# 3rd Rock From the Sun

"Dick is from Mars, Sally is from Venus"

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## **INTRO**

## ANIMATED EARTH.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

As many intelligent people know, aliens are all around us. This is the story of a band of four such explorers.

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NARRATOR (V.O.) (CONT'D)

In order to blend in, they have assumed human form. This is the High Commander. He has assembled an elite team of experts - a decorated military officer, a seasoned intelligence specialist, and... well, they had an extra seat.

# ZOOM IN TO ANIMATED EARTH.

NARRATOR (V.O.) (CONT'D)

The people of earth sometimes divide against each other based on national origin or skin color. Of course, no one else in the galaxy can tell them apart.

# COLD OPEN

# FADE IN:

EXT. RAMBLER - NIGHT (DAY 1) (Tommy, Harry, Dick, Sally)

THE FOUR ALIENS ARE IN AND AROUND THE CAR. TOMMY IS POINTING AT THE STARS, IN A "DONE IT, HAD IT, BEEN THERE," RIFF.

#### TOMMY

Oh, I've been there, and there, and I've been there.

HARRY

Wow. The long, boring stories you must have.

DICK

Well, I have another destination for you, Tommy. High school.

TOMMY

Why? I finished my education when you were nothing but a snot-nosed gas ball.

SALLY

Y'know, that sounds like a very dangerous assignment, Dick.
Shouldn't I take that on?

No, we have to try to assume the roles of a regular human family; since Tommy's the adolescent, he'll have to go to school. And you will explore the life-style of a - of a young adult woman. And I, as the benevolent father figure will provide the major source of income and give you cute nicknames.

HARRY

Dick?

DICK

What is it, Kitten?

HARRY

What's my role in the family?

DICK

Harry, we have been through this. You're the brother who tries hard but still doesn't have the nerve to move out on his own, but we love your pluck and determination. HARRY

But I can do more.

DICK

You see - that's the pluck that we love. Now, let's just be the warm human family that we are.

HE OPENS SALLY'S DOOR FOR HER.

DICK (CONT'D)

After you.

SALLY

Why are you doing that?

DICK

Well, I-I've seen men do it all the time. Apparently women don't know how to operate doors.

SALLY

(PERTURBED) Well, I do.

SALLY GETS IN AND SLAMS THE DOOR AS DICK GETS BEHIND THE WHEEL.

HARRY

Oh, Dick, I've thought of a job for myself. I can catalogue the dangers that surround us on this planet.

DICK SLAMS THE DOOR.

# HARRY

For example. Getting your fingers crushed in a car door.

Ow. Ow. Ow.

THEY ALL NOD AS DICK STARTS THE IGNITION AND THEY DRIVE OFF.

FADE OUT:

ACT ONE

SCENE A

FADE IN:

INT. OFFICE - MORNING (DAY 2) (Dick, Nina, Sally, Albright)

DICK IS AT HIS DESK READING A BIBLE. ALBRIGHT IS SEATED AT HER DESK.

DICK

Why are you listening to the serpent? (TURNS PAGE) Don't eat the fruit. Don't eat the fruit. (TURNS PAGE, THEN SLAMS THE BOOK SHUT) Women.

NINA ENTERS WITH PHONE MESSAGES.

NINA

Dean Sumner's office called.
You parked in his space.

DICK

Oh, I know. It's so much closer than mine.

SALLY (O.S.)

Move it, lady.

NINA

And your sister's here.

SALLY ENTERS.

Sally, I thought I left you at home.

SALLY

You forgot your shoes.

HE PUTS ON HIS SHOES.

SALLY (CONT'D)

Hey, what's with the guy in onefourteen? Every time I walk by, he follows me and talks to me.

ALBRIGHT

I think somebody has an admirer.

SALLY

Great. Now can we talk about me?

**ALBRIGHT** 

Sally, are you seeing anyone

now?

SALLY

I'm lookin' at you, aren't I?

ALBRIGHT

For God's sakes, he's trying to ask you on a date.

DICK

A date! It's a perfect opportunity. You'll go.

SALLY

No, I won't.

DICK

Trust me, I know what's best.

