

AWARD SHOW

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First Draft

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CAST:

RANDY: exasperated

JOHN: bored

BRYAN: master of ceremonies, plastic and cheery

MIKE: surprised and in awe of his own greatness

AUDIENCE (2 more cast): attentive, atwitter, seated

INT. AWARDS CEREMONY, NIGHT

RANDY and JOHN sit next to each other at a table. BRYAN stands at a podium and silently reads from a list. AUDIENCE watches BRYAN with rapt attention.

RANDY

Man, these self-congratulatory
award ceremonies go longer and
longer each year!

JOHN

I know, right? God, could we just
get to the open **bar** portion of the
evening?

MC

...And the award for Most Likely to
Pull a Flaming Rhinoceros from a
Car Wreck, and Survive, is... Mike
Amaral!

Audience applauds. Mike Amaral steps up and receives his
award from MC.

MIKE

I have dreamt of this moment.

Mike silently blathers on while Randy and John bitch.

RANDY

What the hell kind of award is
that? This company's not even
trying anymore!

JOHN

When did HappyCo **ever** try?

RANDY

I can't take much more of this.

Mike takes his seat.

Structure repeats:

1) MC invents a more ridiculous award, names an audience member as the winner. Award ideas:

Most Convincing Hairpiece

Best Conservation of Coffee Filters

2) Audience member steps up, receives trophy, delivers first line of acceptance speech aloud.

3) Audience member silently continues acceptance speech while Randy gets more fed up with the inanity of the awards, and John threatens to go comatose.

As the **third** award is being accepted:

RANDY (CONT'D)

That's **it**. I've had it! Are you ready to blow this lame-ass pop-stand with me?

JOHN

(startled from a nap)

Huh? What? Yeah, let's get out of here.

Randy and John get up and leave.

MC

And finally: the award for Employee of the Year goes to... It's a tie! Congratulations, Randy Bush and John Ring!!

Audience goes wild, everyone looks around, but Randy and John are nowhere to be found. Applause peters out.

BLACKOUT.