

SCRIPT TITLE

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FADE IN:

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

A couple sits on the couch in their living room. They are Dante(30s) and Kimmie(30s).

DANTE

Snooze.

Kimmie pauses the movie.

KIMMIE

Are you trying to ruin this for me?

DANTE

No. If anything I'm trying to keep this movie from ruining you.

KIMMIE

Alright, since we can't agree on what to watch.

Kimmie turns the television off.

KIMMIE (CONT'D)

Lets just talk to each other instead.

The two sit awkwardly together in silence for a very long time.

DANTE

I think I can find something we both like.

KIMMIE

Im willing to watch anything if it keeps us from having a real conversation.

DANTE

Agreed.

KIMMIE

Thats why I love you.

DANTE

I love you too.

The two share a kiss and a sweet moment. Dante snatches up the remote as they both get comfortable.

DANTE (CONT'D)

Okay, lets see. We can't chill with anything on Netflix.

KIMMIE

Nope.

DANTE

We're maxed out on HBO.

KIMMIE

Yup.

DANTE

Amazon is passed its prime.

KIMMIE

Another pun.

DANTE

More like Disney minus.

KIMMIE

Sure.

DANTE

We don't have Hulu.

KIMMIE

Who does? Wait, whats the Depave Comedy Garden?

Dante reads the caption.

DANTE

A comedy fundraiser to support the efforts of Depave: a Portland based nonprofit. Depave works to empower disenfranchised communities to overcome social and environmental injustices and adapt to climate change through urban re-greening.

KIMMIE

Wow. How about the Depave Comedy Garden?

DANTE

Hard pass.

KIMMIE

Remember, it's either this or having a meaningful conversation.

DANTE
Depave Comedy Garden it is.

KIMMIE
And it's for a good cause. The
environment.

DANTE
Ah, the good o' environment it's
always there when you need it.

Kimie presses play.

CUT TO:

INT. COMEDY SHOW - PRERECORDED

Two Host stand on stage they are Steve Dukes and Sonya Davis.

SONYA
...sadly the environment may not be
there when we need it.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - PRESENT

DANTE
What? Wait. What? Go back. Play it
from the beginning.

Kimie rewinds to the beginning of the show.

CUT TO:

INT. COMEDY SHOW - PRERECORDED

The stage is set for a comedy show. An announcers voice booms
in.

VO
Lady's and gentlemen, Steve Dukes
and Sonya Davis.

The Hosts take the stage. They are Steve Dukes and Sonya
Davis. The audience applause. The Hosts start their
monologue.

STEVE
I'm Steve Dukes.

SONYA
And I'm Sonya Davis and welcome The
2021 Depave Comedy Garden.

Hold for applause.

STEVE
First of all, thank you for being
with us this evening for The Depave
Comedy Garden. This is both a
celebration of Depave and it's
accomplishments in the Portland
community and a show of
appreciation to all those who give
generously of their time or money
to Depave.

SONYA
So for those of you who haven't
heard of Depave. The mission is
simple.
To transform over-paved areas into
resilient community green spaces.

STEVE

To promote workforce development
and education.

SONYA
To advocate for policy changes that
undo manifestations of systemic
racism.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Dante and Kimmie continue watching the presentation.

DANTE
That does not sound like a simple
mission. Sounds like mission
impossible.

KIMMIE
More like Mission Impaveable.

DANTE

Ha.

CUT TO:

INT. PRERECORDED SHOW - NIGHT

Steve and Sonya proceed with the presentation.

STEVE

So Why Depave?

SONY

Good question. Impervious surfaces such as Pavement and asphalt prevent rainwater from entering the soil and instead divert it to nearby waterways. This ain't good.

STEVE

Along the way, the rainwater carries pollutants like oil, antifreeze, plastics, pesticides, and heavy metals from the roads into local streams and rivers.

INSERT CUTE RIVER OTTER PICTURE

STEVE (CONT'D)

The run off is devastating to riparian habitat and pollutes local waterways. Local water ways supply the drinking water used to mix gatorade and thats the reason the Portland Trail Blazers didn't make it passed the second round.

SONYA

In places like Portland, Oregon, which uses combined sewer overflows, the high volume of stormwater runoff forces untreated sewage into the rivers ; and I don't know about you guys but I am tired of swimming in untreated sewage. I's gross.

SONYA (CONT'D)

When have you swam in untreated sewage?

STEVE

I have a life outside our house.

SONYA

No you don't.

STEVE

Just keep going.

SONYA

Another reason to Depave is that pavement gets hot. Pavement increases the summertime temperatures in cities and suburbs. This increase in temperature is called the "heat island effect" The heat island effect which is not a sexy reality show increases temperatures in urban areas by about 10 degrees (F) higher than surrounding rural areas.

