

VOCAL WORK

Revised Version 2014

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- All changes from the original script are highlighted in yellow. Feel free to use this version, the original version or any combination that works for you.
- Any references to popular culture may be changed as needed.
- The name of the Hyundai car is changed from “Tsunami” to “Wave”.
- If the ED commercial is too risqué, the original WRAP commercial may be used or you may create a substitute spot.

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AMANDA

Has he called in yet?

PHIL

Nope.

AMANDA

Can you try his cell please?

PHIL

Sure

(We see PHIL making a phone call in booth)

AMANDA

(To PETER:) It needs to sound more awful.

PETER

What?

AMANDA

You need to make it sound more like it was ebola or smallpox or cancer. Use your voice of doom.

PETER

Right. *(In a loud, booming, deadly serious voice)* Diarrhea. It can ruin your day.

AMANDA

Much better.

PHIL

No answer on his cell.

AMANDA

Try him at home.

PHIL

Right

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AMANDA

That's fine. *(To PHIL:)* OK Phil, we're going to do a quick run through of the Wave spot and then if everything is good, we can get it done.

PHIL

Why are we...

AMANDA

'Cause we are! All right Miss Keiper.

ALEX

(reading the script)

The all-new 2014...

AMANDA

Would you mind reading it into the microphone please?

ALEX

Oh, right, sorry.

(ALEX steps up to read into the microphone. The microphone is too high or short for her. ALEX awkwardly tries to reach the mic and begins to read copy. AMANDA steps up and adjusts the mic. ALEX starts to read copy again without any expression or emotion at all)

The all-new 2014* Hyundai Wave has a 4.6 liter, v6 engine, side impact protection, all-wheel electronic traction control and independent rear suspension. Take one for a test drive today. The Wave, let it wash over you.

*use current year.

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EMILY

Why don't you shut up?

(MEG turns away insulted)

(AMANDA enters)

Well if this Billy is such a loser, why don't you fire him?

(There is an awkward silence)

AMANDA

Excuse me.

(AMANDA exits)

EMILY

Billy is her husband.

MEG

Dammit.

KATIE

You said it.

(AMANDA enters and moves to the table to get two scripts that she hands out to KATIE and EMILY)

AMANDA

You all know what this is, Wagner's Mattress wants to run a year-long campaign and they want to have a Wagner's Mattress girl. We're talking about 24 spots over the year and also some personal appearances. It's probably worth about \$6,000. You'll take a few minutes to read over the copy and then we'll do a read through and I'll let you know. Any questions?

EMILY

What are they looking for?

AMANDA

They want, and I quote, "middle-class sophistication"

AMANDA

50,000 Watts of pure power! **WTCP**, Rockin' Your World!

KELLY

You're listening to the Dr. Elaine Wilson show. Dr. Elaine will be taking your calls on love, relationships, and marriage. Just call 1-800-ROMANCE. That's 1-800-766-2623. The doctor is on the air.

(Waits two beats)

I thought I had the perfect life. A great job, two beautiful kids, and a wonderful, loving husband. The one thing I didn't count on though, was Tony's erectile dysfunction...*(starts to break up laughing)* We called Doctor....

AMANDA

Come on! Keep going!

KELLY

I thought I had the perfect life. A great job...*(she breaks up laughing)* I'm sorry! It's just so stupid!

AMANDA

OK cut! Come on Kelly, we need to get this done!

KELLY

Well you try and say it.

AMANDA

Fine. *(She steps up to the microphone)* I thought I had the perfect life. A great job, two...*(AMANDA and everyone else breaks up laughing)*

PHIL

(in a little kid's voice) Mommy, why is Daddy so sad all the time? *(mommy's voice)* It's because Daddy had erectile dysfunction!

(everyone laughs hysterically)

(AMANDA'S phone vibrates, she looks at caller and answers)

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AMANDA

RYAN

I don't know. They were both fine. Why don't you do it?

AMANDA

Because I am tired of making decisions. I am so tired of making decisions.

RYAN

I'm sorry, but I'm not comfortable doing this. It's your call.

AMANDA

(Grim laugh) Thanks for nothing.

(She picks up both headshots and thinks for a second, puts one face down. The audience never sees the pictures or who is chosen)

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AMANDA

Go ahead, read away.

ALEX

(She does the spot sexy. It is perfect) The all-new 2014 Hyundai Wave has a 4.6 liter, v6 engine, side impact protection, all-wheel electronic traction control and independent rear suspension. Take one for a test drive today. The Wave, let it wash over you.

(Pause)

Was that OK?

AMANDA

That was just about perfect!

AMANDA

(To PHIL)

Phil, how was it?

PHIL

Hell, I'd buy one.

AMANDA

Me too. *(to PHIL)* Hey, I could really use a drink before I go home. How about joining me?

PHIL

Who's buying?

AMANDA

I am.

PHIL

OK boss.

(PHIL exits)

AMANDA

How about it Miss Keiper, wanna come?

ALEX

Um, I'm 19...

AMANDA

(laughs) I'll buy you a coke.

ALEX

Sure! Oh, just let me go get my stuff.

(ALEX exits. AMANDA looks around the studio. She moves to a light switch on the side of the booth)

AMANDA

(a bittersweet smile) See you tomorrow.

(AMANDA flicks the switch and BLACKOUT)

END OF PLAY