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CAST

FAYE: Female, 60-ish, niece to Boo

BOO: Female, 80-ish, aunt to FAYE:

CHA CHA: Male, lovely to look at, any age

FOR VOICE OVER:

DON (Male)

CAROLYN (Female)

AUDIENCE

Place

A contemporary home.

Time

The present.

SCENE 1

Setting: *Boo's living room*

At Rise: The room can be dark, save for the light from a TV set, if possible. A woman sits on the couch, watching intently. SOUND CUE: Applause. Then a voice resembling someone we have all heard in the past. Many times.

DON: (V.O.) Not only does he cook on command but you can also trust him with your kids.

AUDIENCE: (V.O.) Oooh!

DON: (V.O.) And I mean...I mean to tell you, Carolyn, we tested him.

CAROLYN: (V.O.) Really?

DON: (V.O.) Oh, yeah. Cooked breakfast, lunch, dinner, changed nappies, cleaned the bathroom after explosion. Even mended the broken window.

AUDIENCE: (V.O.) Ooooh! Ahhh!

CAROLYN: (V.O.) He mended the window? How did he do that?

DON: (V.O.) Oh, well, it's so simple. He has a glass cutter build right in to his right index finger and silicon in his left index finger. So, presto! A new window!

(AUDIENCE applauds; cheers)

BOO: Holy shit, he's Spiderman.

DON: (V.O.) But you know, Carolyn, we really designed him to be a helpmate. Very simple. To do all those chores you just don't want to do.

CAROLYN: (V.O.) Like...like...unload the dishwasher?

DON: (V.O.) Yep.

CAROLYN: (V.O.) How about...um...um...cleaning the bathroom?

DON: (V.O.) Done

CAROLYN: (V.O.) Changing the sheets?

DON: (V.O.) Absolutely.

CAROLYN: (V.O.) Vacuuming?

DON: (V.O.) Carolyn, look...we just attach this appendage and...voilà! More power than your leaf blower.

CAROLYN: (V.O.) Holy cow. And all this for —

DON: (V.O.) Two hundred easy payments of just \$20 each. And if you don't like Cha Cha for any reason, simply return him for a full refund, no questions asked. Call right now and get the vacuum appendage FREE...that's a \$40 value...absolutely free.

BOO: (*writing down the number on the TV screen*) Slow down, ya stupid...

CAROLYN: (V.O.) Don, would you mind showing me that suction power again.

DON: (V.O.) You betcha.

(*SOUND CUE: vacuum*)

DON: (V.O.) Call the number on your screen NOW.

(*Boo quickly dials the number.*)

SCENE 2

Setting: BOO's living room

At Rise: CHA CHA is in a corner. Several items on the coffee table are labeled "AS SEEN ON TV." The wackier the better. FAYE unlocks the front door and lets herself in. She carries a bag of groceries.

FAYE: Boo? Boooooo! (*sets groceries down, takes off her coat*) Boo, are you here? (*notices CHA CHA*) What the...

CHA CHA: (*moves his arms*) Boo!

FAYE: (*screams*) Holy Crap! What the hell are you?

BOO: (*cackles*) Hee hee hee hee hee hee hee! (*entering*) Oh, I gotcha good.

FAYE: Aunt Boo, what is this?

BOO: Cha Cha. He's my helpmate.

FAYE: Help...? Boo have you been watching the "set it and forget it" guy again? You promised.

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