

Sure You Can Ask Me A Personal Question

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- 1 How do you do?
No, I am not Chinese.
No, not Spanish.
No, I am American Indi—uh, Native American.
- 5 No, not from India.
No, not Apache
No, not Navajo.
No, not Sioux.
No, we are not extinct.
- 10 Yes, Indian.
- Oh?
So that's where you got those high
cheekbones.
Your great grandmother, huh?
- 15 An Indian Princess, huh?
Hair down to there?
Let me guess. Cherokee?
- Oh, so you've had an Indian friend?
That close?
- 20 Oh, so you've had an Indian lover?
That tight?
- Oh, so you've had an Indian
servant?
That much?
- 25 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.
- 30 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

35 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

40 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.

45 This is my face.