

1 SIDE #5 - 5 PERFORMERS

LIGHTS UP on the Channel 45 newsroom. PRODUCER is looking at her phone while HANDSOME is finishing up his live broadcast.

HANDSOME: This is Ted Handsome, reminding you that if we get the news, you get the— (*PRODUCTION ASSISTANT runs ON, holding a piece of paper.*)

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT: Wait, wait! (*Hands HANDSOME the paper.*)

HANDSOME: (*Reads sheet quickly. To PRODUCTION ASSISTANT.*) There's writing on this. Are you serious?

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT: I double checked all my sources.

10 **PRODUCER:** (*Looks over HANDSOME'S shoulder at the paper.*) Oh yeah, I saw something on Facebook about that.

HANDSOME: Ladies and gentlemen, usually when I get handed a piece of paper, it's blank. But that's not the case this time, folks. I have breaking news! Not since little Billy Myers have we had something this big. (*LIGHTS begin to FLICKER. SOUND EFFECT: SPACESHIP WHIRRING. HANDSOME looks up and follows the sound from RIGHT to LEFT. Without missing a beat, he looks back as if to the camera.*) It appears there's been a flying saucer spotted over at Fairfield Park. And Rebecca Gorgeous is live on the scene. Gorgeous, are you there? (*LIGHTS SHIFT to GORGEIOUS, CENTER STAGE. Standing next to her are JUNIOR and GRETCHEN, both excited to be on TV.*)

GORGEIOUS: Yes, I'm here, Handsome. I have the couple that reported the first sighting just a little while ago. (*To JUNIOR and GRETCHEN.*) What are your names?

25 **JUNIOR:** I'm Junior.

GRETCHEN: I'm Gretchen.

GORGEIOUS: Can you tell us what happened?

JUNIOR: Are we on TV right now?

30 **GORGEIOUS:** Yes, you are.

JUNIOR: Oh, wow! We've only been on TV once before.

GRETCHEN: Yeah, we were on Dr. Phil.

JUNIOR: The real Dr. Phil!

GORGEIOUS: (*Impatient.*) Please! We're talking important news here.

35 **GRETCHEN:** (*Dreamy.*) He is so handsome with his big old mustache and—

1 **GORGEOUS:** (*Cuts in.*) Yes, well, can you tell us what happened here earlier today?

JUNIOR: Yeah. So we were just out here having a picnic—

GRETCHEN: It's our anniversary.

5 **JUNIOR:** —and Gretchen wanted to go over there and swing a little, so I left our bologna, sweet pickle, and mustard sandwiches over here. When we got back, they were gone!

GORGEOUS: Amazing! Then what happened?

10 **GRETCHEN:** Then, all of a sudden, the sky began to flicker. And when we looked up—

JUNIOR: A giant spaceship was right above us, just hovering.

GORGEOUS: Yes, yes, what happened next?

GRETCHEN: Well, um, we... well, we both woke up right over there.

15 **JUNIOR:** We can only assume that we were taken into their flying saucer, where we were treated as guests for an evening of dinner and intellectual conversation.

GRETCHEN: That is for sure what happened. I just know it!

GORGEOUS: Fascinating stuff.

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