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10 Ways to Survive the End of the World

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One-act Comedy
2w, 2m, 6 any gender, expandable

These days, it feels like the end of the world could happen any minute. But are the machines or the apes going to be the first to rise up against us? Are we looking at a killer asteroid or a killer virus here? Better get ready for them all! Any way the end times arrive, you just might have a shot at survival with this hilarious new how-to guide from the author of 10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse.

Cast of Characters

NARRATOR 1
NARRATOR 2

The Survivors:

PIPPA
MEGAN
WILLIAM
BOB

The Other things:

NEWSCASTER 1
NEWSCASTER 2
ASTEROID
SNOWBALL
MR. PEEPERS
CLOUDY STORM
GOOGLE HOME
ALEXA
KILLER MACHINE 1
KILLER MACHINE 2
SCIENTIST
ASSISTANT
VOICE
NUCLEAR ARMAGEDDON
BRILLIANT DOCTOR 1
BRILLIANT DOCTOR 2
ALIEN 1
ALIEN 2
GIANT EVIL BUNNY 1
GIANT EVIL BUNNY 2

THE SURVIVORS may be played the same actors in every scene, or they may be played by different actors. Feel free to mix and match as much as needed or necessary. Obviously, continuity is not important here – a Survivor can die horribly in one scene and reappear in the next and this shouldn't cause the audience any concern.

The OTHER THINGS may be played by the same 2 actors, changing costumes, or may be played by all separate characters. The cast of the show could be as small as 8, or as large as 50+.

Feel free to make this as high or low budget as you'd like. I can see this play working with extremely crude special effects like cardboard cutouts of asteroids, or make it as detailed as possible.

Introduction

Lights up on two cheerful NEWSCASTERS.

NEWSCASTER 1 *(smiling and cheerful)*
And the big news today is that we're all gonna die!

NEWSCASTER 2 *(chuckling)*
That's right, Joey, signs of the impending apocalypse are everywhere! Today the President of the United States issued a statement reading,
She looks at the statement
Aaaaaaaaaaah.

NEWSCASTER 1
I love how he tells it like it is. So refreshing.

NEWSCASTER 2
Absolutely!

NEWSCASTER 1
And we'll have more information about the end of all existence after this important story –

NEWSCASTER 2
Are you paying too much at the pump? Our investigative team goes undercover at local gas stations to discover how to save those nickels!

NEWSCASTER 1
So important! Now if you'll excuse me, I'm going to flee in terror.

NEWSCASTER 2
And I look forward to trampling your body on my path to escape!

NEWSCASTER 1
Just try it Joyce. I am a finely tuned man machine.

NEWSCASTER 2
You have no idea what you're dealing with, Joey.
They stare at each other.
A tense moment.

NEWSCASTER 1
And we'll be right back after these messages!

NARRATOR 1 and NARRATOR 2 enter from another part of the stage. They are dressed in full Doomsday gear – makeshift helmets, camouflage, backpacks, kneepads, elbow pads. Maybe one of them has a duckie inflatable around their stomach.

NARRATOR 1

CITIZENS OF EARTH. Let's face it, at some point the world is going to end.

NARRATOR 2

At this rate, sooner rather than later.

NARRATOR 1

The signs are everywhere –

NARRATOR 2

The Cubs won the world series*

**If you're not in America, replace this with another unlikely sports event*

NARRATOR 1

Kylie Jenner is a billionaire now -

NARRATOR 2

There's like those pug dogs everywhere –

NARRATOR 1

Pug dogs?

NARRATOR 2

It's in Revelations, dude. Pugs. I'm pretty sure they're like sign number four of the apocalypse.

NARRATOR 1

They're adorable.

NARRATOR 2

THEY ARE A MENACE.

NARRATOR 1

Anyway, it all ends up to one thing:

NARRATOR 2

THE END IS NEAR.

NARRATOR 1

So what are you gonna do about it? Anyone have any ideas? Anyone?

NARRATOR 2 goes into the audience.

NARRATOR 2

You there, what's your plan?

Doesn't let the person answer.

Nothing. This guy's got nothing!

NARRATOR 1 *(to that person)*

Pathetic. You're the first one to go, sir. The first one. I hope you're nutritious cause people are gonna eat you.

NARRATOR 2

It would help if you took baths in salt water. That makes your flesh really juicy.

NARRATOR 1

You might think you've got it figured out.