SALLY APPROACHES DICK.

SALLY

(IN HUSHED TONES) Why are you

treating me like this?

DICK

Like what?

SALLY

Like this!

DICK

This?

SALLY

There! You just did it.

DICK

I don't know what I'm doing!

SALLY

You-you're acting as if I can't make decisions for myself. I am second in command, you know.

Well, one of us has to experience sex, and I'm getting nowhere with <a href="her:">her</a>. (POINTS AT DR. ALBRIGHT)

SALLY

Well, why didn't you say so? I mean, if sex is so important, you and I can do it, right here, on the desk, get it out of the way.

ALBRIGHT

Okay... I'll leave you Clampetts alone to your banjo lesson.

ALBRIGHT MAKES A QUICK ESCAPE.

# ACT ONE

### SCENE B

INT. ATTIC APARTMENT - DUSK (DAY 2) (Dick, Tommy, Sally, Harry)

DICK IS READING DR. SEUSS' FOX IN SOCKS OUT LOUD.

## DICK

"When beetles fight these battles, in a bottle with their paddles, and the bottle's on a poodle and the poodle's eating noodles... They call this a muddle puddle tweetle poodle beetle noodle bottle paddle battle." This man is a genius.

TOMMY ENTERS FROM THE STAIRS, CARRYING HIS BOOKBAG. HE'S NOT HAPPY.

DICK (CONT'D)

Well, if it isn't our proud little student. What did you learn on your first day?

## TOMMY

I'm wearing the wrong sneakers, and girls only like seniors, and man, you can't compliment anybody in the shower.

You see, a-and you thought you knew everything. (CALLS OUT)
Sally? You're going to be late for your date.

SALLY (O.S.)

I just don't know what to wear.

SALLY EMERGES FROM THE CLOSET IN A SEXY AND VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT DRESS. DICK, HARRY AND TOMMY STARE OPEN-MOUTHED AT HER.

SALLY (CONT'D)

Is this appropriate?

DICK/HARRY/TOMMY

(DUMBSTRUCK) Uh. Yeah./

Very Nice./I would say yes.

SALLY

Come on, men. What do I even do on a date?

DICK

Oh - I-I've been reading about

it. I'll walk you through it.

HARRY AND SALLY GO INTO THE KITCHEN, TOMMY STARTS TO FOLLOW.

TOMMY

Yeah, yeah! I'll be your date.

DICK

You're not doing anything until you've done your homework, old man.

TOMMY

Oh, so, you guys get to talk about sex, while I make an Aztec village out of macaroni. This is fair.

DICK ENTERS THE KITCHEN.

DICK

Okay Harry, you're Brad, and the two of you are at a romantic restaurant.

DICK SEATS THEM AT THE TABLE AND PUTS THEIR HANDS TOGETHER.

DICK (CONT'D)

Here. Okay. Go ahead.

SALLY

I don't know what to do.

DICK

Gaze into his eyes... The way Dr. Albright gazes into mine.

You know...

DICK ADOPTS A VERY STRANGE SCOWL. SALLY STUDIES IT FOR A MOMENT, THEN ADOPTS THE SAME SCOWL. DICK SMILES, OBVIOUSLY INFATUATED WITH THIS ODD SCOWL. SALLY KEEPS THE FACE ON AND LOOKS AT HARRY.

DICK (CONT'D)

Ah, that's perfect. Now break
the ice by telling him something
personal about yourself.

#### SALLY

Well, uh, Brad. Once every lunar cycle, my uterine lining sloughs itself, thereby causing --

HORRIFIED, THE GUYS COVER THEIR EARS AND YELL TO BLOCK OUT THE WORDS.

#### HARRY/DICK

No, no, no, no, no, no.

SALLY, OBLIVIOUS, KEEPS ON TALKING, THOUGH WE CAN'T HEAR HER OVER THE SHOUTING. FINALLY, HER MOUTH STOPS MOVING. THE GUYS LOWER THEIR HANDS.

#### DICK

That may be too personal.

#### SALLY

Well, it does. I mean, one minute, I'm fine, the next, my uterus starts throbbing --

THE GUYS COVER THEIR EARS AND YELL AGAIN AS SALLY CONTINUES.

