



## STORMPROOFERS, Unlimited - 1 "Relationship Tornadoes"

### PRODUCTION NOTES

Storms of epic proportions are threatening our main character. Fortunately, a saleslady from StormProofers Unlimited has the answer!

#### Characters and Props:

Narrator - Rayna Shine, a Weather Channel reporter, dressed appropriately for inclement weather

Kelly - with phone

Saleslady for StormProofers, Unlimited - with a rolling suitcase containing all necessary "props": Grace Glasses and Lip Balm

### SCRIPT

**Narrator:** (*finger on ear, listening*) Thanks, Bill. This is Rayna Shine reporting live from Plano, Texas where the citizens are already preparing for the possibility of multiple relationship tornadoes in the near future. As you can see, the winds and debris are already whipping around me, the sirens have been going off and on most of the day, and possible but unconfirmed touchdowns have already been reported in outlying areas by our weather watchers. Bill, conditions are right for this tornado to be the **"doozy of all doozies!"** Precautions must be taken. Widespread destruction is expected from swirling accusations, judgmental winds, strong gusts of angry outbursts and gale-force resentment This could be an F4 or F5 storm, Bill. (*finger on ear, listening*) I'll keep you posted on any further changes.

**Kelly:** (*on phone, obviously having a heated discussion*) What?!! How could you even think such a thing? They said what???! That's just not true. What?? (*pacing, etc.*) No--uh-uh! What does Aunt May have to do with this? I can't believe you--you're just stirring up trouble! And I guess the whole family is discussing this behind my back? This is going to ruin our family reunion. I hope you know that. I don't want to talk to any of you!

(*doorbell rings*)

**Kelly:** Oh, somebody's at the door. I've gotta go--but we're not finished here. I'll call you back and you'd better not be "in a meeting!" Bye!

**Kelly:** (*opens door*) Can I help you?

**Saleslady:** Well, I believe I can help you. According to my up-to-date-always-accurate StormProofer Weather App, a severe relationship tornado has been forecast for this area. I know you’ve heard the sirens.

**Kelly:** Yes, and...

**Saleslady:** It’s your lucky day. I happen to have just what you need to protect your home from this disaster. These kinds of tornados can cause irreparable damage! You must take the warnings seriously and take proper precautions.

**Kelly:** That sounds good, but you’re a little late. Honestly, I’ve already suffered some of the tornado’s damaging effects. As a matter of fact, my feelings were badly hurt about five minutes ago. This storm has put me on the offensive, and I’m prepared to fight back and do some damage of my own.

**Saleslady:** Okay, I feel your pain. But I’m not sure this tornado will weaken if you retaliate. Most likely, you will see the winds strengthen and become even more devastating.

**Kelly:** Well, do you have a suggestion?

**Saleslady:** I’m glad you asked. I actually have two powerful products to help de-escalate relationship tornados just like the one you find yourself facing right now.

**Kelly:** Oh, this escalator is headed up, sister!! I’m due to make a phone call in a minute, and the rotation will take off. I have some choice words to fire off to prove that I’m right and I’m justified in all this.

**Saleslady:** Well, ma’am, that’s one way to guarantee that the storm will intensify. Is that what you really want? It’s windy now, and angry words are already swirling, but there is still the hope that the tornado won’t touch down; it could still pass by without inflicting permanent damage. But that will only happen if you accept what I am offering.

**Kelly:** I’m listening...

**Saleslady:** You know, wisdom says that you first need to find your special hiding place, that shelter where you always know you are safe. While you’re there, I want you to put on these “*Grace Glasses*” to help you see the situation in your family differently. Next, I have this guaranteed *Lip Balm* that, when applied liberally, will provide a guard on your lips and soften your answers. It is cherry flavored, but a little salty, and will help your speech be with grace, seasoned with salt. Together, these products will help you know the right things to say, and the right way to say it. A soft answer turns away wrathful winds, you know. My suggestion is that you find that place of shelter, look at the people and situation through your *Grace Glasses* and apply this *Lip Balm* immediately.

**Kelly:** But I am 100% right, and they are 100% wrong!

**Saleslady:** Right now your self-righteous words will attract the destructive driving forces within the winds of the tornado and you are risking your heart, your house, and your peace of mind, not to mention some precious family relationships. Please give these a try. Put on these glasses and some lip balm, go to your hiding place and let the balm do its work before you make any phone calls.

**Kelly:** Okay, I'll give it a try. *(puts on lip balm)*

**Saleslady:** Here's my card. I have solutions and products for every storm you may encounter.

**Kelly:** Ok. *(reading the card)* **“StormProofers Unlimited, weatherizing the weary during the storms of life.”** Hmm, I may be calling on you. I'll test these today and see how effective they are. But in any case, your visit was very timely. If nothing else, it forced me to put some distance between me and my spinning issues that--truth be told--I may not have been handling all too well. So thank you. I'll spend some time in my hiding place before I make that call.

**Saleslady:** My pleasure. *(looks up)* Is it just me, or are the skies looking a little less stormy? Huh--what do you know...

*(Kelly closes door; Saleslady leaves; Kelly puts on glasses and disappears, and then returns)*

**Kelly:** *(calls back)* Hey, it's me. Sorry about that. You know, I might have over-reacted by getting so angry. *(listens, and then furiously puts on more lip balm)* I can see your point. We don't want this to divide the family, do we? What can we do to avoid further confrontation? *(listens, and applies more lip balm)* That's a good idea. Okay...I'll talk to you later.

**Narrator:** Bill, the craziest thing happened here. A terrible tornado was almost guaranteed to touch down and cause catastrophic destruction. But, as you can see, the winds have subsided, and the clouds are even breaking up. Yes Bill, I officially report the sun is peeking out. This is good news for Plano, Texas. This is Rayna Shine of KCCP signing off, and may your ten-day forecast be a sunny one.