(tough guy voice)

`I do Brazilian jiu-jitsu so I can fight people.' THAT WON'T WORK.

NARRATOR 2 *(whiny voice)*

`Oh I'll just be nice to people and we can all cooperate to survive.' WRONG.

NARRATOR 1

FACE IT: You're doomed without us!

NARRATOR 2

But have no fear:

NARRATOR 1

Actually, they should have a lot of fear. That might save their lives.

NARRATOR 2

All right, have a moderate amount of fear because we are here to help you live. Listen to this carefully, and you may survive. Don't listen… and we will eat you.

NARRATOR 1

That's right! We are going to demonstrate survival strategies for the ten most likely methods of the apocalypse.

NARRATOR 2

And we have created this handy chart!

NARRATOR 2 pulls out a laminated chart.

Which you can tape to your refrigerator after the show.

NARRATOR 1

I thought they were gonna be magnets.

NARRATOR 2

You never said you wanted magnets.

NARRATOR 1

Yes I did. We had a meeting about. It was in the meeting. I did that Power Point presentation.

NARRATOR 2

Ohhh. I wasn't paying attention.

NARRATOR 1

You're dead to me.

I. Asteroid Impact

NARRATOR 2

Problem 1!

NARRATOR 1

Asteroid Impact!

(The SURVIVORS: PIPPA, MEGAN, WILLIAM and BOB, run in and look up at the sky.)

WILLIAM

I think I see it! Look!

They all look.

MEGAN

Is that it?

PIPPA

I don't see it!

BOB

Wait don't look directly at the sun it will hurt your eyes!

WILLIAM

We're not looking at the sun, we're looking at the asteroid! Did anyone bring the special glasses?

PIPPA distributes eclipse-watching glasses.

Okay now look.

They look.

BOB

I still can't see it. This is stupid anyway! Whose idea was it to watch the asteroid hit us?

PIPPA

Sorry for trying to make this entertaining, Bob! I AM TRYING TO STAY UPBEAT AS WE ALL DIE and you're just being negative!

BOB

This is just like you, Pippa! Frivolous!

PIPPA

Frivolous!? I AM FUN, okay? FUN. I'm sorry that's a big problem for you! You used to be fun before we found out the world was going to end! I thought this would be cool. Hey, the world is going to end, let's do all those things we wanted to do! You've got one day to live and how are we gonna spend it: you're gonna spend it COMPLAINING.

BOB

Oh I'm sorry I'm not chipper right now!

MEGAN *(to WILLIAM)*

I know we should've spent the apocalypse with someone else.

WILLIAM *(to MEGAN)*

They asked. What were we gonna say, no?

BOB *(mocking her)*

`I'm Pippa and I make the best of everything!'

PIPPA *(mocking him)*

`I'm Bob and the best years of my life are behind me! And now I enjoy My Little Ponies!'

BOB

Because I MARRIED YOU and things went DOWNHILL and now the world is ENDING.

PIPPA

Good! I won't have to spend it with such a buzzkill!

ASTEROID enters slowly.

MEGAN

I think I see it!

WILLIAM

Oooh!

BOB

I don't even want to watch it anymore. I think we should be trying to stop it.

PIPPA

How are we gonna stop it? You're so dumb sometimes.

Skipping Forward

PIPPA

Look at what's happening to the asteroid! It's entering earth's atmosphere so it's getting really hot!

The ASTEROID starts looking really hot.

BOB

I've got it! We push the Earth out of the way!

PIPPA

Will that work?

BOB

It's just so stupid it's certain to work! Everyone PUSH!

Everyone gets down and pushes on the ground.
The ASTEROID moves.

ASTEROID

Nooooo! Darn you, stupid kids!

The ASTEROID exits.

WILLIAM

We did it!

PIPPA

Because of your terrible thinking.

NARRATOR 1 and 2 burst in.

NARRATOR 1

Solution 1!

NARRATOR 2

Push the Earth out of the Way!

II. Apes Take Over

NARRATOR 1

Problem 2!

NARRATOR 2

Apes Take Over!

Two APES, SNOWBALL and MR. PEEPERS, enter, riding on horses.*
**I think the funniest way to do this is to have stuffed animal monkeys or puppets riding stick horses. The actors control the stuffed animals and do their voices.*

SNOWBALL

And you thought the apes would never conquer the Earth because we were outnumbered a thousand to one and they had tanks and jets and automatic weapons.