#### HARRY/DICK

Hey, hey.../Ab, ab, ab...! WHEN SHE STOPS TALKING, THEY STOP YELLING.

#### DICK

You know, there is something to be said for keeping some mystery in a relationship.

HARRY

When do I get to touch your breasts?

SALLY

Right before you die.

BEAT. HE THINKS THIS OVER.

HARRY

Fair enough.

HE REACHES. SHE REACHES FOR HIM. SHE HURTS HIM.

HARRY (CONT'D)

Ow ow ow ow. Eiy, Eiy --

## ACT ONE

# SCENE C

INT. ATTIC APARTMENT - LATER THAT NIGHT (DAY 2) (Sally, Tommy, Dick, Harry)

IT'S DARK.

SFX: DOOR OPENS

LIGHT CUE: BOTTOM STAIR LIGHT ON

SALLY COMES UP THE STAIRS.

SALLY (O.S.)

(SINGING) Rainbows, daisies,

snowflakes, that girl...

SHE TURNS ON THE LIGHT:

LIGHT CUE: LIGHTS ON

REVEALING TOMMY, DICK, AND HARRY AWAKE, JUST STANDING THERE AWAITING HER RETURN. SALLY GRINS AT THEM.

SALLY (CONT'D)

(SWOONING) My boys!

SHE GIGGLES.

HARRY

She's swallowed a tiny monkey!

DICK

So, Lieutenant? Give us a full report on your assignment.

SALLY

He was wonderful! He thinks I'm wonderful. He asked me where I'd been all his life.

You didn't tell him?

SALLY

All the coordinates! Thank goodness he didn't believe me, so I didn't have to kill him.

DICK

What happened after dinner?

SALLY

Well, he wanted to sleep with

me. I wanted sex, but since he

was tired, I let him go home.

DICK

Damn.

SALLY

But - the good news is...

SHE SITS DOWN BEHIND THE PHONE AND SIGHS.

SALLY (CONT'D)

...he's gonna call me!

SALLY LOOKS AT THE PHONE.

HARRY

I wish I could meet a guy like that.

DISSOLVE TO:

# \*\*\*\*\*PRESHOOT\*\*\*\*

ACT ONE

SCENE D

INT. ATTIC APARTMENT - THE NEXT MORNING (DAY 3) (Dick, Tommy, Sally)

SALLY, JUST AS WE LEFT HER -- STILL IN HER EVENING DRESS, STILL SITTING IN THE SAME PLACE -- STARES AT THE PHONE, ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE CALL. NOTHING.

BEHIND HER, <u>DICK COMES OUT</u> OF THE KITCHEN SMOKING A PIPE AND CARRYING A LUNCH BAG AND THERMOS. <u>TOMMY ENTERS</u>.

DICK

(A LA "FATHER KNOWS BEST") Come on, Sport. I'll drive you to school.

TOMMY

Bite me.

DICK

Bite me, what?

TOMMY

Bite me, Daddy.

DICK

That's better. (TO SALLY) See

you tonight, Slugger.

SALLY KEEPS STARING AT THE PHONE.

# SALLY

(THROUGH CLENCHED TEETH) No, you won't. 'Cause I'll be out with Brad. Having fun.

DICK REACTS, AS WE:

ACT ONE

SCENE E

INT. HIGH SCHOOL GYM - MEANWHILE (DAY 3) (Coach, Tommy, Atmosphere)

TOMMY IS IN HIS GYM CLOTHES, STANDING AT THE ROPE WHICH HANGS FROM THE CEILING. OTHER MALE STUDENTS WAIT BEHIND HIM. ONE STUDENT IS COMING OFF THE ROPE.

COACH

Alright! Good job! C'mon, let's keep it moving, Solomon. Climb the rope.

TOMMY

Uh - yeah. What's at the top of the rope?

COACH

Your self-respect is at the top of the rope.

TOMMY

Uh, alright, run this by me again. I climb up there and then I...?

COACH

Ya climb down!

TOMMY

(BAFFLED) Aa-and this gives me self-respect, uh, because...?

