COLD OPENING – A

FADE IN:

INT. CHARLIE’S BEDROOM – MORNING (DAY 1)
(CHARLIE, TANIA)

TANIA, 24, A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN, SNUGGLES UP TO A BORED LOOKING CHARLIE, AS THEY LIE IN BED.

TANIA
And then she said we would have more chance of getting in the club if we undid another button on our tops. So we did. And we finally got in, got drunk and danced all night long.
(beat)
My mum is the best!

CHARLIE
(sarcastically)
She sounds great.

TANIA
Oh, you should meet her! We can go clubbing together!

CHARLIE
(under his breath)
Maybe she would undo all her buttons on her top.

TANIA
What?
CHARLIE

Nothing.
(beat)

Anyway, don’t you have class this morning?

TANIA

No classes today. I can spend the whole day with you.

TANIA SMILES AT CHARLIE. CHARLIE ROLLS HIS EYES.

CHARLIE

I would love to spend the day with you Tania, but I’m going to do some work today. Someone’s gotta pay the rent.

TANIA

What do you do?

CHARLIE

I’m in advertising.

TANIA SIT’S UP IN THE BED.

TANIA

Oh I can help you! I sold guide biscuits when I was 10. My teacher bought them all. I went to his house everyday after school and he bought a packet. His son was in the same grade as me, we used to play dress up!

CHARLIE

You played dress up with a boy in your class?

CHARLIE GETS OUT OF BED. HE PUTS A DRESSING GOWN ON.
TANIA
No, he was never there. So I played with my teacher!

CHARLIE
Sounds educational.

TANIA
I still play dress ups with him. Every Friday I go to his house, we take our clothes off, and -

CHARLIE
(interrupting)
Okay well that sounds real fun, but a bit too much information! Can I get you some orange juice?

TANIA
Freshly squeezed or that supermarket stuff?

CHARLIE
Can you tell the difference?

TANIA
Not really...

CHARLIE
Freshly squeezed it is then!

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - MORNING
(ALAN, BERTA, CHARLIE, JAKE)

ALAN SIT'S AT THE TABLE DRINKING A SMOOTHIE. HE READS FROM A RECEIPT. BERTA UNPACKS SHOPPING FROM BAGS.
ALAN

Six bottles of wine again! Who drinks these Berta?

BERTA

Umm, they are for Charlie.

BERTA TURNS HER BACK TO ALAN AS SHE TAKES A SIP OF WINE FROM A GLASS ON THE BENCH.

ALAN

Wine’s not good for the liver. Grant said.

BERTA

Who the hell is Grant?

ALAN

He’s my new fitness guru. He created these health smoothies. He is going to make me fit, he’s a genius.

BERTA

People called Isaac Newton a genius. Apple fell on his head and he got smart. Same thing happened to me, but it didn’t work. Didn’t even pass grade 7 math.

CHARLIE ENTERS THE ROOM.

ALAN

Have you been drinking all this wine Charlie?

CHARLIE

What wine? Will it make Tania go away?

CHARLIE BRINGS OUT A BOTTLE OF ORANGE JUICE FROM THE FRIDGE.
ALAN
If you drink enough it will make anyone go away.

CHARLIE
Won’t be needing this then.

CHARLIE PUTS BACK THE ORANGE JUICE, AS HE PICKS UP A BOTTLE OF WINE FROM THE BENCH.

ALAN
Getting drunk this early in the morning usually has bad consequences Charlie.

CHARLIE
I got a woman in my room who won’t leave, and it’s nearly 10 am. I have a date in a couple of hours. If she stays any longer, there’s gonna be bad consequences.

ALAN
Gee, 10 am, that’s a record right? Usually you kick them out before 8!

CHARLIE
Most of them are out before my midnight snack.

ALAN
Most of them are your midnight snack.

JAKE ENTERS THE ROOM.

JAKE
Hey Dad, can you take me to my friends house.
ALAN
“Can you please take me to my friends house.”

JAKE
Okay sure, but can we go to my friends house after?

ALAN SIGHS.

ALAN
Who’s house is it?

JAKE
Bill’s.

ALAN
Oh no, that boy’s a bad influence on you, you can’t go there.

JAKE
What? Why?

ALAN
Because I heard one time he killed a mouse.

JAKE
So?

ALAN
By microwaving it.

JAKE
It kept on eating his breakfast cereal!

