

COLD OPEN

INT. ANN'S HOUSE – NIGHT

Ann opens her front door, revealing Leslie and Ben. Leslie is proudly clutching a DVD with the glee of a 5-year-old who just won her first game of Jenga.

LESLIE

(sing songy) I brought "The Iron Lady"...

ANN

(cringing) Great! Welcome guys, thanks for coming!

Leslie walks into the living room, and Ben swoops in close to a dejected Ann.

BEN

Don't worry. I "accidentally" switched the DVD to the director's cut of "Blade Runner". 116 minutes of sci-fi perfection! (Goes for the high five with Ann, is unrequited).

ANN TALKING HEAD

ANN

It's been way too long since we've done something fun as a group, so I decided to host a movie night! I told everyone to bring a movie of their choice, since all I own are musicals and Netflix banned delivery to

Pawnee after our mailmen formed a countywide bootlegging ring by stealing the DVDs ... Next time we're going bowling.

INT. ANN'S HOUSE – FOYER

April and Andy have arrived.

ANDY

(furiously) Ann! Guess which movie we brought! I'll give you a hint; it won Best Picture last year.

ANN

Oh, that was "The Artist", right?

ANDY

The what?? No way. "Fast Five", dummy!

Andy shakes his head and walks off. April gives Ann a "just go with it" signal.

APRIL TALKING HEAD

APRIL

Andy doesn't actually watch the Oscars, so I always tell him his favorite movie of the year won Best Picture. It's easier than explaining the existence of "The King's Speech".

ANDY TALKING HEAD

ANDY

For tonight, I had trouble deciding between "Fast Five" and the 1993 Academy Award winner for Best Picture, "Cool Runnings".

TOM TALKING HEAD

TOM

Recently, I've been trying to get back to my roots. There's a ton of great Indian cinema out there I never even knew about. So I brought the most acclaimed Indian film in history ... (brandishes DVD) "The Love Guru". Haha, don't worry, that was a joke. It's actually "Temple of Doom".

INT. ANN'S FOYER

Ron has entered Ann's house.

RON

I am here because I was promised a tub of popcorn. Once I finish eating, I will leave.

ANN

Yeah it's fine. We're probably just going to end up watching "Footloose" or something lame anyways ...

The camera zooms into Ron's face. A subtle smile has materialized.

RON

You know, we'll see where the night takes us.

RON TALKING HEAD

RON

Although my first encounter with "Footloose" was guided by some misleading information on the box (camera zooms into "Bacon" on the cover), it turned out to be a powerful tale of triumph against government oppression. The dancing is pretty great, too.

INT. ANN'S LIVING ROOM

The guests have all arrived and are gathered in Ann's cozy parlor.

LESLIE

Donna, what did you bring?

DONNA

(presents DVD with obvious lust) Magic Mike!

CHRIS

(reveals his DVD) Hey, that's what I brought too!

CHRIS TALKING HEAD

CHRIS

(matter of factly) The bodies in that movie are *literally* perfect.

DONNA TALKING HEAD

DONNA

(swooning) The bodies in that movie are *literally* perfect.

INT. ANN'S LIVING ROOM – LATER

Everyone is crowded around the TV, growing restless and argumentative.

APRIL

(with nihilistic joy) I switch my vote to Temple of Doom! They eat monkey brains in it...

ANDY

(shocked) ...Babe!

RON

I've been hearing a lot of support for "Footloose"...

The arguments swell and the commotion rises.

JERRY

(stands up and commands attention) Alright everyone, enough! I don't want to waste this night fighting over what to watch. Now, I'm pretty sure I brought the only movie we can all agree on ... how about "Back to the Future"?

Everyone nods their head and murmurs in agreement. “Yeah, that’s a great movie!” etc.

CHRIS

Nice one, Jerry!

BEN

Yeah, way to go, Jerry!

EVERYONE

(chanting) Jerry, Jerry!

The chanting swells. Jerry, thrilled by this rare victory, reveals his copy of the movie. It’s on VHS.

ANN

Jerry, wait, I don’t have a...

APRIL

No Ann! Let this happen...

Jerry fumbles around with the DVD player and other devices looking for the nonexistent VHS player.

JERRY

I can’t seem to find the ...

TOM

It’s there, Jerry, just keep looking!

Everyone is transfixed as Jerry attempts to play the tape to repeated failure. It’s better than any movie.