

# An O, Wow moment

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akt — 06 Sep 2000, 23:37

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William Ansley — 07 Sep 2000, 00:02 · follows akt

At 11:37 PM -0400 9/6/00, akt at attglobal.net wrote:

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Wow, indeed! If you come across a hus, and it offers to shake your hand, \*don't do it\*. <g>

William Ansley

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