

Channel 51 newscast

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Synopsis: Steve is a News Reporter that always cracks a pun. Steven is a meteorologist that is annoyed by Steve's puns and doesn't want his paycheck cut. Together, they make the perfect comedy duo for a news station.

Characters:

Steve (News Reporter): Julian Dominguez

Steven (Meteorologist): Alexander Mata

## SCENE 1

**STEVE:** (*prepares his voice and fixes his tie, sits up straight. Delivers proudly*) Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to today's 4 o'clock news on channel 51. Here, we'll be discussing national politics, more protesting and, of course, (*emphasizes*) The government shutdown. [*Laughs loudly and throws paper*] Nah. Who cares about that stuff! [*somewhat surprised*] Oh [*looks over "camera"*] My time's up? Oh. Alright then. [*looks back at camera and regains his news forecasting voice*] Well folks, it's time for Steven to give you the weather forecast. [*smiles widely*] Make sure that the wild weather doesn't blow you away. Hold on to your hats because you're going on a wild ride down the weather train. Make sure-

**STEVEN:** Steve, that was one of your worst puns ever. (*sighs*) Anyway folks, today we are having an extreme cold front with thunderstorms and tornadoes you've never seen before. Its literally going to rip your house apart... [*Looks to his left and right nervously*] So yeah, stay safe. Also, the cold front is going to have some snow storms that will happen up north which will be at least 6 feet of snow. I mean (*starts raging*) How the heck can we have so much bad weather on a Tuesday?! I guess I'll just bring it back to Steve.

**STEVE:** [*Is standing in the middle of the stage, "microphone" in hand; also says in a serious voice*] Ladies and Gentlemen, we have breaking news. That cold front that Steven was talking about... It wasn't just a cold front.

**STEVEN:** I said that there was also a couple of tornadoes. Were you listening?

**STEVE:** No, Steven. I was not. I was rushed over at the *(emphasizes)* speed of light- *(laughs)* Get it? *(loses laughter)* Because I went so fast... No... ok. *(coughs)* Well, back to the news. We are right outside of Steven's house. *(gestures to Steven's house)* There is a category 5 tornado forming right over there. *(points right next to STEVEN's house and STEVEN starts panicking in the background on STAGE LEFT).* *[laughs and smiles]* Here's one... What's a tornado's favorite game? *[smiles]* TWISTER!

**STEVEN:** What the heck?! I need to get there fast and stop it with my meteorologist powers before I have nowhere to live and I won't be able to live the life I always wanted! *[Starts Crying and gets on his knees]*

**STEVE:** Anyway, we have more important things to cover. The Instagram viral egg picture just reached 27 million likes.

**STEVEN:** That egg on Instagram reached that many likes? I need learn the secret talent of this egg, and I can't get out to save my house or I will have to have my paycheck cut!

**STEVE:** *(return to professional voice)* Anyway, we'll be heading over to New York city on our private jet. Stay tuned for more exciting information in the big apple. We'll be right back.

*[STEVEN yells 'cut' offstage to indicate a scene change]*

## **SCENE 2**

**STEVE:** *(sighs of relief)* Phew. This job is getting harder and harder every day.

**STEVEN:** [Deep sadness] I know, ever since my wife left me, it has been horrendous!

**STEVE:** *(says with passion [sadness])* Wow Steven. I didn't know that. We should have more of these off-camera conversations more often.

*[huge explosion]*

**STEVEN:** Woah! What was that?!

**STEVE:** Let's go find out.

*[STEVE and STEVEN go outside]*

**STEVE:** You know, this reminds me of some random joke.

**STEVEN:** Not again

**STEVE:** How do trees get on the internet?

**STEVEN:** No...

**STEVE:** They log in? Get it? Haha!

**STEVEN:** I probably am going to die first from your jokes before anyone that could have got hurt at that bang.

**STEVE:** *[stomps feet and crosses arms, speaks like a little kid]* you never give respect for my jokes.

**STEVEN:** Anyway, let's go check it out!

### **SCENE 3**

*[STEVE and STEVEN reach the city]*

**STEVE:** (gasps) Are-you-serious? (*breathes heavily*) We ran all this way just to see a guy wearing an oversized garbage bag?

**STEVEN:** Uhh... I think he just blew up that building.

**STEVE:** [*suddenly nervous*] If we die today, I just want you to know... I knew that my jokes were always horrible. I just tried to make myself funny.

**STEVEN:** I knew that all along.

**STEVE:** Geez! I'm trying to give a sincere speech here and you just blow it all up?! Get it- blow it all up?

**STEVEN:** It's not like we're going to die.

**STEVE:** A guy just (*loudly*) blew up a building

**STEVEN:** [*checks invisible watch*] Our break's over. Let's make a report.

[STEVEN gets set up for a news report]

**STEVEN:** Ladies and gentlemen, we have breaking news. A man has miserably tried to show talent in the city but failed horribly by exploding a building.

**STEVE:** Hey! That's my line. Alright then. Today in the city, you may see showers of rubble from the buildings. There's also a slight chance of rain, most likely made out of [looks at shirt] (*screams*) FIRE!!! [*pats it down*]

**STEVEN:** Maybe this job isn't that bad... [laughs at STEVE]

**STEVE:** *PHEW!* I almost died. Where were we?

**STEVEN:** Before you walk outside today, make sure you check the area around you. Stay safe.  
That's all for today's news report on Channel 51.

[‘cut’ in the background]

**STEVE:** That news report wasn't that bad! I mean, it could've been worse.

**STEVEN:** Yeah, and I didn't even have to hear one of your jokes again.

**STEVE:** Look at the mess though. Should we call the cops?

**STEVEN:** Probably.

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