

SUPER HAPPY AWESOME NEWS

(Please choose one monologue for your digital audition.)

Scene 3

(An ANIMAL REPORTER, decked out in safari gear, reports live from a “safari” where he chronicles the activities of some wild animals.)

ANIMAL REPORTER

Thanks for the weather update. I’ve got a special segment for all you thrill-seekers! I’m reporting live from the natural habitat of one of the world’s most dangerous wild animals. Brace yourselves. What you’re about to see is not for the faint of heart.

(ANIMAL REPORTER turns the camera to reveal the animal.)

Ah! There she is – the fiercest creature in the animal kingdom! And look at those fangs – enough venom to take down an elephant! Terrifying. Let’s see how close we can get.

(ANIMAL REPORTER gets right next to the animal’s face; it’s the ultimate close-up. He lowers his voice so as not to disturb the “predator.”)

Remember, I’m a professional. If you see a predator like this, do not approach! This sure puts the awesome in Super Happy Awesome News.

(ANIMAL REPORTER struggles to tame the “wild” beast.)

Whoa! Stay back! Stay back! Sorry viewers, I gotta go wrangle this beast! Over to sports!

Scene 5

(Joey’s younger sibling, PARKER, interrupts the broadcast. PARKER reports from his own bedroom, which is next door to Joey’s.)

PARKER

Hey everybody! Remember Joey, that news anchor from before? Well, she happens to be my older sister. I asked if I could be her co-anchor, but she said her news desk is too small for both of us. Too bad, right? Fortunately, I know the password to all her accounts (it’s “JoeysAwesome1234” in case you were wondering) so I can just report from my bedroom! Anyhoo, I just wanted to say hi to all of you.

(PARKER gets close to the camera and waves exuberantly.)

Hiiiiii!!!!

(Suddenly, banging erupts on the other side of the wall.)

Keep it down, Joey! I’m recording!

Gosh, some people are so intrusive.

Scene 6

(We see JOEY banging on the wall that separates her room from Parker's.)

JOEY

Parker! Get off the air!

(JOEY turns around and notices the camera is on.)

Oh, we're live!

(JOEY runs over to the news desk and takes a seat. She immediately adopts a super professional demeanor.)

Welcome back to Super Happy Awesome News! Sorry about that annoying interruption. I assure you it won't happen again. Only super happy expert contributors are allowed on this network! And absolutely no younger siblings!

(JOEY glares at the wall separating her room from Parker's, then turns back to the camera with a professional smile.)

After the break, we'll be back with the news that makes everyone happiest: politics! But first, a word from our sponsors

Scene 10

(JOEY stands in the hallway outside of Parker's bedroom, filming herself. Suddenly, the pillow hits her in the face!)

JOEY

Watch it!

(JOEY storms back into her bedroom, while filming herself. She slams the door, sits down at her news desk, and continues the broadcast.)

Hello viewers. As you can see, Super Happy Awesome News has been challenged. And we do not shy away from a challenge! We're your original happy news network and if any other broadcast tries to top us, we'll top them! If they go happy, we'll go ecstatic! If they spread joy, we'll spread joy and add some cheer! Buckle up, 'cause you're about to be delighted! Now, let the happiness fly! First up: politics!

Scene 17

(In this public service announcement, EKEA (Every Kid, Everywhere Association)

REPRESENTATIVE 2 wears a stained EKEA t-shirt. The room is littered with candy wrappers and every screen is turned on. He looks wired, like he has stayed up all night watching way too much television. He clutches his cell phone and speaks at a rapid pace.)

EKEA REPRESENTATIVE 2

Hey, hi! Yeah! Um, another public service announcement from EKEA: Turns out, tons of screen time may not be the best thing for your child! Apparently, staying up all night playing Candy Crush, while binge watching Netflix shows, and recording YouTube videos might actually make people jittery and nervous!

(EKEA REPRESENTATIVE 2 jumps nervously for no reason.)

Ah! What was that!?

(EKEA REPRESENTATIVE 2 takes a deep, calming breath.)

So from all of us at EKEA, remember our new motto: "GET OFF YOUR PHONE AND GO LOOK AT A TREE OR SOMETHING!"