

EXT. CRUISE SHIP DECK

A couple, Dan and Randy, are gazing out at the ocean. They're stage right.

DAN

Randy, it was such a good idea to book this cruise.

RANDY

Yeah, I think it's just what we needed, a little "us" time, space from the kids, space from our responsibilities.

DAN

You know how Darryl can be, a real pain in the ass of a boss.

RANDY

Hey I thought we promised NOT to talk about our jobs on vacation.

DAN

You're right, you're right, ugh I've been so TENSE recently. But not when I'm with you.

Randy's phone rings. A telemarketer is stage left at a desk with a bluetooth headset on.

RANDY

One sec.

Randy answers.

TELEMARKETER

Hi, is this Randy? We've been trying to reach you about your cars extended-

Randy hangs up.

RANDY

Freakin' telemarketer.

DAN

So annoying...so I was thinking, I know they're showing hairspray tonight in the events room, I was thinking we catch the 8:30 show?

RANDY  
Great idea, honey.

Randy's phone rings.

RANDY  
Sorry.

Randy answers.

TELEMARKETER  
Hi, Randy, your cars extended warranty  
just can't wait, it's about to expire  
and-

RANDY  
No it's fine, just stop calling me.

Randy hangs up.

DAN  
Was that those "car warranty" people  
again?

RANDY  
Yeah, jeez louise. They just don't  
stop do they?

DAN  
Yeah they're truly ridiculous.

RANDY  
Yeah...but um our dinner last night  
was incredible, I can't believe they  
do hibachi on a Disney Cruise.

DAN  
When the chef flipped the onion into  
your mouth, oh what fun!

Randy's phone rings.

DAN  
Seriously, Randy, don't answer it,  
it's probably those telemarketers  
again.

RANDY  
Sorry, I just get paranoid, like what  
if something happened to the kids?

Randy answers.

RANDY

Hello-

TELEMARKETER

I hope you're enjoying your cruise, Randy, do you have a moment to talk about your cars extended warranty?

RANDY

I don't want to talk about-, how did you know I was on a cruise?

TELEMARKETER

We know everything, Randy.

RANDY

Seriously, put me on your do not call list, I never want to hear from you again.

TELEMARKETER

Randy, I highly recommend you-

Randy hangs up.

RANDY

These freaking telemarketers are the bane of my-

Randy's phone rings, he answers immediately.

RANDY

If I have to ask ONE MORE TIME-

TELEMARKETER

How are the kids, Randy?

The telemarketer kicks their feet up on their desk.

RANDY

Wh-, what are you-

TELEMARKETER

I can see here they're with your parents while you and Dan are on your little cruise.

RANDY

How did you know about that? What, are

my kids in danger?

TELEMARKETER

Randy, Randy, Randy, Randy, don't be so SIMPLE, I just wanna talk, that's all!...about your cars extended warranty, and how we're on the precipice of its expiration, so-

RANDY

For the last time, I don't want-

TELEMARKETER

Well it would be a shame if something were to...happen, to the kids, now wouldn't it.

RANDY

What are you talking-

TELEMARKETER

Am I a joke to you, Randy? If that is your real name?

RANDY

No, you're not-

TELEMARKETER

Which I know it's not, Randy's your middle name, because you hate your first name Leslie...I don't mean any harm, I just want you to hear me out.

RANDY

Okay, okay, what do you want?

TELEMARKETER

It's not what I want...it's what you need...you know, my father was an eccentric.

DAN

What's going on, Randy?

TELEMARKETER CONT.

He taught me a lot about getting what you want, he taught me that life will not always hand you everything...it wasn't easy to find you Randy, we've spent months researching, figuring out who you are-NO..why you are...you

don't *care*, no one *cares* anymore, it's like you walk around thinking everything is safe, when in reality, Randy, you can't know for sure, you aren't safe on a boat in the middle of the ocean, your children aren't safe when you're not with them,

RANDY

Dan, call the sitter, make sure everything's okay.

DAN

What's going on, Rand-

RANDY

JUST GO.

TELEMARKETER CONT.

yet all of the unknowns lead you to hanging up the phone on someone like me, someone who's only trying to help. I can give you that safety net that you so desperately need. So Randy, now that I've finally got your attention, now that you're willing to listen to me, may I ask you again?

RANDY

What, what do you want?

TELEMARKETER

It's funny that you ask. We've been trying to reach you about your cars extended warranty-

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