COACH

Okay, look. You don't wanna climb the rope? You can go sit over there with the girls.

TOMMY

So if I don't climb the rope, then I sit with the girls?

COACH

That's right.

TOMMY

Now help me out, here, 'cause I'm not seein' the downside.

# \*\*\*\*\*PRESHOOT\*\*\*\*

## ACT ONE

## SCENE H

INT. ATTIC APARTMENT - LATER THAT AFTERNOON (DAY 3) (Sally, Harry)

<u>SALLY</u> GLARES AT THE PHONE, STILL IN HER DRESS FROM THE NIGHT BEFORE. SHE IS <u>NOT</u> HAPPY.

BEHIND HER, HARRY METHODICALLY LINES UP A VARIETY OF LIQUID CONTAINERS -- EVERYTHING FROM SODA AND WATER TO BLEACH AND MOTOR OIL -- ON THE COFFEE TABLE. HE'S VERY CAREFUL TO BE QUIET. HE BEGINS TO OPEN SOME BOTTLED WATER. IT MAKES THE SLIGHTEST "CLICK" SOUND. SALLY TURNS AROUND, ENRAGED.

### SALLY

Must you make such a racket?!

SHE TURNS BACK TO THE PHONE. HARRY SCREWS UP HIS COURAGE.

#### HARRY

(EVEN TEMPERED) Okay, you've bossed me around for the last

time.

SALLY COMPLETELY IGNORES HIM.

HARRY (CONT'D)

Oh, I'm sorry I blew up like that.

HARRY REACHES FOR THE WATER BOTTLE AGAIN. IT POPS. SALLY GLARES AT HIM. HE ACCIDENTALLY BEGINS KNOCKING OVER SEVERAL ITEMS.

ACT ONE

SCENE J

INT. OFFICE - THAT AFTERNOON (DAY 3)
(Dick, Albright, Nina)

<u>DICK</u> SITS AT HIS DESK, FLIPPING THROUGH A "WHERE'S WALDO?" BOOK. <u>ALBRIGHT</u> AND <u>NINA</u> WATCH HIM, EXPECTANTLY.

DICK

(RE: WALDO) There he is. There

he is. There he is.

ALBRIGHT

You know, what goes on outside this office is really none of my business.

DICK

(ABSENTLY) There he is.

**ALBRIGHT** 

Just because I set Sally up with Brad doesn't mean you're under any obligation to tell me how it went.

DICK

There he is.

**ALBRIGHT** 

I'm not even curious.

DICK NODS.

DICK

Right there.

NINA APPROACHES DICK AND PUSHES HIS BOOK DOWN.

NINA

Sally's date - start talking.

DICK

Well, what can I say? In her own words, it - "It was

wonderful."

ALBRIGHT AND NINA EXCHANGE A KNOWING LOOK.

ALBRIGHT/NINA

(APPROVING) Mm-hm.

DICK

She overate and he found her charming.

ALBRIGHT/NINA

(APPROVING) Mm-hm.

DICK

In fact, he's going to call her!

DR. ALBRIGHT AND NINA'S FACES DROP.

DR. ALBRIGHT/NINA

(DISAPPROVING) Mmm.

DICK

What?

ACT ONE

SCENE K

INT. ATTIC APARTMENT - DUSK (DAY 3)
(Harry, Sally, Dick, Tommy)

ENJOYING HIS WORK, HARRY TAKES A SWIG FROM A JUG OF FRUIT JUICE.

HARRY

Orange juice... non-toxic.

HE MARKS IT DOWN ON HIS PAD, THEN PROCEEDS TO THE TABASCO NEXT TO IT. HE TAKES A GULP.

HARRY (CONT'D)

Tabasco... also non-toxic.

DICK AND SALLY ENTER FROM KITCHEN. SALLY'S ON THE WARPATH.

SALLY

He said he'd call!

DICK

Yes, I know.

SALLY

He promised.

DICK

So I hear.

SALLY

He said he'd call.

DICK

Well, that changes everything.

SALLY

Oh, God, Dick, I can take more pain than the rest of you put together, but right now, I just feel so... icky! Dammit, Dick, give me some pain I can define.

