

Dry-er Sheets

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INT. MY DAD'S BASEMENT - DAY

Monique loads the dryer and turns it on. It produces the most awful screeching.

MONIQUE
(covering ears)
Oh my goodness. Those are simply the most awful sounds.

She gets to the counter and is able to unmuff her ears long enough to leaf through her purse.

MONIQUE (cont'd)
Oh, I don't have enough money for a new dryer. What ever will I do?
(noticing flier on counter)
What's this? The bank is offering a new dryer to anyone opening a new account? Today only? I've got to be off.

Monique exits.

We focus on the dryer as the sound becomes more drone-y.

INT. MY DAD'S BASEMENT - DAY

MONIQUE
(on phone)
No Anna, I just need a little bit of help.

No, I told you, I'm clean now.

Well, no, I spent that.

I opened an account at the bank and they required a minimum deposit of one hundred dollars.

It was a promotional offer.

I needed a new dryer. This one is making sounds that you would not believe.

DRYER
Kill the whole family.

MONIQUE
No, mom won't give me the money.
Please Anna, I'm -

Doorbell rings.

MONIQUE (cont'd)
(on phone)
Oh, that must be the new dryer now.
I've got to go. Alright. Yes. Okay,
bye.

Monique answers the door. Alvin the delivery man enters.

ALVIN
(Italian accent)
You the one who ordered the new
dryer?

MONIQUE
Yes, that's me.

ALVIN
We uh got a little bit of an issue.

MONIQUE
What? What is it?

ALVIN
Well you see this door here is too
narrow to fit any kinda dryer or
really any complimentary-bank
appliance through.

MONIQUE
The fire escape. It's more than broad
enough.

ALVIN
Not up to code.

MONIQUE
Please please please! You simply must
be able take it out of here. It makes
the most awful sounds.

DRYER
Kill him.

ALVIN
Oh. I see. You're one of them crazy
types.

(MORE)

ALVIN (cont'd)
 (undoing belt/pants)
 My cousin Tony told me how to take
 care youse.
 (bearing down)
 You got a bedroom?

MONIQUE
 No, stop, NO!

ALVIN
 Come on baby, I'll screw it right out
 of you. Free 'a charge.

MONIQUE
 OUT! GET OUT OF HERE! GET OUT!

Monique frees herself, coincidentally shoving Alvin toward
 and into the dryer, spraying her with blood.

MONIQUE (cont'd)
 (embracing dryer)
 You, you saved me.

Dryer continues screeching.

INT. MY DAD'S BASEMENT - DAY

Monique shares some drinks with her friend Isabelle.

ISABELLE
 Man that dryer is loud.

MONIQUE
 Yeah, It's the only one I got though.

ISABELLE
 Do you want to get a new one? I know
 your life has recently been turned
 around and that you are pretty flush
 with cash.

MONIQUE
 I love that old dryer.

ISABELLE
 Yes, but Monique...

MONIQUE
 I suppose it is getting old. Really
 only has two settings now. Incredibly
 hot or no heat at all.
 (MORE)

MONIQUE (cont'd)

I don't know that I'm flush enough to afford a new dryer though.

ISABELLE

What do you mean?

MONIQUE

They cost a few hundred dollars, and that would nearly drain my entire savings account.

ISABELLE

Oh... Well there's got to be a way to earn a few hundred dollars really fast.

MONIQUE

How?

ISABELLE

We could put on a play, and sell tickets!

MONIQUE

Really?

ISABELLE

Yes!

MONIQUE

Wouldn't we need to rent a stage?

ISABELLE

No! We can put it on here. We'll make the whole thing a play about how you need a new dryer.

MONIQUE

I'm sure people can relate to that!

ISABELLE

Well, what are you waiting for? Let's go.

Isabelle and Monique rush out of the apartment.

Monique comes back in to grab her forgotten keys and hears a single screech from the dryer.

MONIQUE

Oh, don't worry dryer.

DRYER

Kill her.

MONIQUE

Don't talk like that dryer. We'll still take good care of you. Send to a farm where you can run and chase chickens around all day.

Dryer is silent.

Monique has a difficult time leaving without closure, but eventually does.

Everything becomes red as dryer makes ominous grinding sounds.

INT. MY "BEDROOM" IN MY DAD'S BASEMENT - NIGHT

Isabelle does Monique's makeup.

MONIQUE

I don't know about this Isabelle, there's a lot of people out there.

INT. MY DAD'S BASEMENT - NIGHT

Maybe eight or so people showed up.

INT. MY "BEDROOM" IN MY DAD'S BASEMENT - NIGHT

ISABELLE

Don't worry about it Monique. You're gonna do great.

MONIQUE

Okay, okay. And you're sure it was a good idea to make the ticket prices donation based?

ISABELLE

I'm sure we'll make enough money Monique. Just let me worry about that.

MONIQUE

Okay, okay.

ISABELLE

Game face?

MONIQUE
Game face. I got this.
(into mirror)
You are a star. An absolute star.

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*Why I need a dry-er,
just a little dry-er,
How I need a dry-er,
Just a few hundred dollars for a dry-er,*

If only I could afford a dryer. Then I'd fucking be somebody.

What's this? One free dryer to anyone willing to open a bank account? You mean I'm going to get a dryer today?

*I'm gonna get a dry-er,
A great big strong dry-er,
To dry all, my worries, away...*

Monique grabs her purse and exits stage left. Curtain falls.

Curtain rises. Monique is standing there with Isabelle dressed as Alvin the delivery man.

ALVIN
I'm here to install your new dryer, but it won't fit through the door.

MONIQUE
Please! I simply must have a new dryer!

ALVIN

Well maybe I could rape you and then
not install your dryer at all.

MONIQUE

Oh, maybe... Could you check inside
it first though? I think I left some
slim jim's and warm ice house beer in
there.

ALVIN

Warm Ice House Beer?

Alvin (Isabelle) goes head-first into the dryer and is
immediately spun to pieces, flinging blood and guts
everywhere as dryer makes deep guttural laughs similar to
Jabba the Hut, one of the galaxies most powerful gangsters.

MONIQUE

Run for your lives! Go Go Go.

Monique closes the door behind the evacuating audience.

MONIQUE (cont'd)

(curling up to dryer)

Now I have a dryer.

DRYER

A great big strong dry-er.

MONIQUE

Oh dryer.

DRYER

Oh Monique.

Dryer coughs a few very concerning sounding coughs.

MONIQUE

Dryer?

(unresponsive to
shakes)

Dryer?

*Now I need a dry-er,
Just a little dry-er...*