

### Script Sample #3 for "New Year's Eve at the Bad Habit Club"

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**Everyone shouts:** HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

**(Begin Cut #3 on the Soundtrack:** "Auld Lang Syne" begins playing over their cheers, whistles, and raucous celebration.)

*(Each character celebrates in his own way; "Laziness" barely manages to clap; "Boozing" can hardly stand as he cheers; "Nailbiting" is made nervous; "Flirting" and "Looking" embrace and hold on tightly to each other, etc. The whooping and hollering goes on for a few moments until the song ends, and they begin to settle down to party.)*

**Francine:** All right, everyone, remember that karaoke contest starts in a half hour! Don't forget to register for it at the sound booth. *(As the crowd cheers and claps, she puts down the microphone and turns the music back up, everyone goes back to talking and dancing to the music.)*

**(Begin Cut #4 on the Soundtrack:** "Dance Music and Cell Phone FX.")

*(After about 20 or so seconds of the dancing music, a cell phone is heard ringing. Mrs. Gossiping takes hers out and answers it as she dances with Mr. Boozing. After a moment of listening she suddenly stops dancing and moves to the front of the stage away from the crowd.)*

**Mrs. Gossiping:** *(Holding a hand to one ear, she speaks loudly into the phone.)* What's that you say again? I think I heard you wrong! At least, I hope so! *(Listens.)* Oh! That's terrible! *(Listens.)* Oh, no! That's horrible! *(Listens.)* Oh, no, no, no! That's terribly horrible! *(Putting up the phone, she turns to the crowd and yells.)* Stop the music! Everybody, pay attention, I've just heard some awful news through the grapevine!

*(Soundtrack Note: the music playing naturally fades. If it is still playing at this point, the sound person should fade it out, then cue up the next track and restore the sound level.)*

*(Francine turns the music off and everyone stops talking and moving to look at her with curiosity and concern.)*

**Mrs. Gossiping:** I've just been informed by my sources, which are very reliable, that the worst has happened! Our Boarding House has new management!

*(The crowd reacts in disbelief and shock.)*

**Mrs. Gossiping:** *(Signaling for quiet.)* The Missus took the owner, Mr. Heart, to church services instead of having a party! They've just come back, and he's been saved! It's true! He accepted Jesus, and now he has a new heart, and a clean conscience, and the Holy Spirit has taken up residence there!

*(More crowd reaction to the bad news.)*

**Mrs. Gossiping:** And I think we all know that means we're not just out for New Year's Resolutions, we're out for good! Permanently evicted!

*(The crowd goes to pieces, crying and moaning.)*

**Mrs. Gossiping:** *(Running off stage.)* Oh, dear! I have to spread the news immediately!

**Mr. Boozing:** Well, the party's over! I'm going off to drown my sorrows. *(Staggering off.)*

**Mr. Nailbiting:** Oh, I'm thrown out again... What will I do? I may have to change my name to Mr. Bedwetting. *(Bites nails all the way out.)*

*(Script continues...)*