DICK

I am not going to jam your hand in the toaster again.

SALLY

Y-ya just can't imagine what it feels like, Dick. It's like he reached in and pulled all the bones out of my body.

SHE BEGINS TO SOB. DICK IS STARTLED.

DICK

My god! What are you doing?

SALLY

Apparently, I'm leaking.

DICK

Well, stop it!

SALLY

(PULLS HERSELF TOGETHER)

Alright, Commander. (SOBS)

SALLY GOES INTO THE KITCHEN. HARRY PICKS UP A WINE COOLER AND SIPS IT.

HARRY

Wine cooler... I could go either way.

ANGLE ON:

THE KITCHEN. DICK ENTERS.

DICK

Lieutenant, we need to talk.

SALLY

This is all your fault. I didn't want to be the woman.

You made me be the woman.

DICK

You're a decorated veteran. I thought you could handle it.

SALLY

Well, I can't. This is hard.

SHE STARTS TO BREAK AGAIN.

DICK

Please, don't! No! No!

Please, don't!

HE TRIES TO PUT AN ARM AROUND HER AND PAT HER. HE IS NOT DOING WELL, BUT HE IS TRYING.

SALLY

It went so great. Brad said he

liked me. Why won't he call?

DICK HAS HIS ARM AROUND HER. FULL SYMPATHY.

There, there.

HE ROUGHLY PATS HER ON THE BACK.

SALLY

Aaow.

DICK

Maybe he can't call. Maybe his phone is out. Maybe he injured himself running with scissors, or used a dry cleaning bag as a toy.

HARRY APPROACHES THEM, IN A DAZE, CARRYING A MOSTLY-EMPTY BOTTLE OF INDUSTRIAL FLUID.

HARRY

Dick, I've lost all feeling in the left side of my body. Could somebody please call... (HOLDS UPSIDE DOWN) ...116?

DICK

Oh God!

SALLY

Do not touch that phone.

TOMMY ENTERS FROM THE BACK DOOR.

TOMMY

(VERY SURLY) Oh, Daaaad!

(PREOCCUPIED) Now what is it?

TOMMY GIVES HIM THE NOTE.

TOMMY

My teachers want to talk to you about my "attitude," as if I have an attitude.

DICK SEES HIS WORLD CRUMBLE AROUND HIM.

DICK

(SELF-RIGHTEOUS) Oh, this is just perfect. I try to mold us into a family that will blend in, aa-and what do I get? A surly teenager, a sister obsessed with a man, and a brother who drinks too much. Is there another family in the whole world like this? I don't think so. Frankly, I can't take it anymore.

TOMMY

Aa, me neither. I'm outta here.

TOMMY EXITS.

SALLY

I have got to find out what happened to Brad.

SALLY EXITS. HARRY LOOKS AT THE BOTTLE.

## HARRY

"Induce vomiting." (INTRIGUED)
There's an idea.

# HARRY EXITS.

## DICK

If anybody needs me, I'll be in the garage... (SEARCHING)
...putting up pegboard.

# DICK EXITS.

# \*\*\*\*\*PRESHOOT\*\*\*\*

ACT ONE

SCENE L

INT. BRAD'S APARTMENT - THAT NIGHT (DAY 3)
(Sally, Brad)

NOTE: OUR POV IS OVER BRAD'S SHOULDER -- WE DON'T SEE HIS FACE.

BRAD READS A MAGAZINE. SALLY SUDDENLY KICKS DOWN THE DOOR.

SALLY

Hello, Brad.

**BRAD** 

Sally!

SALLY

I've come to check your phone...

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SCENE M

FADE IN:

INT. OFFICE - MORNING (DAY 4)
(Dick, Albright, Nina)

ALBRIGHT SITS AT HER DESK. NINA IS WITH HER. DICK IS ON THE PHONE.

DICK

(INTO PHONE) Sally, please calm

down. No you may not maim

Harry! I don't know, find

someone on the street.

DICK HANGS UP AND MOPES AT HIS DESK.

ALBRIGHT

Trouble at home?

DICK

No! Why would you say that?

