

## Sure You Can Ask Me A Personal Question

How do you do?

No, I am not Chinese.

No, not Spanish.

No, I am American Indian, Native American.

No, not from India.

No, not Apache

No, not Navajo.

No, not Sioux.

No, we are not extinct.

Yes, Indian.

Oh?

So that's where you got those high cheekbones.

Your great grandmother, huh?

An Indian Princess, huh?

Hair down to there?

Let me guess. Cherokee?

Oh, so you've had an Indian friend?

That close?

Oh, so you've had an Indian lover?

That tight?

Oh, so you've had an Indian servant?

That much?

Yeah, it was awful what you guys did to us.

It's real decent of you to apologize.

No, I don't know where you can get peyote.

No, I don't know where you can get Navajo rugs real cheap.

No, I didn't make this. I bought it at Bloomingdales.

Thank you. I like your hair too.

I don't know if anyone knows whether or not Cher  
is really Indian.

No, I didn't make it rain tonight.

Yeah. Uh-huh. Spirituality.

Uh-huh. Yeah. Spirituality. Uh-huh. Mother  
Earth. Yeah. Uh-huh. Uh-huh. Spirituality.

No, I didn't major in archery.  
Yeah, a lot of us drink too much.  
Some of us can't drink enough.

This ain't no stoic look.  
This is my face.

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