CHARLIE
You eat all the Corn Flakes and I haven’t microwaved you yet.
BERTA
Believe me, I’ve tried. He didn’t even fit in the oven.

ALAN
Look, I was planning on taking you to your mothers. So to be fair, she can decide on whether you go to Bill’s house or not.

JAKE
She will never let me go. Anyway Charlie says your “on the thumb”.

ALAN
What?

CHARLIE
It’s “under the thumb” Jake.

ALAN
Charlie, why are you teaching him terms like that?

CHARLIE
So when he’s your age, and a woman controls his life, he will know what to say to explain to his buddies down at the pub, that he has to be home before ten.

ALAN
Judith does not control me!

CHARLIE
She just bought a new home gym didn’t she?
ALAN
Yeah. So?

CHARLIE
And you’re on a health kick. Don’t see the connection?

ALAN
I just want to get fit, nothing wrong with that, and nothing to do with Judith.

JAKE
Oh, and Charlie said mum isn’t with you now because you’re a little “short changed”.

JAKE WALKS OUT OF THE ROOM.

CHARLIE
I don’t think I need to explain that one to you.

ALAN
Charlie, you have to stop teaching Jake these terms, otherwise he’s going to grow up like, well, like you.

A PAUSE.

JAKE (O.S.)
There’s naked ladies on TV!

CHARLIE (to Alan)
Not wearing a condom can have bad consequences too!

CUT TO:

MAIN TITLES
ACT ONE
SCENE A

FADE IN:

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS (DAY 1)
(ALAN, BERTA, JAKE)

ALAN MAKES A SMOOTHIE ON THE BENCH.

ALAN
Grant says if I have three of these a day, and spend seven hours at the gym a week, I will be able to run the five mile fun run in September.

BERTA
Instead of last time where you ran for five minutes, then drove the rest of the way in a golf buggy you stole?

ALAN
I didn’t steal the buggy, I found it.

BERTA
On a nearby golf course. With people in it.
(beat)
I’ve done a few fun runs in my time.

ALAN
Really? Not being rude, but you don’t really look like a long distance runner.

BERTA
Oh I was. Years ago. When all the attractive girls were thin.

(MORE)
Now every man likes a bit of cushin’
for the pushin’.
BERTA SLAPS HER ARSE.

ALAN
Well anyway Berta, I recommending
trying these smoothies. It’s just
fruit, milk, and a sachet of this
powder stuff, that smells like –

ALAN HOLDS THE OPEN SACHET UP TO HIS NOSE.

ALAN (CONT’D)
- Well to be honest it smells like cat
urine, but don’t let that put you off.

BERTA
Anyway, I’m off to see Blood Slurpers
4: When Good Vampires Go Bad. It’s
about the President turning into a
vampire who then eats his wife. It’s
banned in three countries.

ALAN (sarcastically)
Sounds wonderful.

JAKE ENTERS THE ROOM.

ALAN (CONT’D)
Hey Jake, you want a smoothie?

JAKE
Why do you always drink those things?
Charlie says you are too lazy to chew
your fruit so you have it through a
straw.
ALAN

At least I’m eating fruit Jake!

JAKE

I eat fruit everyday!

ALAN

There isn’t any fruit in Fruit Loops. Plus you don’t even chew, you wait till the milk makes it all soggy and you slurp instead.

(beat)

You don’t even use a spoon.

PAUSE.

JAKE

I see a spatula, as a challenge...

CUT TO:
SCENE B

INT. CAR - LATER THAT DAY (DAY 1)
(ALAN, JAKE)

ALAN

So, what are you going to tell your mother again?

JAKE Sighs.

JAKE

That you have been getting healthy.

ALAN

And?

JAKE

That you are less stressed now, that you aren’t with her.

ALAN

And?

JAKE

That you are eating less fast food and
(beat)
I want a burger.

ALAN

Jake concentrate! What’s the last and most important thing to tell Judith?

JAKE

I’m thinking a Big Mac... No, a Triple Cheeseburger!

ALAN

Jake, listen to me, what are you going to tell Judith?
JAKE
Triple Cheeseburgers are the best! I want an ice cream too!

PAUSE.

ALAN
Will you tell Judith what you are supposed to?

JAKE
Maybe...

PAUSE.

ALAN
Would you like fries with that sir?

JAKE SMILES.

JAKE
Don’t mind if I do...