ALBRIGHT

He didn't call, did he?

DICK

Not yet.

NINA/ALBRIGHT

Minimum.

DICK

I just wish Sally had some woman friends to turn to.

ALBRIGHT

Are you asking for my help?

DICK

Are you offering it?

**ALBRIGHT** 

How can I be offering if I don't know what you're asking.

DICK

Why would I ask? I don't need help.

ALBRIGHT

Fine. Then I'm not offering.

DICK

Fine with me.

**ALBRIGHT** 

You can't say it. Can you?

BEAT.

DICK

Help meeee! I don't know what to do. I can't stand to see her like this.

ALBRIGHT

There. That wasn't so hard.

DICK

Then you'll help?

#### ALBRIGHT

No.

#### DICK

Bu- wh- can't you just take her out tonight and talk to her.

You don't have to go alone. I'm sure Nina would be happy to join you.

## NINA

Ooh, I'm sorry. Tonight's the night I'm having my eyes gouged out.

### DICK

Can't you reschedule it? I mean
- put yourself in her position.
You go out on a date. You have
a wonderful time. Various
arousing stimuli fly back and
forth across the table. And
then he doesn't call. How would
you repair yourself?

# **ALBRIGHT**

I'd get good and toasted and call him filthy names.

Yes! Great. Now, go and do that with Sally.

ALBRIGHT AND NINA EXCHANGE A GLANCE, THEN TURN TO DICK.

NINA

You're buying.

DICK

Oh - of course.

DICK HANDS OVER A TWENTY DOLLAR BILL.

ALBRIGHT

Oh, she's way more upset than that.

DICK HANDS HER MORE BILLS.

# ACT TWO

## SCENE P

INT. HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM - MID-DAY (DAY 4)
(Mr. Kersey, Dick, Coach, Teacher #1, Teachers)

MR. KERSEY, THE P.E. COACH, AND A FEW OTHER TEACHERS SIT OPPOSITE DICK.

MR. KERSEY

Dr. Solomon, let me be blunt.

Tommy seems to have a problem

with authority.

COACH

Well in gym, he refused to climb the rope.

DICK

What was at the top of the rope?

COACH

If he were my boy, I'd warm up his little bottom.

DICK

(SUSPICIOUS) You're the one who didn't want him sitting with the girls, right? I think he's just jealous that I've done so much better than he has.

THE TEACHERS ARE COMPLETELY THROWN.

TEACHER #1

Dr. Solomon, nobody ever said being a father is easy.

DICK

You're telling me! I mean some of you must have children,
as frightening as that thought
is. What do you do?

MR. KERSEY

You need to set a good example for your son to live up to.

DICK

Since when did my son become my responsibility? I mean, you're the ones who are falling down on the job! You're supposed to be educating him! Knowledge is the only chance this planet has for survival. One day, you're gonna have to find someone to pull your collective butts out of the cosmic pliers and all you'll have to pick from is a bunch of rope climbers.

DICK STARTS TO EXIT.

## TEACHER #1

Dr. Solomon, I think you're avoiding the real problem -- the home environment.

DICK

Well, of course, I'm avoiding it! It's full of crazy people!

DICK EXITS. THE TEACHERS ARE SPEECHLESS.

CUT TO:

SCENE T

INT. THE WHOLE - NIGHT (DAY 4)
(Albright, Nina, Sally, Atmosphere)

SALLY, ALBRIGHT AND NINA SIT AT A TABLE.

ALBRIGHT

Oh, come on, Sally. I know you're in a lot of pain. But holding it in isn't going to do you any good. You've got to let it out. Come on. Open up.

SUDDENLY, SALLY LETS OUT A SCREAM OF PRIMAL AGONY. EVERYBODY IN THE BAR REACTS.

SALLY

(BRIGHTENING) That really helped.

NINA

This can't be the first bad date you've ever had?

SALLY

Well... a couple years ago, a friend set me up, and my date turned out to be this giant, slimy yolk sac.

NINA AND ALBRIGHT NOD, KNOWINGLY.

NINA

Yeah, I've been there.

