

[SFX IN: WAR A]

[SFX IN: WAR COMMUNICATIONS 3]

[SFX IN: WAR COMMUNICATIONS 2]

[SFX IN: WAR B]

[SFX OUT: WAR A]

[SFX OUT: WAR COMMUNICATIONS 3]

[SFX OUT: WAR COMMUNICATIONS 2]

[SFX OUT: WAR B]

[SFX IN: NATURE PARK]

HERRING: AH, WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY TO GO TO THE PARK, IF ONLY FOR A FEW MINUTES. THE KIDS PLAYING, DOGS RUNNING, THE BIRDS ARE PROBABLY CHIRPING... I WONDER WHAT THOSE SOUND LIKE? 'TIL TECHNOLOGY IMPROVES I GUESS I'LL NEVER KNOW...

[SFX IN: BUZZ]

[SFX OUT: BUZZ]

HERRING: OH. RIGHT, GOTTA HEAD HOME AND FEED RALPHIE.

[SFX IN: WALKING ON DIRT]

HERRING: IS THAT SAM? HEY, IT IS SAMANTHA!

HERRING: HEY SAMMIE!

[SFX OUT: WALKING ON DIRT]

[SFX IN: WALKING ON CONCRETE]

SAMMIE: HEY STEVE! SEE YA AT WORK TOMORROW!

HERRING: SO GLAD SHE KNOWS SIGN LANGUAGE...

HERRING: KEYS, KEYS, WHERE ARE MY – THERE THEY ARE, AND...

[SFX IN: DOOR OPEN]

[SFX OUT: NATURE PARK]

[SFX OUT: DOOR OPEN]

HERRING: OH GOD, PLEASE STOP LICKING MY FACE. YEAH YEAH RALPH I'LL GET YOUR FOOD. LET ME MAKE SOME LUNCH FIRST.

[SFX IN: FOOTSTEPS ON WOOD]

[SFX OUT: FOOTSTEPS ON WOOD]

HERRING: WAS THIS PAPER ALWAYS HERE? I'VE NEVER GOTTEN ANYTHING FROM – WHAT, THE INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND?

STEVEN HERRING,

YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS TO BE ONE OF THE PATIENTS IN OUR OSSICAL AND AURICLE TRANSPLANT EXPERIMENT. DONOR CHRISTIAN SCHRUTON WILL BE PROVIDING THE NECESSARY COMPONENTS FOR YOUR SURGERY.

I DIDN'T VOLUNTEER FOR ANYTHING? IS THIS THING TALKING ABOUT TRANSPLANTING EARS? OH GOD.

THE SURGERY WILL TAKE PLACE IN TWO WEEKS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION,

[SFX IN: FOOTSTEPS ON WOOD]

DOCTOR MICHAEL PRESCOTT

I SWEAR, IF MY WIFE SIGNED ME UP FOR THIS...

[SFX OUT: FOOTSTEPS ON WOOD]

HERRING: VALERIE! YOU KNOW I'M SKEPTICAL OF THIS STUFF. WHY WOULD YOU SIGN ME UP FOR THIS?

WHAT EVEN IS THIS?

VALERIE: I KNOW YOU WORRY ABOUT THIS STUFF, BUT I REALLY THINK THEY CAN HELP YOU.

HERRING: NO WAY! SHE KNOWS NOTHING'S EVER WORKED BEFORE. WHY WOULD IT START WORKING NOW.

VALERIE. THIS ISN'T GOING TO WORK.

VALERIE: CAN WE PLEASE AT LEAST TRY?

HERRING: SHE WANTS ME TO TRY IT? SHE WANTS ME TO GET SOMEONE ELSE'S EARS ON MY HEAD? Y'KNOW WHAT?

[SFX IN: FOOTSTEPS ON WOOD]

FINE. BUT IF IT DOESN'T WORK, DON'T LOOK AT ME.

[SFX OUT: FOOTSTEPS ON WOOD]

[SFX IN: DOOR SLAM]

[SFX OUT: DOOR SLAM]

[SFX IN: HUM]

VALERIE: (IN THE DISTANCE) HE SHOULD HAVE WOKEN UP BY NOW... DR. PRESCOTT? WHAT'S GOING ON?

