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## **AUTHOR NOTE**

These twenty short comedy skits that parody television commercials and products can be used in several different ways. For instance, all twenty of them can be performed sequentially as a single production. They can also be inserted as comedic “station breaks” or “fillers” to accommodate set changes in traditional theatrical plays and/or music programs. In addition, they can be videotaped for use in film/media/communications classes. These scripts further allow for interchangeability insofar as casting male and female roles.

1                                   1. Blabetta Stone

2  
3                                   **Cast**

4                                   ANNOUNCER

5                                   NERDY ACCOUNTANT

6                                   SUPERMODEL

7                                   MEDIA PEOPLE (4)

8  
9                                   **Props**

10                                 Cameras and microphones, headphones,

11   *Blabetta Stone* textbook, red rose

12  
13                                 *(At rise, a spotlight is on NERDY ACCOUNTANT Stage*  
14                                 *Right.)*

15     **ANNOUNCER:** *(From Off-Stage)* **He was just a nerdy**  
16     **accountant from Poughkeepsie.** *(Spotlight comes on Stage*  
17     *Left. The SUPERMODEL is surrounded by MEDIA PEOPLE*  
18     *with cameras and microphones as she strikes various dramatic*  
19     *fashion poses. The NERDY ACCOUNTANT gazes at her from*  
20     *afar, infatuated.)* **She was a glamorous Parisian**  
21     **supermodel with a worldwide following. He knew that**  
22     **he only had one chance to impress her.** *(The spotlight goes*  
23     *out on the SUPERMODEL and comes up on the NERDY*  
24     *ACCOUNTANT, who has now donned big earphones and is*  
25     *zealously studying the Blabetta Stone textbook. The*  
26     *ANNOUNCER strolls toward the audience from Upstage*  
27     *Center.)* **Our lovestruck accountant knew that the**  
28     **quickest way to his lady love's heart was to invest in the**  
29     **Blabetta Stone foreign language program. Blabetta**  
30     **Stone revolves around the simple concept that learning**  
31     **to be conversant in other tongues should be fun, simple,**  
32     **and easy. Our approach is exactly the same one you**  
33     **used when you were a little child first learning to speak**  
34     **your native language. We're not about a bunch of**  
35     **confusing grammar lessons, tedious verb-subject**  
36     **agreements, or lengthy vocabulary lists to commit to**  
37     **memory. From the very first day, we make this exciting**  
38     **enrichment experience second nature. All you add is**

1           **the deep desire to make your dreams come true.** (*The*  
2           *ANNOUNCER exits Upstage as the confident NERDY*  
3           *ACCOUNTANT now snaps the book shut and removes the*  
4           *headphones. He pulls a single red rose out of his shirt and looks*  
5           *Stage Left as the spotlight comes back up on the*  
6           *SUPERMODEL, who is still the center of everyone's attention.*)  
7   **NERDY ACCOUNTANT:** (*Shouting*) **Francelle! Francelle**  
8           **DuBois!** (*She looks around in confusion upon hearing her*  
9           *name and suddenly notices the NERDY ACCOUNTANT. He*  
10           *crosses Stage Left, gallantly holding out the rose. Passionately*  
11           **Platinka dablinka mumbla desko por lisky albondiga en**  
12           **sushi nimbla volalay samba kookaburra veneeza Pocono**  
13           **soufflé!** (*He drops down on one knee and holds out the rose.*)  
14   **MEDIA PEOPLE:** (*In mixed unison*) **Who is that guy? What did**  
15           **he say? What language was that?** (*Transfixed, the*  
16           *SUPERMODEL tosses her hair and dismissively casts off the*  
17           *media people.*)  
18   **SUPERMODEL:** (*With French accent*) **I do not know of what**  
19           **this stranger speaks, but he has caught my deepest soul**  
20           **in his web of mystery and in this very moment I can**  
21           **only say that he is the most interesting man in the**  
22           **world!** (*She rushes to the NERDY ACCOUNTANT's side,*  
23           *takes the rose, and the two engage in a soul-drenching kiss,*  
24           *much to the astonishment of the onlookers.*)  
25   **ANNOUNCER:** (*From Off-Stage*) **With Blabetta Stone, we don't**  
26           **teach you real languages so that you can look smart to**  
27           **people you're trying to impress. We teach you totally**  
28           **fake languages so that they'll feel like the stupid ones.**  
29           **Blabetta Stone: Whatever gets lost in translation is**  
30           **their problem, not yours.**  
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1                                    **2. Neuralizer Batteries**  
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3                                    **Cast with Costume Notes**

4                                    AGENT Z — (male)

5                                    Dressed in black suit with Ray-Ban sunglasses

6                                    APPLICANTS — (6-10 mixed cast)

7                                    Dressed as bums, housewives, construction workers, etc.

8                                    PINK RABBIT —

9                                    Dressed in pink Easter bunny suit with Ray-Ban sunglasses

10                                   ANNOUNCER — Voiceover  
11

12                                    **Props**

13                                    Folding chairs, projection screen featuring a collage of  
14                                    goofy/scary/weird-looking aliens, neuralizer, pink and white  
15                                    drum with neuralizer logo  
16

17                                    *(At rise, prospective MIB APPLICANTS are seated on folding*  
18                                    *chairs in symmetrical half circles facing Center. A pull-down*  
19                                    *projection screen is Upstage and currently displays an image of*  
20                                    *planet earth wearing Ray-Bans. A stern-looking AGENT Z,*  
21                                    *who never removes his sunglasses, stands between the two*  
22                                    *groups, but facing the audience as he delivers a rapid-fire*  
23                                    *speech.)*

24                                    **AGENT Z: Prospective recruits, this is the final portion of**  
25                                    **the interview process to determine your worthiness to**  
26                                    **wear ... The Black Suit. You have passed the tests of**  
27                                    **physical agility, mental perspicacity, rarity, clarity,**  
28                                    **tenacity, dexterity, regularity, invincibility,**  
29                                    **conformity, punctuality, and total expendability. Do**  
30                                    **you understand and accept that these traits are**  
31                                    **essential to the preservation, protection, and defense of**  
32                                    **planet earth?**

33                                    **APPLICANTS:** *(In unison)* Yes, sir.

34                                    **AGENT Z:** I ask you to now direct your peepers to the screen  
35                                    directly behind you. *(ALL turn to look at screen.)* Ladies  
36                                    and gentlemen, these are the interplanetary enemies  
37                                    you will be called upon to analyze, scrutinize, vaporize,  
38                                    neutralize, paralyze, pulverize, digitize, tenderize,



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