



SPRING CLEANING

(A one-act skit)

PRODUCTION NOTES

Characters:

Salesman (selling the "Heart Crust Buster 3000")
Homeowner #1
Homeowner #2

Summary: Door-to-door salesman tries to sell his product, the Heart Crud Buster 3000

Props: Some kind of large vacuum cleaner to represent the Heart Crud Buster 3000
Business card (1-800-REPENT0

SCRIPT

Salesman: *(knock on door #1)*

Homeowner #1: Coming. *(opens door)*

Salesman: Good afternoon, Ma'am! What a lovely home you have. I can see you take pride in the appearance of your home. And that is a truly lovely outfit you are wearing today. I believe I have with me a product that a discriminating woman of your obvious tastes would appreciate.

Homeowner #1: Oh, um. I appreciate that, but I'm not sure if this is a good time..

Salesman: *(peeking around the door)* Ma'am I can't help but notice that somewhat minor sin stain on your carpet. I would appreciate the opportunity to demonstrate the stain-busting power of this Heart Crud Buster 3000. I'm sure that sin stain has been an embarrassment to you...

Homeowner #1: How dare you assume that to be a sin stain! Well, I never!...who are you to judge my heart?

Salesman: Well, if you would just give me a moment. Everyone has those sin stains, and we all need that deep cleaning at some point in our lives.

Homeowner #1: Well, for your information, that is not a sin stain. It happens to be a leftover grudge from a family dinner. If you must know, my uncle had a simple lack of judgement and had a slight mishap. That's all that is., and that was years ago. So I won't be needing your Hearty Super Crumb Duster.or whatever you call it.

Salesman: Oh, but ma'am. You don't know the miracles that this simple piece of equipment could perform for you. It's much more powerful than it looks. It doesn't just remove sin stains; it works on hidden dirt, mold, allergens, family mishaps, bad attitudes, personal indiscretions, even those private thoughts that no one notices.

Homeowner #1: I just don't see a need for that today. But thank you. Goodbye!

Salesman: *(speaking through door)* Well, if you change your mind, I'll leave my card... *(talking to himself)* I just don't know about these women. They want everything to look good from the outside, but they aren't ready to deal with the ground-in dirt. Alright. Their loss. On to another door.

(knocks on next door)

Homeowner #2: Can I help you?

Salesman: Good afternoon, Ma'am! What a lovely home you have. I can see you take pride in the appearance of your home. And that is a truly lovely outfit you are wearing today. I believe I have with me a product that a discriminating woman of your obvious tastes would appreciate.

Homeowner #2: Oh? Well what is it? I might be interested.

Salesman: Salesman: Oh...uh...sorry! Wasn't expecting ... What I have here is the Heart Crud Buster 3000.

Homeowner #2: What kind of crud does it bust?

Salesman: Oh, I'm glad you asked. You have crud, I have the answer. Crud in your heart, your mind, your emotions, your habits. Open crud, hidden crud--this state of the art baby can take care of it all. It's never met crud that can't be busted!

Homeowner #2: *(a little insulted)* What makes you think that I have crud that needs busting? That seems a bit presumptuous.

Salesman: Well, Ma'am, I have had extensive certification training to properly and accurately operate this high tech piece of equipment. In fact, the reason I became a salesman of this unique product is that I know there is an unlimited market for the service it performs, because, Ma'am, EVERYONE has crud. And that crud will lead to death if it is not dealt with. It will spread throughout your household; it is like an infectious disease, and there is no stopping it without taking time for the proper cleaning process.

Homeowner #2: Leads to death?!! Oh dear!! Aren't you exaggerating? I know I have a little spot of bitterness--but it's really nothing. I've learned over the years to ignore it. I can cover it with a rug. No one has noticed and it hasn't bothered me.

Salesman: Oh, but ma'am. This is a tool that will ease the burden of the housewife and heart-owner. You don't realize the value of a clean house and heart. Give me a few minutes of your time so that I can demonstrate.

Homeowner #2: Well, OK. Show me what you've got.

Salesman: Well, let's just start on that spot of bitterness that you pointed out. Where is it? (*homeowner points to spot*) (GASPS!) That's bitterness all right. Let me see. We have several sanitizing or confession solutions available...let me see which one would work best on this particular stain. (*reads through*): Anger, pride, deceit, greed, strife ...oh, here we are...bitterness. This solution is specially formulated to virtually eliminate any and all lingering bitterness. As you apply this confession solution, it will soak deep into your particular stain. Then we plug in our Heart Crud Buster 3000 and viola! (*demonstrates*)

Homeowner #2: It's gone! My goodness! Where did it go?

Salesman: That sin stain is far as the east is from the west. It is long gone.

Homeowner #2: All I had to do was apply a confession solution with the Heart Crud Buster and the bitterness is gone?

Salesman: That's right ma'am. Most vacuums would just remove the visible evidence. But the Heart Crud Buster 3000 gets to the core and dissolves the problem. Total forgiveness and cleansing is that easy.

Homeowner #2: Once and you're done?

Salesman: Well, Ma'am, unfortunately issues are constantly appearing. Actually, I am selling a service to you. Whenever you recognize a stain, just call 1-800-REPENT and I'll be here with the Heart Crud Buster 3000.

Homeowner #2: Hmmm. Sounds like a pretty good deal. Do you have time to come in and look at a few other problems I have?

Salesman: Certainly ma'am. What do you want me to see?

Homeowner #2: Well, this spot of jealousy has really been bothering me over here. And just the other day, I noticed a hint of stubbornness in the corner. And down in the basement, behind the washer, I know for sure there is a pile of resentment that I have been avoiding.

Salesman: Luckily, for customers like you we offer the Super Plus Bonus Plan which provides service 24-7 for cleansing of all unrighteousness. I wish more women like you would recognize the value of using this product daily. When we get all this cleaned up, you are going to notice a real difference. I've met lots of ladies who aren't willing to admit that they have these kinds of issues in their homes. They cover them up, they try to ignore them, they rearrange their furniture to try to hide the issues. But you, madam, are truly a discerning customer. Here is my business card.

Homeowner #2: *(reads the business card)* "The First John 1:9 Inc. Heart Crud Buster 3000, salesman extraordinaire. Our business is to create in you a clean heart and renew a right spirit. Call 1-800-REPENT today!" Wow! I'm so glad you came by today. I'll keep this card handy. But don't I need to pay? I will need the installment plan.

Salesman: No, no. This service is provide as a benefit, free of charge, through the Homeowner's Association. The president paid the price long ago because he detests all forms of crud. He is interested in all property owners having a pure living environment and abundant life.

Homeowner #2: Well sign me up!