SONYA (CONT'D)

The elevated temperatures, combined with exhaust, contribute to the formation of ground-level ozone - the main constituent of smog. Another constituent of smog

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Dante and Kimmie sit on the couch.

KIMMIE

You know what else is a constituent of smog?

DANTE

Is it me?

KIMMIE

You.

DANTE

Watch the show.

(MORE)

DANTE (CONT'D)

(CONT'D)

SONYA

In summer 2021, Portland International Airport recorded a record high temperature of 115 degrees. Many people were without essential supplies and over 100 Portlanders even lost their lives.

STEVE

Historically redlined and low-income neighborhoods are the most vulnerable to the negative impacts of climate change. These areas are disproportionately communities of color and most often paved environments severely lacking in green infrastructure. So why Depave?

SONYA

Because sadly the environment may not be there when we need it.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Dante and Kimmie sit watching the show.

DANTE

So why Depave?

O.S.

Because sadly the environment may not be there when we need it.

DANTE AND KIMMIE

Oh!

CUT TO:

INT. PRERECORDED SHOW - NIGHT

Steve and Sonya continue.

STEVE

To say thank you to our
constituents who have given up
their time and money to help their
community breathe a little better
and feel a little cooler lets get
to some comedy.
Intro comedian:

CUT TO:

COMEDIAN SET (15 MIN)

CUT TO:

DEPAVE INTERVIEW FOOTAGE.

CUT TO:

EXT. DEPAVE SITE - DAY

A flower sits in the interview seat. This is Rosie o' Daisy.

ROSIE

I'm indigenous. Born in Portland.
Im so grateful to have an
organization like Depave that
supports me and my community. My
Dream for Depave is for it to go
world wide. I hope it spreads like
wildfire.

(beat)

I'm sorry thats probably offensive.
I don't mean any disrespect to
anyone effected by wild fires. I
have two roommates who both lost
their homes because of climate
change. It is devastating.

CUT TO:

INT. ROSIE'S APARTMENT - DAY

Rosie enters the small apartment. She throws her keys on the coffee table, grabs a beer from the fridge and flops down on the couch. A snail slowly creeps up the side of the couch. This is Cedar.

CEDAR

Rosie. What's poppin?

ROSIE

Oh, hey Cedar. Just tryin to unwind.

CEDAR

Did you have a day?

ROSIE

I had a day.

CEDAR

Tell ya boy what happened?

ROSIE

I did an interview for Depave and I might have said something offensive. I just hope I don't get plucked.

CEDAR

Oh no! Why would you say that? Who would pluck you?

ROSIE

Well I brought up wild fires so anyone effected by wild fires could be offended. Like, you.

CEDAR

If I get offended by something you say you don't have to worry I'm not going to pluck you. I'm not unreasonable. Besides you're entitled to your opinion, and blah blah blah.

ROSIE

Thank you.

CEDAR

No problem. What did you say anyway?

ROSIE
I said, I hope Depave spreads like
wild fire.

CEDAR
Thats just stupid.

ROSIE
I know. I know.

CEDAR
Welp, don't tell Fred he'll never
shut up about it. He is definitely
unreasonable.

Just then a frog enters. This is Fred.

FRED
Whose, unreasonable?

ROSIE
Hey Fred. We were just talking
about..

CEDAR
Don't tell him.

FRED
Tell me what?

CEDAR
Nothing Fred. Just forget about it.

FRED
Well, Why don't you want me to
know?

CEDAR
Because you're unreasonable. You
always want to debate and we're
just having a friendly talk.

FRED
I don't always want to Debate. I
can talk friendly too. How are we
supposed to live together if we
can't have an open dialogue? Now
who's being unreasonable?

ROSIE
Okay.

CEDAR
Don't tell him.

FRED
Don't be a hypocrite.

CEDAR
Fine. Go for it.

ROSIE
I said, I hope Depave spreads like
wild fire in an interview to
promote environmental awareness.

Fred is stunned.

FRED
You've just made a powerful enemy.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Dante and Kimmie are watching the show.

DANTE
What am I watching?

KIMMIE
I love it.

CUT TO:

INT. PRERECORDED SHOW - NIGHT

The next comedian is being introduced.

STEVE
This comedian...

Comedian (12 min set)

INT. PRERECORDED SHOW - NIGHT

Steve Dukes and Sonya introduce the next comic.

STEVE

Before we introduce our final comedian we want to take a few minutes to elaborate on the question; why Depave?

SONYA

To do that we are going to play a little game called Punchline.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Dante and Kimmie react to the program.

DANTE

This is the perfect time to go to the bathroom.

KIMMIE

The part when they explain the whole reason they exist in the first place, thats the perfect time to go to the bathroom?

