Air Biscuit

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INT. NEWS ROOM - NIGHT

SACRAMENTO’S KRAP CHANNEL 2’s prime time anchor newscasters TREY HAMILTON and SUSAN LIPOWITZ sit at the evening news desk making small talk during a commercial break.

PRODUCTION MANAGER (OC)
You’re on in 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...

TREY HAMILTON
Welcome back viewers to KRAP channel 2’s prime time news. We’re so glad you stayed tuned in, because Susan brings us a very interesting story tonight.

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
That’s right Trey. Earlier today I was at a Home Depot talking to men about the ladies in their lives and...

SOUND: Fart

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
Flatulance. That’s right! That common problem that we all suffer with from time to time, even beautiful women such as...

Camera comes in for a closeup on Susan.

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
little ole me!

TREY HAMILTON
No way...

Trey leans back in his chair, holds his nose and points his finger at Susan while nodding.

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
Yep. I’ve been known to "cut the cheese" or "float an air biscuit" but you’ll never hear me pass gas.

TREY HAMILTON
And I can vouch for that! When she let’s one go... it’s silent but deadly!
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SUSAN LIPOWITZ
(big cheesy grin)
Hey Trey. You know what they say. He who smelt it must’ve dealt it!

TREY HAMILTON
(chuckling)
You don’t say! Well let’s get to the story recorded early today.

Both turn to the monitor behind them as the camera shows Susan approaching a man pushing a Home Depot cart in the parking lot.

EXT. HOME DEPOT PARKING LOT - DAY

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
Excuse me sir. I’m from tv station KRAP channel 2. Can I ask you a couple of questions?

MAN #1
Sure.

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
Are you married?

Man #1 holds up his the back of his left hand displaying his wedding ring for the camera.

MAN #1
Yes, and very happily I might add!

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
Well I have a question about your wife.

MAN #1
Oh. Do you know her?

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
Of course not. Now...

Man #1’s cell phone rings.

MAN #1
Excuse me a minute. Hi honey. I’m being interviewed by the TV people... No honey. I won’t forget to get the Imodium for ya. I gotta go. Bye.

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Susan smiles at the man.

    MAN #1
    Sorry about that.

    SUSAN LIPOWITZ
    That’s okay. Now does this sweet little wife of yours ever pass gas?

    MAN #1
    You mean fart? Oh boy does she ever! She...

Man #1 puts his hand over the microphone.

    MAN #1
    You aren’t gonna show this on real TV are ya?

    SUSAN LIPOWITZ
    (shaking her head)
    Of course not. You were saying?

    MAN #1
    Let me tell you. My wife is the queen of fartsville! At night our room sounds like it’s filled with barking spiders.

    SUSAN LIPOWITZ
    Well, how do they smell?

    MAN #1
    Like roses.

    SUSAN LIPOWITZ
    Like roses?

    MAN #1
    Oh. Except when she eats some of that polka kielbaska. You know them big sausages. Man. They get so nasty, I have to sleep on the couch!

    SUSAN LIPOWITZ
    Well okaaaayy... Thank you sir.

Susan approaches another man. The man has just exited the store and it appears his wife is several steps behind him pushing a cart.
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SUSAN LIPOWITZ
Excuse me sir. I’m from tv station KRAP channel 2 and I’d like to ask you a question about your significant other.

The man stops and points to his wife who has stopped about twenty feet away and is rummaging through her big purse.

MAN #2
She’s right there. You can ask her.

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
Well the question is about her, but I’d like you to answer it.

MAN #2
Well then shoot!

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
Does your wife ever pass gas?

MAN #2
Oh boy. Does she ever. She’s always baking brownies!

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
Baking brownies?

MAN #2
You betcha. And boy do they stink. Holy mother of god do they stink!

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
Baking brownies? That’s a new one.

MAN #2
Cutting the cheese, barking spiders, mouse on a motorcycle, letting fluffy off the lead. Whatever you wanta call it, my wife does it. And so does our two daughters, Prissy and Missy.

WOMAN #1
What are you telling this woman all about our private stuff! Get in the truck.

Camera man follows the man and woman walking away.

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MAN #2
I was just talking to her about you making brownies.

WOMAN #1
Just shut up and get in the truck!

Camera cuts back to Susan.

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
And there you have it.

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Trey looks at Susan.

TREY HAMILTON
That was quite an interesting story Susan.

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
Well Trey. Just as Dougie Brimson says in his book "The Art of the Fart"... Men do it, women do it, even animals do it. In some countries it is considered a social faux pas and there are even certain circumstances where doing it in public is illegal! Yet in other cultures it is regarded as a sign of gratitude and for most males, it is and always will be one of the great joys of life.

Susan leans forward in her chair.

SOUND: Small high pitched fart.

TREY HAMILTON
And we end tonight’s news on that note. Was that an F flat Susan?

SUSAN LIPOWITZ
Nope Trey... that was an F sharp! As in sharp cheddar!

The whole production crew is waving the air and holding noses.

PRODUCTION MANAGER (OC)
Somebody just crop dusted the news room here at Channel 2 KaaaRap!