

# Ambrose Reading

## Jim, Ambrose & Samael

**JIM**

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, I am your host for the night, Jim Ashton!

*Cheering.*

**JIM**

Who's excited (I know I am!)?

*The audience cheers even louder.*

**JIM**

That's what I like to hear! We've got an exciting lineup for you all tonight, but first...

(Turning)

How's my favorite co-host doing?

*The camera pans to a man at the side of the stage, leaning on a podium on stage-right. The man casually slurps from a shot glass held in his right hand; a drink obviously poured from the whiskey bottle now seen situated on the left side of the podium. This man is SAMAEEL, co-host of the show.*

**JIM**

You want to share?

**AMBROSE**

(Irritated)

Jim, you're live.

*The camera pans to the opposite side of the stage from SAMAEEL to his counter, AMBROSE, head of the band.*

**JIM**

(Sighs)

I know, Amby it was a joke.

**AMBROSE**

*Ambrose.*

**JIM**

Right. Ambrose Jimson and "The Vanguard", everyone!

*Applause.*

**JIM**

(Mocking)

"The sizzling sirloins of jazz".

**AMBROSE**

(Warning)

*Jim.*

**JIM**

Come on, it's funny.

**AMBROSE**

That nice man went out of his way to write a good article about us. The least you could do is not mock the title.

**JIM**

They called you cow meat Amby, how is that not the stupidest thing you've ever heard?

**AMBROSE**

*Again, it's--*

**JIM**

*Ambrose-* whatever, you're taking the fun out of it! Buddy you gotta lighten up a little, you're too tense! Shake your body out - do it with me.

*JIM proceeds to "shake out the nerves". AMBROSE watches him rather blankly.*

**JIM**

You don't have a funny bone in your body...

**SAMAEL**

That's assuming he has bones.

**JIM**

You're right, he's probably made of sticks.

*JIM and SAM laugh with each other. AMBROSE gives him a look.*

**JIM**

Well you're stiff as hell!

**AMBROSE**

Language...

**JIM (CONT'D)**

You walk like a pine tree. It's the only *logical* explanation.

## Ambrose & Samael

**AMBROSE**

So you're just going to leave?

**SAMAEL**

Like shit I am!

(To Seth)

And you should too. You think these assholes care about half of what you're going through?

**AMBROSE**

Don't listen to him Seth...

**JIM**

(Warning)

Sam...

**SAMAEL**

Leave these shitbags to their horses. They don't care.

**AMBROSE**

(To Seth)

Stay.

**SAMAEL**

Out that door and around the corner...

**AMBROSE**

You're not finished here yet.

**SAMAEL**

You'll be a free man...

**AMBROSE**

SAMAEL!

**SAMAEL**

I'M GIVING HIM A CHOICE!