DANTE

You can either pause it or just give me the recap when I get back.

KIMMIE

Whatever.

DANTE

Take lots of notes.

Dante jumps up to leave. Kimmie takes out her phone and goes down a rabbit hole.

STEVE O.C.

There are eight benefits of urban vegetation they are listed on the Depave website, Depave.org. We are taking those 8 benefits and we are going to play a game called Punchline.

Kimmie googles Depave.

CUT TO:

INT. PRERECORDED SHOW - NIGHT

Steve and Sonya play Punchline.

SONYA

This is how we play Punchline. It's a two person game so feel free to play later with your mom or someone waiting in the line outside Trader Joes with you. One person gives a set up and the other person lands the punchline. For example, Steve would you like to play punchline.

STEVE

You damn right I would.

SONYA

Great I'll set you up and you knock em down.

STEVE

Go for it.

SONYA

Mayonnaise is a far better treat than I expected.

STEVE

So I put a bunch in the bathtub and left momma in there through the weekend.

SONYA

Just like that.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Kimmie is looking at the Why Depave menu.

STEVE O.C.

Okay, so we each get four set ups. All benefits of urban vegetation from depave.org. You're first. You ready?

SONYA O.C.

Ready.

CUT TO:

INT. PRERECORDED SHOW - NIGHT

Steve and Sonya play Punchline.

STEVE

Cooling of homes and offices by shading the sun's rays and the protection against harsh winds.

SONYA

And thank god I don't have to keep wearing my bikini at the office.

STEVE

Ambient cooling from evapotranspiration of rain on the leaves.

SONYA

Reducing the urine smell by 40 percent. Thanks Depave.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Kimmie scrolls through the Depave site. She highlights "Heat Island Effect"(or types Heat island into Google).

STEVE O.C.

Aesthetic enhancement to areas and psychosocial benefits associated with greenery.

SONYA O.C.

I got a new attitude. My flowerbeds got a new attitude. My vegetable gardens got a new attitude.

Kimmie scrolls through an article.

STEVE O.C.

Alright, Settle down. Enhancing air quality by removing particulate pollutants and carbon dioxide from the air while producing oxygen.

CUT TO:

INT. PRERECORDED SHOW - NIGHT

Sonya answers the set up.

SONYA
Im high off life. I blow through
O2.

STEVE
Okay. My turn.

SONYA
You ready?

STEVE
Ready.

SONYA
Visual privacy and reduction of
noise from the street.

STEVE
So naked parties in my yard are
neither seen nor heard by the
general public.

SONYA
Traffic calming when trees are
planted along urban streets.

STEVE
Reducing road rage enough for me to
get through Burgerville drive
through.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Kimie scrolls through another article about heat island.

SONYA O.C.
Restoration of local habitat for
birds, insects and other wildlife.

STEVE O.C.
My back yard is an ecosystem, I am
a apex predator and thats why I
keep pissing in the neighbors
bushes.

SONYA O.C.
Thats the reason huh?

STEVE O.C.
Yup.

Kimmie begins typing heat island into google one last time. As she types "Hot Islander" displays as one of the suggestions. She hesitates for a second and then clicks on it.

CUT TO:

INT. PRERECORDED SHOW - NIGHT

Sonya gives the final set up.

SONYA

Okay last one. If the previously-paved land is used for farming, this provides food and nutrition for local residents.

STEVE O.C.

Im growing all this weed in my backyard for nutritional reasons.

SONYA

And thats Punchline ladies and gentlemen.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Kimmie is looking at pictures of Hot islanders. Dante walks in.

DANTE

That does not look like notes about Depave.

CUT TO:

INT. PRERECORDED SHOW - NIGHT

Steve introduces the last comedian.

STEVE

Coming to the stage next...

COMEDIAN SET 1-15 COMEDY SET

CUT TO:

INT. PRERECORDED SHOW - NIGHT

Steve Sonya and the comedian give a farewell.

STEVE

Thats it for this years Comedy garden. We want to give a big thank you to our guests tonight Jake Silberman, Jeron George and Tori Ward.

SONYA

Thank you to our donors, volunteers, sponsors and everyone responsible for making Depave possible.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Dante and Kimmie watch the rest of the show.

STEVE O.C.

Have a wonderful night everyone.

The ending music plays as Dante cuts off the T.v.

KIMMIE

That didn't completely suck.

DANTE

It didn't. I think I laughed like four times. No five. No six. Okay I think Im gonna go to bed.

KIMMIE

I'll be in, in a second.

DANTE

Okay

Dante leaves the room. After Dante leaves Kimmie picks up her phone again. She reopens the Hot islander page. Kimmie closes the page and goes back to the Depave website she clicks on the volunteer tab.

FADE OUT.

