

***STAR ACTING* at ESPA**  
**MONOLOGUES FOR WOMEN**  
**by Charles Busch**

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*THE DIVINE SISTER*, SISTER WALBURGA, page 55 Samuel French

Sister Maria Walburga is a very strict German nun visiting from the Mother House in Berlin. For a brief moment, she drops her guard, and reminisces about her friend, Herta.

WALBURGA

Nein. I have always been something of a loner. But there was one girl with whom I was intimate. Her name was Herta Feinshmecker. A lovely girl. During the war she worked for the Gestapo, but was in fact a quadruple agent. Her loyalties were so complex that after the war she held the distinction of being the only cabaret performer to be condemned on the floor of the United Nations. From that point onward she was banned from the comedy circuit. Vilified, blacklisted. Paraded nude through the streets of Heidelberg, while the band played oom pah pah, oom pah pah. After years of torment, she was at last embraced by a church sect whose radical beliefs ran contrary to those of his Holiness in Rome. They trained her as an international Catholic hit woman with the code name, Domino. But through all this she never lost her sense of humor. Unfortunately, we are no longer buddies. It has been painful. We were as if one person; possessed of one mind, one heart, one vulva.