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“SPEAKING VOLUMES”

A Ten Minute Comedy

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A librarian finds his voice by losing his girlfriend.

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SYNOPSIS -- A librarian finds his voice by losing his girlfriend.

CHARACTERS

HOWARD -- Late 20's/early 30's, nerdish.

STEPHANIE -- Late 20's/early 30's, outgoing

BRIAN -- 20's/30's, cable repair guy

NEIGHBOR'S VOICE - VO (could double actor playing Brian)

SETTING

An apartment -- present day

Speaking Volumes

INT. APARTMENT - DAY

Some women's clothes and a purse are strewn around. HOWARD ENTERS. He is in his late 20's/early 30's, nerdish. NOTE: He always speaks in a hushed tone. Even when he raises his voice it's still hushed.

HOWARD

Hi, I'm home. Stephanie? Stephanie? Are you in the bedroom?

He crosses to the o.s. Bedroom.

HOWARD (OFF STAGE)

(still in hushed tone) AAAAAAAA!

We HEAR a woman SCREAM loudly in surprise and a male voice yell "Shit!"

Howard staggers back into the room, completely gobsmacked. A moment later, STEPHANIE ENTERS wearing a bathrobe. Stephanie is in her 20's/30's.

STEPHANIE

What are you doing home so early? You scared me.

HOWARD

Me? What were you doing?

STEPHANIE

I just --

HOWARD

I know what you were doing. With someone else!

STEPHANIE

I'm so sorry.

HOWARD

Who is he?

STEPHANIE

Why is that important?

HOWARD

I have a right to know.

The cable guy.

STEPHANIE

What?!

HOWARD

It just happened.

STEPHANIE

We still get cable?

HOWARD

I'm guessing not anymore.

STEPHANIE

Jesus.

HOWARD

With satellite you don't get the Hungarian cooking channel.

STEPHANIE

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

HOWARD

What are you doing just sneaking into the house?

STEPHANIE

I didn't. I called your name.

HOWARD

Really? I didn't hear you.

STEPHANIE

Well, you were busy.

HOWARD

BRIAN, the cable guy, ENTERS from the bedroom, buttoning his shirt. He's in his 20's/30's.

BRIAN

Listen, dude, I didn't mean to --

HOWARD

Don't "dude" me. You absolutely --

BRIAN

(straining to hear) What?

HOWARD

You absolutely did mean to sleep with her.