CUT TO:
SCENE C

INT. CHARLIE’S BEDROOM - DAY (DAY 1)  
(CHARLIE, TANIA)

CHARLIE ENTERS THE ROOM, WINE BOTTLE IN HAND. HE TAKES A SWIG.

CHARLIE

Wine tastes so much better in the morning.

TANIA

What happened to the orange juice?

CHARLIE

Umm, Jake drank it all. He has a condition.

(beat)

Look Tania, last time I started drinking this early, I was passed out by noon, and I don’t want you to be here when that happens. It get’s messy when I’m too drunk to get up to go to the toilet.

(beat)

You'd better leave.

TANIA

Oh, don’t be silly Charlie, come snuggle up with me.

CHARLIE

I’ll call you, I promise.

TANIA

I told you before, I don’t have a phone.
CHARLIE
Oh yeah, you’re the one without the phone.
(beat)
Well, I’ll post you a letter.

TANIA
What are you talking about? You know I I’m in between houses at the moment.

CHARLIE
Ah yeah, that was you again wasn’t it. Are you the girl with no taste buds?

TANIA
No.

CHARLIE
Must have been a different one.

TANIA
A different what?

CHARLIE
A different homeless person – (beat)
Look, the truth is, you gotta leave because I gotta work.

TANIA
I told you, I would help you!

CHARLIE
Oh yeah? Wanna come up with a jingle to sell Big Ted’s Vacuums then?

TANIA
Okay, how about ...
 (singing) 
(MORE)
TANIA (CONT'D)

‘Our vacuum’s don’t suck, unless on
the floor there is muck.’

CHARLIE

I love it! Got any more?

TANIA

(singing)

‘Is it soup? Is it puke? Either way,
clean it up with Big Ted’s Vacuums
without messing up your suit.’

PAUSE.

CHARLIE

Genius.

CUT TO:
SCENE D

EXT. JUDITH’S HOUSE — DAY (DAY 1)  
(JAKE, ALAN, JUDITH, CHIP)

ALAN AND JAKE STAND AT JUDITH’S DOOR. THE DOOR OPENS, AND JUDITH STANDS THERE.

JAKE  
(to Judith)

Dad says you’ve got fat.

JAKE WALKS INSIDE.

ALAN  
(shouting after Jake)

You weren’t supposed to say that I said it!  
(to Judith)

It was “slightly overweight” by the way, not fat.

JUDITH  

Well Alan, thank you for the ... nice words, you will be happy to hear that I now have a home gym.

ALAN  

I heard. Can I have a look?

JUDITH  

The gym hasn’t arrived yet, although I do have a trainer. His name is Chip.

ALAN  

He sounds ... nice.  
(beat)

(MORE)
I read the other day, that you can lose as much weight as you do with a half hour workout, when you make love for the same amount of time. Interesting hey?

JUDITH

Why were you reading the sealed section in Women’s Weekly?

ALAN

Can’t a man have variety in his reading list?!

ALAN POINTS TO HIS SMOOTHIE IN HAND.

ALAN (CONT’D)

Check out this drink, Liquid Wonder. They are supposed to get you healthy!

JUDITH

Oh those. A friend told me they aren’t really good for you.

ALAN

I think you are just jealous Judith. That you don’t have the willpower to get healthy like I do.

JUDITH

Oh, I have the willpower, and Chip is a great trainer. He really know’s his way round my gym.

CHIP, 30, MUSCULAR AND HANDSOME, COMES UP BEHIND JUDITH.
CHIP

Ready for your workout Judith?

JUDITH SMILES AND BLUSHES.

JUDITH

I’ll be there in a minute Chip.

ALAN

I shouldn’t keep you then. You got weight to lose! I’m about to go to the gym myself actually.

JUDITH

Oh great. I’ve lost 6 pounds in the last week, you know.

ALAN

I thought you didn’t have the gym yet?

JUDITH

I don’t. But Chip is such a great trainer, with him around I don’t need a gym to get fit.

JUDITH SMILES AND CLOSES THE DOOR.

END OF ACT ONE
ACT TWO

SCENE E

INT. CHARLIE’S BEDROOM / LIVING ROOM—DAY (DAY 1)

(CARLIE, TANIA)

CHARLIE (WHATEVER HAPPENED IN THE OTHER SCENE) WHILE HE HOLDS A PEN AND PAPER.

CHARLIE

Okay, I like the pun involving the vacuum cleaner hose and the male sexual organ, but I really don’t think it’s appropriate.