[SFX IN: METAL RUSTLING]

DOCTOR: UM UM! THIS IS ALL NORMAL AND HE SHOULD BE WAKING UP NOW – SEE LOOK HIS FINGER JUST TWITCHED!

[SFX OUT: METAL RUSTLING]

[SFX IN: FOOTSTEPS]

[SFX OUT: FOOTSTEPS]

VALERIE: STEVEN? STEVEN? CAN YOU HEAR ME?

[SFX IN: BEDSHEETS RUSTLING]

[SFX OUT: BEDSHEETS RUSTLING]

HERRING: \*GROAN\* WAIT- VALERIE? IS THAT YOU? OH MY GOD. IT REALLY IS YOU. IT WORKED. IT WORKED!

VALERIE: OH MY GOODNESS, THANK YOU SO MUCH DR. PRESCOTT.

DOCTOR: ANYTIME MR. AND MRS. HERRING.

VALERIE: YOU'RE A LIFE CHANGER. THANK-

HERRING: LETS GO, LET'S GO! I WANNA HEAR RALPH AND SAM AND THE PARK AND EVERTHING COME ONNNN!

[SFX IN: BEDSHEETS RUSTLING]

[SFX OUT: BEDSHEETS RUSTLING]

[SFX IN: FOOTSTEPS]

[SFX IN: DOOR OPEN]

DOCTOR: MAKE SURE TO SCHEDULE A FOLLOW UP APPOINTMENT.

[SFX OUT: FOOTSTEPS]

HERRING: I WILL!

[SFX OUT: DOOR OPEN]

[SFX OUT: HUM]

[SFX IN: CRICKETS]

[SFX IN: CHILDREN PARK]

[SFX IN: WALKING PARKING LOT]

HERRING: EVERYTHING SOUNDS SO CLEAR AND CRISP, IT'S LIKE IT WAS UNDERWATER BEFORE, BUT NOW IT'S SO WONDERFUL...

VALERIE: I TOLD YOU IT WOULD WORK HONEY. SEE? LOOK HOW HAPPY YOU ARE NOW!

[SFX IN: WAR COMMUNICATIONS]

[SFX IN: RINGING]

[SFX OUT: WAR COMMUNICATIONS]

HERRING: WAIT, DID YOU HEAR THAT?

[SFX OUT: RINGING]

VALERIE: HEAR WHAT? EVERYTHING? \*LAUGH\* YES, YES I DID.

[SFX OUT: CHILDREN PARK]

HERRING: MUST BE MY IMAGINATION...

[SFX OUT: WALKING PARKING LOT]

[SFX IN: KEYS JINGLE]

[SFX IN: DOOR OPEN]

[SFX IN: WOOD FOOTSTEPS]

HERRING: I THINK I'M GONNA GET SOME SLEEP, ALL THIS HEARING SURE IS MAKING ME EXHAUSTED.

VALERIE: HAHA, THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE. GOODNIGHT STEVEN, I'LL BE IN BED IN AN HOUR OR SO. WORK IS BEING AWFUL.

[SFX IN: DOOR OPEN CLOSE]

HERRING: GOODNIGHT VALERIE, ILL SEE YOU TOMORROW.

[SFX OUT: DOOR OPEN CLOSE]

[SFX IN: FAN]

[SFX OUT: CRICKETS]

HERRING: I'D BRUSH MY TEETH BUT I'M SO BEYOND CARING...

[SFX OUT: FOOTSTEPS WOOD]

[SFX IN: BEDSHEETS RUSTLING]

AH, A COMFY BED. THAT JOY HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL.

[SFX IN: EXPLOSION]

[SFX IN: EXPLOSION PT 2]

[SFX IN: RINGING]

[SFX OUT: EXPLOSION]

HERRING: WHOA! WHAT? OHMYGOD. WHAT WAS THAT? WHAT WAS THAT?

[SFX OUT: EXPLOSION PT 2]

[SFX OUT: RINGING]

[SFX IN: DOOR OPEN]

[SFX OUT: DOOR OPEN]

VALERIE: STEVEN! ARE YOU OKAY? WHAT'S GOING ON?

HERRING: OH UM, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, I THINK MY EARS ARE JUST  
OVERWHELMED...

