

**BRUCE ALMIGHTY**

**INT. NEWSROOM**

Bruce heads out as The Eyewitness News opening plays on several monitors. Susan Ortega opens.

**SUSAN**

Good evening and welcome to Eyewitness News at six. I'm Susan Ortega.

**EVAN**

And I'm Evan Baxter. And here's what's making news...

This stops Bruce. He watches Evan on a newsroom monitor. A devilish smile forms on Bruce's face.

**EVAN**

A potential scandal with the Buffalo P.D. surfaced today when...

Evan's voice suddenly becomes HIGH PITCHED, like a girl's.

**EVAN**

(falsetto)

...the mayor demanded that the Chief of Police issue...

(clears his throat)

...Uh-hum, that the Chief of Police...

Evan tries to clear his throat again, but his voice remains HIGH PITCHED.

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**EVAN**

(falsetto)

...the Chief of Police issue a response over allegations made b. . .

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**INT. JACK'S OFFICE - SAME TIME**

**JACK**

What the hell is that?  
Evan is starting to visibly sweat.

**EVAN**

(falsetto)

I'm sorry. There seems to be something.

Evan shoots Susan a look to cover for him. Susan tries to cover with a joke.

**SUSAN**

Looks like my new co-anchor may need a glass of water.

She laughs, Evan laughs in a RIDICULOUS HIGH PITCHED GIRLY LAUGH that makes it even worse. He slips the water and

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voice returns.

**EVAN**

Ah, there we go. Sorry about that.  
The Prime Minister of Sweden  
visited Washington today as my  
little tiny nipples moved to France-  
Evan stops cold, staring at the teleprompter.

**INT. TV STUDIO - CONTINUOUS**

The Director in the booth reacts.

**DIRECTOR**

What did he just say? Check the  
prompter.

The Console Operator checks the text being fed to Evan.

**CONSOLE OPERATOR**

It's fine.

**DIRECTOR**

Well, signal for him to keep going.

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-^ The Stage Manager motions to Evan, he reluctantly continues  
/ reading.

**INTERCUT TV STUDIO AND NEWSROOM MONITOR**

**EVAN**

The White House reception committee  
greeted the Prime Rib Roast  
Minister and I do the cha cha like  
a sissy girl...

(urged to keep going, so  
continues slowly)

I lika do da cha cha...

In desperation, Evan shifts from the prompter to the paper  
script on his desk.

**EVAN**

Sorry, we're having a few technical  
difficulties, here...

(reading)

In other n-n-n-n....n-n-n-n...

Evan's NOSE STARTS BLEEDING. A sudden stream out of one  
nostril. Susan reacts. So does Jack. Bruce smiles.  
, Evan sees the blood, tries to stop it but it only streams  
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faster. He keeps talking, but the stream increases. Susan  
gets up, tries to help.

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