ALBRIGHT

(CHUCKLING) Who hasn't? I once dated this chemistry professor,

Dr. Abrams...

NINA GLANCES AT HER WATCH.

NINA

Oh god. She's starting with the A's.

**ALBRIGHT** 

He invited me to Portage Lakes for a romantic weekend. And then just never showed up!

SALLY

Did you kill him?

ALBRIGHT

No, no. I don't believe in violence. Violence doesn't do you any good. However, a gas tank full of sugar and a flaming bag of dog poop will.

SALLY

And you take that orally?

SCENE U

INT. ATTIC APARTMENT - NIGHT (DAY 4) (Harry, Dick, Tommy)

DICK AND HARRY APPROACH TOMMY, WHO'S IN THE LIVING ROOM.

DICK

Tommy, your teachers seem to think I'm not acting enough like a father to you.

TOMMY

You're not my father.

DICK

Well, that's true. But I-I want to try to act like one.

TOMMY

Fine. What do fathers and sons do together?

HARRY

Oh - uh... They do this:

HARRY MUSSES TOMMY'S HAIR.

DICK

Yes! I've seen that.

DICK MUSSES TOMMY'S HAIR.

HARRY

Oh... yeah.

TOMMY MUSSES DICK'S HAIR.

DICK

Excellent! We're roughhousing -

son.

DICK PLAYFULLY MUSSES TOMMY'S HAIR AGAIN. TOMMY PUNCHES DICK IN THE STOMACH. DICK LAUGHS. THEY START PUMMELING THE HELL OUT OF EACH OTHER, FALLING OVER AND BEHIND THE CHAIRS IN AN ALL-OUT BRAWL. FINALLY, THEY CLIMB TO THEIR KNEES, EXHAUSTED.

DICK (CONT'D)

This has taken a wrong turn somewhere.

TOMMY

I've got a better idea. We can do what the guy downstairs does with his son, and watch TV for eighteen hours straight.

DICK

Yes! It's the classic malebonding ritual.

DICK TURNS ON THE TV. THEY ALL PLOP ON THE CHAIRS, INSTANT POTATOES.

MUSIC: SPORTS FANFARE

HARRY

Oh, look! (READING) "Monday

Night Football!

DICK/TOMMY/HARRY

All right!

THEY STARE FOR A MOMENT.

DICK

What is it?

THEY SHRUG.

SCENE W

INT. THE WHOLE - NIGHT (DAY 4)
(Nina, Albright, Sally, Guy, Atmosphere)

THE <u>WOMEN</u> ARE MORE RELAXED AND CONGENIAL. ACCORDINGLY, THERE ARE MORE EMPTY MARGARITA GLASSES.

SALLY

Isn't there some place where people can just have meaningless sex with various partners?

ALBRIGHT

Yes. It's called, "The

Seventies."

SALLY

Well - how late is it open?

NINA

Hey, check out the bartender.

**ALBRIGHT** 

Och... God's gift to women.

SALLY

I hope he kept the receipt.

NINA AND ALBRIGHT LAUGH. THEN SALLY LAUGHS TOO, SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHY.

**ALBRIGHT** 

Oh, get a load of the guy in the vest.

I hope he kept the receipt.

SALLY LAUGHS RIGHT AWAY. AFTER A MOMENT NINA AND ALBRIGHT LAUGH ALONG WITH HER.

NINA

See, Sally, you are not the problem. Guys are jerks.

You're just never going to find the perfect man.

ALBRIGHT

Yeah. The perfect man would have Bill Gates' money, Jimmy Smits' ass, Liam Neeson's shoulders, Michael Jordan's thighs...

NINA

And we need a brain.

ALBRIGHT

(LAUGHS) No we don't.

NINA

Yeah, you're right. Then he'd think like a man. See, Sally?
There's just no dealing with the opposite sex.

SALLY'S EYES WIDEN: THIS IS A REVELATION:

Yes! Yes! The opposite sex! I didn't do anything wrong. It's men -- they're a completely opposite sex! They hunt, we gather. They sweat, we glow. They shake, we wipe.

SALLY APPROACHES A GUY SEATED AT THE BAR.

