving and pointing to a piece of paper with nonsensical symbols on it, muttering

00:01:07 that it had his whole system on there and that he looked at it every day and that it

00:01:13 was the solution to McDermott.

00:01:18 He was in a trench coat, which he called his robes, and wearing a sign that said on the

00:01:23 front, think dimensionally, and on the back, optimize the happy.

00:01:30 Then he returned to this kind of spastic walking, telling the crowd that he was auto-walking

00:01:36 and that they should try auto-thinking so that they could meet Gus.

00:01:42 We're not sure who Gus is, possibly an imaginary friend.

00:01:49 Everyone assumed at this point that the man was intoxicated and then he started marching

00:01:56 and chanting, Trump is empty, Obama is empty.

00:02:02 And that's when a real crowd started to gather, assuming it was actually a political rally.

00:02:10 People wanted to join in the chant, but were confused as to which side he was on.

00:02:17 When someone asked him, he stopped and looked at them and said, the source, and so are you,

00:02:24 and everything is loved into existence in each moment.

00:02:29 At which point they assumed this wasn't political after all, but that he was a religious fanatic.

00:02:37 But then he asked if anyone had some Kickapoo joy juice, and then said that he had been

00:02:43 abducted by aliens who did a lot of anal probing.

00:02:49 Yes, Bob, that's when they realized he was delusional and the authorities were called.

00:02:57 And then he returned to the counting and walking, only to stop and declare that he had no self,

00:03:04 which had a bounciness and connectivity.

00:03:08 And then he proceeded to say he could see, hear, and feel while waving his arms and pretending

00:03:13 to have a theory.

00:03:15 By this point, there was a huge crowd around him who seemed to be enjoying this display.

00:03:21 Some were even drawn in and soon others were walking around chanting 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,

00:03:28 7, 8, 9, 10.

00:03:29 And that's when we arrived, Bob.

00:03:31 And I tell you, I have never seen anything like it.

00:03:35 I think the guy was just some kind of hypnotist.

00:03:39 When the police arrived, they came towards him and he said he wanted to wrestle like  
00:03:43 he did with his TA when he was stoned.  
00:03:47 And that's when one officer approached him slowly saying that everything was going to  
00:03:53 be okay.  
00:03:55 To which the man said, it was more than okay.  
00:03:59 Everything was enfolded with an expansion and contraction, which arose out of and returned  
00:04:05 to the source.  
00:04:07 Then he pointed to a garbage can and insisted he could merge with it.  
00:04:13 The officer said that he wanted the man to get into the car.  
00:04:17 And then the man, called the Big Shin, pointed to the car and said he had been in one of  
00:04:23 those, and that it had rolled over and over and slid under a semi and that was how he  
00:04:30 lost his ear.  
00:04:31 But it wasn't a bad trip.  
00:04:34 Oh, yes, Bob, he seemed to have both his ears.  
00:04:39 The officer then asked if there were drugs involved and the Big Shin said, yes, LSD.  
00:04:47 But then he giggled and confided that no one knew.  
00:04:51 So the police officer assured him that now he knew and that they needed him to get into  
00:04:58 the car.  
00:04:59 The man asked if instead they could go on a motorcycle at 100 miles per hour with no  
00:05:04 self-driving or pretend it was an ox and ride backwards.  
00:05:09 And the officer said, no.  
00:05:15 To which the man pretended to ring a bell and then said, that car is empty.  
00:05:21 The officer then said that the empty backseat was going to be full in a moment and asked  
00:05:25 the man if he could see how many fingers he was holding up.  
00:05:29 The man then approached the officer, looked deeply into his eyes, and in a slow, meaningful  
00:05:35 way asked the officer, who is seeing?  
00:05:41 Whereupon the officer disappeared.  
00:05:44 Vanished.  
00:05:45 I kid you not, Bob.  
00:05:48 Then the man, the Big Shin, pointed quickly and shouted, gone.  
00:05:54 Well the entire crowd erupted in applause, assuming this was all part of a magic act.  
00:06:00 This had all just been a show and a good one too, Bob, I must say.  
00:06:07 Well the Big Shin, as we'll now call him, turned to the crowd and told them that he  
00:06:11 had a book on how to do this, but that it was in R&D and for now everyone could just  
00:06:17 apply C, C, and E liberally and they too could return to the source.  
00:06:23 Then the officer reappeared, but no longer wanted to arrest the man and instead wanted  
00:06:30 to ask him more about his source.  
00:06:33 The officer seemed like a different man, Bob, and told us all to have some compassion and  
00:06:41 to love deeply and act effectively, which, coming from a cop, is quite something to hear.  
00:06:50 Then the officer and the man conferred, after which the officer bowed to him.  
00:06:55 I kid you not, Bob, you simply cannot make this stuff up.  
00:07:01 And then the Big Shin turned to the crowd and said, and this is a direct quote, On the

00:07:09 epitaph of civilization will be that subtle emotional sensations that went undetected  
00:07:19 did them in.  
00:07:20 But we could do something about that and feel in with clarity, equanimity, and concentration,  
00:07:29 noting activity and rest and also vibration.  
00:07:34 And by having a complete experience of this, we could find true freedom and fulfilling  
00:07:42 bliss and be patient.  
00:07:45 It takes time and know that the first bite of emptiness is like biting into an apple.  
00:07:52 That's right.  
00:07:53 The taste and texture of the skin is not what's inside.  
00:07:57 And no matter how long it takes, it's worth the ride.  
00:08:03 And all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.  
00:08:09 If we appreciate, transcend, and in positivity dwell.  
00:08:16 And in the meantime, be a mensch and just think of that inside the jewel in the lotus  
00:08:24 is love.  
00:08:29 And on that note, he expanded and contracted until he too disappeared.  
00:08:35 And the crowd now the audience just stood there.  
00:08:38 It was weird because we were all quite confused, but also happy and felt good from this strange  
00:08:49 little man at the edge of the woods.  
00:08:53 And I realized that I'm now talking in rhyme.  
00:08:58 And I trust Bob that this too will pass with time.  
00:09:02 So this is Melanie Mash signing out from this event.  
00:09:06 It was odd and bizarre, but we all leave content.