

CONEYBEAR

Oh- can you use it in a sentence?

PANCH

Yes. "Don't look now Pedro but I think that tailless four-and a half foot rodent swimming next to you may be a *capybara*."

CONEYBEAR

Wow, that didn't help at all!

PANCH

Are you ready to spell the word Mr. Coneybear?

CONEYBEAR

No, but it was fun to come here-
(*to family in aud*) hi guys-my whole family's here which is really...
(*trance suddenly takes him*) C-A-P-Y-B-A-R-A Capybara.

PANCH

That is correct.

CONEYBEAR

It is?
I can't believe it.

PANCH

Miss Ostrovsky

CONEYBEAR

It's unbelievable, I just said the first letters that came into my head, and that "y" was really...

ALL

Shhh.

RONA

Miss Ostrovsky came in second in her school's Halloween contest

OLIVE

I was road-kill.

BOANTHROPY

PANCH

OLIVE

(turning toward him so he can hear her pronunciation)
Boanthropy? May I have a definition?

PANCH

The delusion that one has become an ox.

OLIVE

(seeing someone taking chair she saved)
Oh wait- one second- please – ma’am could you not sit in that seat –

OLIVE

I SAVED A CHAIR FOR MY DAD
IN THE FOURTH ROW, ON THE AISLE;
AND IT MAY TAKE HIM A WHILE
BUT WHEN HE GETS HERE, THAT’S HIS CHAIR.

‘CAUSE MY MOTHER’S IN AN ASHRAM IN INDIA.
I SAVED A CHAIR FOR HER TOO
BUT IT’S MERELY SYMBOLIC
AS DAILY SHE WASHES HERSELF IN THE GANGES.

AND I LIVE IN A HOUSE
WHERE THERE’S AN OVERSIZED DICTIONARY
THAT I READ
AS A GIRL
ON THE TOILET.

PANCH

(calling her back to spelling reality)

Boanthropy

OLIVE

Is that from the Latin root *bo* meaning ox, and the Greek root *anthro* meaning man?

PANCH

Sure.