TANIA

I’m sorry Charlie, it’s just that I have -

(beat)

A certain vacuum cleaner hose on my mind.

TANIA SMILES AT CHARLIE.

CHARLIE

No time for that now, you’re on a roll with this stuff.

TANIA SIGHS.

TANIA

Well Charlie, Oreos really do help me think...

CHARLIE GET’S OFF THE BED.

CHARLIE

Anything for my princess.

(beat) (MORE)
That’s a figure of speech by the way, I know you’re not really part of the royal family.

CHARLIE WALKS OUT OF THE ROOM. HE POKES HIS HEAD AROUND THE DOOR A SECOND LATER.

CHARLIE (CONT’D)

Are you?

PAUSE.

TANIA

No.

CHARLIE

Thought so...
SCENE F

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS (DAY 1)
(CHALLE, ALAN, SANDRA)

ALAN WALKS INTO THE ROOM FROM THE FRONT DOOR. CHARLIE WALKS DOWN THE STAIRS. ALAN HOBBLES TOWARDS THE COUCH.

CHARLIE

What happened to you?

ALAN

The gym. The treadmill attacked me.

CHARLIE CHECKS HIS WATCH.

CHARLIE

But you would have only been there for what, twenty minutes -

ALAN

Five actually. I think I’ll stick with smoothies for now, much less dangerous.

ALAN COLLAPSES ON THE COUCH. HE TURNS ON THE TELEVISION.

ALAN (CONT’D)

Oh, it’s Grant!

TELEVISION. GRANT, 35, VERY FAT, STANDS ON A STAGE. HE HOLDS A MICROPHONE IN ONE HAND AND A SMOOTHIE IN THE OTHER.

GRANT

- if all you do is drink my smoothies, Liquid Wonder, we guarantee that you might lose weight.

THE CROWD CHEER. GRANT TAKES A SIP OF THE SMOOTHIE.

GRANT (CONT’D)

Go to the gym, you might just lose some more!
THE CROWD CHEER AGAIN.

GRANT (CONT’D)
(shouting)
Fit mind, fit body, fit -

GRANT HOLDS THE MICROPHONE OUT TO THE AUDIENCE.

AUDIENCE
(shouting)

Girls!

GRANT

That’s right. Fit mind, fit body, fit girls.
(to camera)
Buy my smoothies. You might get smart.
You might get healthy.

GRANT POINTS DIRECTLY INTO THE CAMERA.

GRANT (CONT’D)

You might even get laid.

LIVING ROOM.

CHARLIE WALKS BACK FROM THE KITCHEN, OREO PACKET IN HAND.

CHARLIE

I don’t think they would guarantee
their last policy if they knew you
were a customer!

THERE IS A KNOCK ON THE FRONT DOOR. CHARLIE WALKS OVER, AND
OPENS IT. SANDRA, 28, A BEAUTIFUL LADY STANDS THERE. SHE
SMILES AT CHARLIE.

SANDRA

Ready to go?
CHARLIE

Umm, I’m just getting ready actually.
Give me a minute. Why don’t you talk
to my brother Alan, he won’t bite.

ALAN WALKS OVER TO SANDRA.

ALAN

Unless you’re tasty!

ALAN LAUGHS.

CHARLIE

Alan, can I talk to you for a second?

ALAN AND CHARLIE WALK INTO THE
KITCHEN.

CHARLIE (CONT’D)

I can’t go on a date with her yet.
Tania is upstairs helping me with work.

ALAN

Okay, well just postpone the date for another day.

CHARLIE

I can’t do that, she’s leaving for Iraq tomorrow.

ALAN

Oh, she’s in the army?

CHARLIE

Not technically. She’s going there to entertain the troops.
(beat)
(MORE)
Anyway, just talk to her until Tania leaves, okay?

ALAN

But -

TANIA WALKS INTO THE ROOM.

CHARLIE

Okay back in a minute! You kids get to know each other!

CHARLIE WALKS OUT OF THE ROOM. PAUSE.

ALAN
(to Sandra)

So, Charlie tells me you’re in the army...

SANDRA LAUGHS.

SANDRA

Well not really. But I do like dressing up in uniforms and playing with guns...

ALAN

I don’t think they play with their weapons, the army is very serious -

SANDRA

Who said anything about weapons? I just love sex!

ALAN

Umm, anyway, do you want a Liquid Wonder?
SANDRA
I’ve actually heard those milk shakes aren’t that good for you.