VALERIE: IM SURE THAT WILL GO AWAY WITH TIME... ARE YOU GOING TO BE  
OKAY?

HERRING: YEAH, I THINK I'LL BE FINE. GOODNIGHT...

VALERIE: GOODNIGHT STEVEN.

[SFX IN: DOOR CLOSE]

[SFX OUT: DOOR CLOSE]

[SFX OUT: FAN]

[SFX IN: COFFEE MAKER]

[SFX IN: KITCHEN KNIFE]

HERRING: AH, A PEACEFUL FRIDAY MORNING. JUST WHAT I NEEDED.

[SFX IN: RINGING]

[SFX IN: GUNSHOT]

[SFX IN: KNIFE DROP]

[SFX OUT: GUNSHOT]

[SFX OUT: KNIFE DROP]

HERRING: I JUST WANTED TO CUT SOME DAMN APPLES FOR BREAKFAST, BUT I  
CAN'T EVEN DO THAT!

[SFX OUT: RINGING]

HERRING: WILL THESE SOUNDS EVER GO AWAY? GOD, IT'S BEEN HAPPENING  
FOR WEEKS. I DON'T THINK THEY'RE REAL.

HEY VALERIE? WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THAT DOCTOR AGAIN?

VALERIE: MICHAEL PRESCOTT. WHY? DO YOU WANT TO CALL HIM ABOUT THIS  
STUFF?

HERRING: YEAH.

[SFX IN: WOOD FOOTSTEPS]

VALERIE: HERE, I HAVE HIS NUMBER ON SPEED DIAL. JUST IN CASE.

[SFX OUT: WOOD FOOTSTEPS]

[SFX IN: OUTGOING CALL]

[SFX OUT: OUTGOING CALL]

[SFX IN: DISCONNECTED]

[SFX OUT: DISCONNECTED]

HERRING: IT DIDN'T GO THROUGH. IT SAID IT DIDN'T EXIST... DID HE JUST  
LEAVE?

VALERIE: HOLD ON, LET ME CHECK SOMETHING...

[SFX IN: WAR A]

HERRING: AHHH! MAKE IT STOP! GOD, WAS THIS EVEN A LEGAL DEAL?

[SFX IN: BARK]

[SFX OUT: BARK]

[SFX OUT: WAR A]

HERRING: OH THANK GOD RALPHIE.

VALERIE: UM, STEVE?

HERRING: YEAH?

VALERIE: I CAN'T FIND THE DOCTOR'S NAME ANYWHERE ONLINE. AND UM, THE  
DONOR THAT UM, THAT GAVE YOU YOUR EARS? THE DOCTOR NEVER TOLD ME  
HE WAS A WAR VETERAN...

HERRING: ARE YOU SERIOUS? AND YOU DIDN'T BOTHER TO ASK?!

VALERIE: NO, I'M SORRY, I SHOULD'VE, PLEASE DON'T BE MAD... MAYBE WE  
CAN FIX THIS?



HERRING: THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT! IF YOU HADN'T CONVINCED ME TO GET THIS SURGERY... WE CAN'T FIX THIS! THE DOCTOR ISN'T EVEN HERE ANY MORE! HE WAS BASICALLY NONEXISTENT!

[SFX IN: RINGING]

AHH!

[SFX IN: WAR SCENE]

HERRING: IT'S NOT GOING AWAY THIS TIME, IT'S NOT GOING AWAY!

VALERIE: PLEASE CALM DOWN STEVEN... THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING-

HERRING: NO! SHUT UP! SHUT UP! EVERYTHING JUST SHUT UP!

VALERIE: SHH, THE NEIGHBORS ARE GONNA HEAR-

HERRING: NO! THIS IS YOUR FAULT! YOUR FAULT!

[SFX IN: KNIFE]

[SFX OUT: KNIFE]

VALERIE: I'M SORRY! WE CAN FIGURE THIS OUT! PLEASE PUT THAT DOWN...

[SFX IN: WOOD FOOTSTEPS]

[SFX OUT: WOOD FOOTSTEPS]

HERRING: NO, THERE'S NO WE. NOT ANYMORE.

[SFX IN: SCREAM]

[ALL SOUND EFFECTS FADE OUT]