

BRAVE NEW WORKSHOP THEATRE**DATE:** APRIL 2001**SHOW:** WHEN EXTREME THINGS HAPPEN TO BORING PEOPLE**TITLE:** "EXTREME INFOMERCIAL"**DRAFT:** FINAL**WRITER:** KATY MCEWEN**PREMISE:**

An infomercial is taken to the extreme.

SETTING:

Generic kitchen set of an infomercial.

THE CHARACTERS:**Robbie Hanson:** Washed-up child star, clearly gay and in denial.**Kate Lexicon:** Creator of S-Cal Space Age Cookware.**Rubes:** Audience members way too excited about pans.**Announcer VO:** Voice of an angle who just can't get enough of these pans.

(Cheesy infomercial music plays. Graphics on monitors.)

ANNOUNCER VO

From the people who brought you such amazing products as Nuclear Brite, Eggs a' Poppin, and the Bag Bag comes the latest in space age cookware. And now, Kate Lexicon and Robbie Hanson.

(Lights up on ROBBIE and KATE standing behind the kitchen counter as RUBES sit at stools. All are laughing at a really funny joke.)

KATE

...and that's where they found the finger!

ROBBIE

Hi! I'm Robbie Hanson, you might know me as Bubby the Robot on the 1986 syndicated sitcom "She's the Sheriff with a Robot". KATE and I were just having coffee with some friends.

(RUBES' lines spoken simultaneously, with RUBE 3's italicized words trailing.)

RUBE 1

Hi Kate. Hi Robbie.

RUBE 2

Hi Robbie. Hi Kate.

RUBE 3

My name is Bill and I'm just looking for the restroom.

ROBBIE

Hi friends. We've just been discussing how hard it is to cook a decent meal in this crazy age of commuting, cell phones, and road rage.

RUBE 1

When I get home from work, I just don't have the time or energy to cook the five course meal my family deserves and expects.

(RUBES' lines as before.)

RUBE 1

It's hard to meet expectations. Make my life easier.

RUBE 2

Yes, that's the same way with my family. They expect it.

RUBE 3

I know how hard that is, my wife did that to me once, now she's tied up in the trunk.

ROBBIE

When I come home from a hard day on my very manly man job, I expect my wife to have a meal containing beef or some other red meat on the table, but she's just too busy taking care of our many children who do not look like the pool man.

KATE

What would you say if I told you your problems could be solved with just one single revolutionary pot?

RUBE 1

You're a lying bitch!

KATE

Could a lying bitch cook an entire chicken, two legs of lamb, six hot dogs, five cabbage rolls, and potatoes au gratin for nine in this one pot?

(She produces pot, waves it around for all to see the contents. RUBES are awed.)

ROBBIE

No bitch I've ever known. And I've known a lot. Let me tell you, I would go "bowling" with my "buddies" a lot less if my loving wife, whom I have known intimately on a number of occasions, could cook in such bulk!

KATE

And ladies, if you want to keep your husbands at home, all you need is the S-Cal Space Age Cookware.

(RUBES' lines as before.)

RUBE 1

This will make my husband love me.

RUBE 2

This will stop me from "bowling" ever again.

RUBE 3

Hey guys, this is a desperate call for help before I kill again.

ROBBIE

But what kind of wonderful material could possibly make all this cooking possible?

KATE

What would you say if I told you it was a Space Age material developed by NASA to be used in Space for Space Travel?

RUBE 1

You're a dirty whore!

ROBBIE

But how can one pot do all these wonderful things?

KATE
Have any of you ever been to space?

(RUBES' lines spoken simultaneously.)

RUBE 1
No

RUBE 2
No

RUBE 3
I've been twice.

KATE
Well, some people have, and they brought back Space Age Space Technology which allows the heat to cook the food really fast.

RUBE 2
But how does it cook the food so fast?

KATE
By cooking it fast.

RUBES
Ooohhh!

RUBE 2
Space Heat Technology. I never thought I'd see it in my day.

KATE
What would you do if I said you could get the S-Cal Space Age Pot for Cooking, five separate lids, the phone number of an actual NASA astronaut, and the Easy Twist Can Violator for only \$19.95?

(ROBBIE screams like a woman and slaps her across the face. RUBE 2 begins ransacking the studio, humping furniture and spinning around on the floor in circles. KATE and RUBE 1 repeatedly exchange blows to the face.)

ROBBIE
Call now to take advantage of this unbelievable offer. You can't afford to pass up this Space Age Space Technology. And if you don't, I'm going to begin stomping on one baby bunny every minute! For Kate Lexicon, I'm Robbie Hanson!

(ROBBIE gets dragged into melee as lights blackout.)