ALAN
Oh yeah? Well what do you know! You take your top off for a living!

CHARLIE ENTERS THE KITCHEN. HE TAKES A PACKET OF OREOS FROM THE CUPBOARD.

SANDRA
Are you ready yet Charlie?

CHARLIE
Umm, Jake is sick upstairs. I’m just making sure he’s got everything he needs before we go on our date. He wants another packet of Oreos!

SANDRA
Oreas will help him get better?

CHARLIE
Kids these days, they will eat anything sweet! I’m surprised he hasn’t tried to eat you yet!

SANDRA SMILES.

SANDRA
Aww, you are such a great Dad. Take your time.

ALAN
Actually I’m -

CHARLIE
- Going to have a sore leg soon.
ALAN

I already have a sore leg from the gym.

CHARLIE

Sore arm?

PAUSE.

ALAN

You are a great father Charlie.

ALAN ROLLS HIS EYES. CHARLIE WALKS OUT OF THE KITCHEN.
SCENE G

INT. CHARLIE’S BEDROOM – CONTINUOUS (DAY 1)
(CHARLIE, ALAN, SANDRA, TANIA, JAKE)

CHARLIE ENTERS THE ROOM. TANIA LIES IN BED. SHE’S SNORING.

CHARLIE

Oh great. Snoring like a pregnant walrus.
(beat)
That’s not bad.

CHARLIE WRITES ON HIS PAD.

CHARLIE (CONT’D)

Tania? Wake up, I need to burrow your brain for a minute.

KITCHEN.

ALAN

Okay, so the soldiers like it when you get semi naked and dance around on stage?

SANDRA

Yeah! Well, wouldn’t you?

ALAN

I don’t know, I haven’t seen you dance before...

SANDRA STARTS DANCING. ALAN PRETENDS TO BE UNINTERESTED.

ALAN (CONT’D)

Nope, does nothing for me.

SANDRA STOPS DANCING.

SANDRA

Okay fine then. You have to be impressed if you see me naked.
ALAN QUICKLY GRINS, BUT RECOVERS BEFORE SANDRA CAN SEE. HE SHAKES HIS HEAD.

ALAN

I highly doubt it.
(beat)

But let’s see what happens...

SANDRA STARTS DANCING. ALAN SEEMS TO BE UNIMPRESSED. SANDRA STARTS TO TAKE HER TOP OFF AS JAKE WALKS IN THE ROOM. ALAN SUDDENLY PULLS DOWN SANDRA’S TOP.

ALAN (CONT’D)

I’m not a doctor, but I wouldn’t worry about that rash at all, looks fine.
(to Jake)

Oh, hey Jake, back from your mothers already?

JAKE LOOKS DAZED.

JAKE

Yeah.

PAUSE.

ALAN

You alright buddy? What’s wrong?

JAKE

I just saw some bad stuff –

SANDRA

- Hold on, you’re Jake? Aren’t you supposed to be in bed, sick?

SANDRA WALKS INTO THE LIVING ROOM. SHE WALKS TOWARDS THE STAIRS.
SCENE H

INT. CHARLIE’S BEDROOM – CONTINUOUS (DAY 1)
(CHARLIE, SANDRA, TANIA, ALAN)

SANDRA WALKS INTO CHARLIE SITTING ON TOP OF A SLEEPING TANIA ON THE BED.

CHARLIE

Wake up! I need you to make me money!

SANDRA

I should have known. You’re a pimp and
this is your prostitute.
(beat)
This –

SANDRA POINTS TO TANIA.

SANDRA (CONT’D)

- This blonde, slutty -

TANIA STIRS, LOOKS AT SANDRA.

SANDRA (CONT’D)

- Tania! How are you girl?!

TANIA

Hey! Long time no see! What you doing here?

PAUSE.

SANDRA

I came to see you! Wondering if you
wanted to see Blood Slurpers 4: When
Good Vampires Go Bad with me.

TANIA

I would love to!

TANIA GET’S UP AND WALKS OUT OF THE ROOM AS SHE HOLDS HANDS WITH SANDRA.
SANDRA

Bye Charlie.

TANIA

Bye Charlie.

PAUSE.

CHARLIE

Great, now I’ve lost them both.

ALAN

Well at least you still have your musical skill and dignity ... Oh no, that left with Tania didn’t it?!