SALLY (CONT'D)

You! Your sexual organs are in total diametric opposition to mine!

**GUY** 

(ASTONISHED) Wull - hey, so...

Can I give you a call sometime,

or -

SALLY

(GLEEFULLY SARCASTIC) Oh yeah.

I'll be waiting by the phone.

TRIUMPHANTLY LAUGHING, SALLY EXITS. NINA AND ALBRIGHT WATCH HER GO.

NINA

Have we poisoned her?

# ALBRIGHT

No, now she's a buxom, leggy, pouty-lipped, bitch with attitude. I think she'll do just fine.

# \*\*\*\*\*PRESHOOT\*\*\*\*

ACT TWO

SCENE X

INT. BRAD'S APT. - A LITTLE LATER (DAY 4)
(Sally, Brad)

SFX: DOORBELL

SALLY OPENS THE DOOR CALMLY. HER HAND STAYS ON THE DOOR KNOB.

SALLY

Hello, Brad.

WE PULL BACK TO SEE BRAD, IN A BRACED ARM AND SHOULDER CAST. CRUTCHES LEAN AGAINST THE SOFA.

BRAD

S-S-Sally.

SALLY

(CALM) I came here to tell you that I understand your limitations. I expected too

much. I'm so sorry. All the

best.

SALLY TURNS TO LEAVE. THE DAMAGED DOOR KNOB COMES OFF IN HER HAND. SHE SMILES GIRLISHLY.

SALLY (CONT'D)

Oops! Got your knob.

SCENE Y

INT. ATTIC APARTMENT - LATER (DAY 4) (Dick, Tommy, Harry, Sally)

DICK, TOMMY AND HARRY ARE WATCHING THE GAME.

DICK

Hasn't tonight been great? Just us boys, drinking beer, yelling like idiots, emitting various gasses...

HARRY

Oh, oh look - they're doing that thing again.

DICK, HARRY, AND TOMMY HUM IN ANTICIPATION AS SALLY ENTERS FROM THE STAIRS.

DICK

Oh, here it comes, look out!

Oh, here it - wh - oh -

DICK, HARRY, AND TOMMY JUMP UP AND DO A "WAVE".

DICK/HARRY/TOMMY

Yeah!

DICK GLANCES OVER HIS SHOULDER AND NOTICES SALLY.

DICK

Sally's back.

TOMMY

Party's over.

### HARRY

Thank God.

TOMMY AND HARRY TURN OFF THE SET AND EXIT. DICK GOES TO SALLY, WHO HAS A NEWFOUND CALM ABOUT HER.

DICK

Sally - you're smiling. You're fixed.

SALLY

No Dick, I'm not fixed because I was never broken. I'm supposed to be this way. I'm a woman.

DICK

Yes. And...?

SALLY

Tell me Dick, what kind of shampoo do you use?

DICK

I don't know.

SALLY

Exactly. And do you feel the urge to have an eight pound screaming larva rip its way out of your lower abdomen?

DICK

No, I think I could do without that.

You see? Here, you and I are completely different life forms and it's just some sick cosmic joke that we have to share a planet.

#### DICK

You know, I've been thinking about your assignment. Maybe it wasn't fair of me making you the woman.

### SALLY

I'm all right. I can handle the mood swings, the emotional issues, the cat calls, the punitive underwear... because frankly, when I think of the alternative, I just have to laugh.

DICK BEGINS TO LAUGH, THEN GIVES HER A TAKE, AS SHE TURNS ON HER HEELS, AND EXITS.

FADE OUT:

TAG

EXT. RAMBLER - LATER THAT NIGHT (DAY 4) (Sally, Dick)

DICK AND SALLY SIT IN THE CAR, UNDER THE STARS.

SALLY

Mother Earth...

DICK

Father Time.

SALLY

Lady Luck...

DICK

Gentleman's Quarterly.

SALLY

Daughters of the American

Revolution.

DICK

Son of Kong.

SALLY

Fairy Godmother...

DICK ·

The Godfather of Soul...

Mississippi

A LONG, LONG BEAT.

DICK

Mister Sippi.

FADE OUT.

END OF SHOW