

## **ASMODEUS**

(someone will read Margery's lines for you)

**MARGERY.** Forgive me father for I have sinned...

**ASMODEUS.** Wait, is it really horrible?

**MARGERY.** Um.

**ASMODEUS.** Sometimes, if the sin is really horrible, Hell will open up its mouth and swallow you immediately.

**MARGERY.** ...I think I'd like to wait.

**ASMODEUS.** Of course, if you wait, you might want to be careful around your baby. You know, because things can happen with babies.

**MARGERY** What things?

**ASMODEUS.** Babies are conspicuously fragile. Sometimes if a little baby shows up who hasn't been baptized...Do you know if he *has* been baptized, by the way?

**MARGERY.** I've haven't seen my baby. I'm sick.

**ASMODEUS.** Yes, the puerperal fever, where the womb gets too moist and the brain lls up with water.

(**ASMODEUS** *makes slurping noises.*) **MARGERY.** Ach! Stop it. Stop doing // that

**ASMODEUS.** It's always a good day when an unbaptized baby shows up because, well, babies are so cute, aren't they? Aren't babies cute?

**MARGERY.** ...Yes.

**ASMODEUS.** They're cute. And you can make them smile or you can make them cry. For example, if you poke one with a pin it will cry –

**MARGERY.** If you poke it with a pin –

**ASMODEUS.** Yes, if you poke it in the belly, the arm, the n- gernail, or the eye it always lets out a little squeak – *eek* – or sometimes a shrill cry. (*He makes a horrific sound.*) Sometimes my brothers and I, we all gather around, pick up one baby and blow air into the baby like a balloon and then we play catch with it.