FADE OUT.
SCENE I

INT. LIVING ROOM – LATER (DAY 1)
(ALAN, JAKE, CHARLIE)

ALAN SITS WATCHING TELEVISION. CHARLIE SITS AT HIS PIANO. JAKE READS A BOOK.

ALAN

What you reading there Jake?

JAKE

Nothing.

CHARLIE

Is it that Hustler magazine I lent you? I want that back soon, you can’t keep it.

ALAN

Charlie! You can’t be giving him those type of magazines! He’s just a kid!

CHARLIE

Relax, I paid for it this time, it’s 100% legal.

ALAN

That’s not the point.
(To Jake)
Give me that.

ALAN GRABS THE MAGAZINE FROM JAKE. HE READS FROM THE COVER.

ALAN (CONT’D)

When Vampires Take Over: A
Comprehensive Survival Guide.
(beat)

Oh Jake, you saw that banned vampire movie didn’t you!?

JAKE NODS. HE SNIFFS.
JAKE

Obama’s a bad man...

ALAN

I knew Bill was a bad influence! I’m gonna kill Judith -
(beat)

Oh, Grant is on the news!

ALAN TURNS TO THE TELEVISION.

TELEVISION.

NEWSREADER

The famous health guru Grant Bronson died of a heart attack earlier today. He was found on the floor of his bathroom with a smoothie in one hand, and his pants around his ankles. It is confirmed that the heart attack was caused by excess drinking of his new Liquid Wonder health smoothies.

ALAN LOOKS SHOCKED, A SMOOTHIE AT HIS MOUTH.

NEWSREADER (CONT’D)

The public are asked not to drink any of his smoothies, as they can cause hair loss, green finger nails, even death.

ALAN STARES AT THE DRINK IN HIS HAND. HE SLOWLY PUT’S IT DOWN. PAUSE.

CHARLIE

The gym looks like a slightly better options now, doesn’t it Alan?

CHARLIE’S PHONE RINGS.
CHARLIE (CONT’D)

Hello?

(beat)

Yes, but I’ve made them all for
vacuums cleaners.

(beat)

Cell phones you say? Give me a
minute...

CHARLIE PUTS DOWN THE PHONE.

CHARLIE (CONT’D)

(into phone)

They don’t need my vacuum cleaner
jingles anymore. Unbelievable. All
that hard work, down the drain.

(beat)

Tania would be pissed off!

(beat)

But cell phones hey...

CHARLIE STARTS PLAYING THE PIANO.

CHARLIE (CONT’D)

(singing)

‘Our vacuum’s don’t suck, unless on
the floor there is muck.’

(beat)

‘Our cell phones don’t suck, buy them,
you’ll save a buck!’

CHARLIE PICKS UP THE PHONE.

CHARLIE (CONT’D)

(into phone)

Did that sound alright?

(beat)

Okay great, contact my agent. Bye.
ALAN

I wouldn’t buy a cell phone from you if you paid for it.

CHARLIE

Well I might have to exchange your Christmas present then...

ALAN PERKS UP.

ALAN

You bought me a cell phone for Christmas?!

CHARLIE

No, I bought you a vacuum cleaner, I got them cheap. But now because they want my cell phone jingle it looks like you are getting one of them!

ALAN FROWNS AND SLUMPS ON THE COUCH.

CHARLIE (CONT’D)

Are you annoyed about the smoothies? And that you could die any minute?!

ALAN

I’m more annoyed at the fact that I now have to put effort into getting fit. Maybe I just need a good trainer. Judith said Chip was good, I’ll get in contact with him ...

CHARLIE

Let’s go see a movie. The three of us. I got free tickets. It will make you feel better.
ALAN AND JAKE STAND UP.

CHARLIE (CONT’D)

Berta was telling me about this great one involving the President and he goes all crazy and eats his wife, and -

JAKE SCREAMS AND RUNS DOWN THE HALLWAY.

ALAN

Charlie! That’s what he was freaking out about before! You scared him half to death!

CHARLIE

Well I didn’t know!

ALAN

You are unbelievable sometimes.

CHARLIE

Look, forget about him. Let’s just go, I got free tickets.

ALAN

No way. Not with Jake in the state he’s in. We gotta stay here, make sure he’s fine, and -

CHARLIE

It co-stars Megan Fox...

PAUSE.

ALAN

The popcorns on me...

ALAN WALKS OUT THE DOOR. CHARLIE HOLLOWS.

FADE OUT.