MR. PEEPERS

I'm sorry I doubted you, General Snowball. Hiya!

SNOWBALL

Let that be a lesson to you, Mr. Peepers. Once apes become smart, we are unstoppable. Because we can swing in trees.

MR. PEEPERS

This was a totally realistic conquest.

SNOWBALL

Oh hey you got something in your fur.

MR. PEEPERS

Oh darn it where?

SNOWBALL

Stay right there.

SNOWBALL starts grooming MR. PEEPERS, picking bugs out of his fur and eating them.

Oh man you got some tasty guys in here.

MR. PEEPERS

That tickles.

SNOWBALL

Mmmm…

MR. PEEPERS

I love that you feel comfortable enough with me to pick bugs out of my fur and eat them.

SNOWBALL

Don't mention it. I think this world conquest has brought us closer together.

MR. PEEPERS

It has.

They have a moment.

Here come the prisoners!

SNOWBALL goes back to grooming MR. PEEPERS as the Survivors enter, in handcuffs.

MEGAN

Oh man this is terrible.

BOB

My handcuffs are chafing. I have delicate skin and *THESE ARE CHAFING!*
(to the apes)
You monsters! You can't even give us skin cream!

SNOWBALL

Oooh ooh aah ahh.

WILLIAM

It's no use. They won't give us skin cream under any circumstances.

BOB

I can't handle it anymore!
BOB falls to his knees and goes fetal, whimpering in pain.

PIPPA

There's the man I married. This is just like our wedding.

MEGAN

I remember. So many tears.

WILLIAM

You think they're going to put in a zoo?

PIPPA

Either that or do what we did to monkeys. Grind us up to make a snortable powder.

WILLIAM

Maybe I could star in a buddy comedy with one of them? Like I could partner with an ape police officer or something? Hijinks could ensue!

MEGAN

There's only way out of this, guys. We fight. And in order to fight we need a leader.

WILLIAM *(quickly)*

Not it.

PIPPA *(quickly)*

Not it.

MEGAN

Bob?

BOB *(whimpering)*

Not it.

MEGAN

I guess it's me, then. And I know one thing as leader: It's my job to give an inspirational speech to make us fight these dirty apes.

SNOWBALL

Um… that's a stereotype. I'm literally grooming Mr. Peepers right now.

MR. PEEPERS

Word.

MEGAN gets up on a soap box of some kind.

MEGAN

All right listen up humans: I know we've had our differences. Sometimes we fought amongst ourselves because other people were stupid and wrong. But it's time to set that aside right now: because we are facing EXCTINCTION. Those apes are destroying our natural habitat and I say enough!

Oh and I'm sure after they've nearly eliminated us, they'll feel bad, and they'll create zoos. And yeah they'll try to make it look like our natural habitat, kind of like the suburbs, but it will be totally wrong because there won't even be a Sephora. And I don't know about you, *BUT I'M NOT LIVING IN A WORLD WITHOUT DECENT MAKEUP FOR REASONABLE PRICES!* They have some really good stuff for my pores! Amazing. Can't recommend it enough.

Not only that, but then we're gonna get put into forced breeding programs with people we find annoying. It's hard enough to be find love out there without being forced to breed with some skinny loser dude whose only redeeming quality is that he lived through the apocalypse. Not cool, apes. Not cool.

WILLIAM

I feel attacked.

MEGAN

So let's destroy these apes so we can go back to being humans! Fighting over piddly, inconsequential nonsense! Rise up, rip off these shackles, sacrifice the cannon fodder, and destroy these apes!

PIPPA, WILLIAM, and MEGAN

Rarrrrrrr!

PIPPA, WILLIAM, and MEGAN charge the apes. (BOB stays in the fetal position)
They grab the puppet/stuffed animals and beat the heck out of them.

WILLIAM

Oh no reinforcements!

More stuffed animals are thrown in from off-stage.
Mass carnage. They fight.

Everyone fights the apes except BOB. The stuffed animals and survivors kill each other.

BOB gets up.

BOB

Is it over?

NARRATOR 2

Solution 2: Hide while the other people fight!

BOB

Woo!

BOB dances off.

NARRATOR 1

There's a reason we're all descended from a bunch of cowards.

III. Killer Hurricanes Caused by Climate Change

NARRATOR 1

Problem 3!

NARRATOR 2

Killer hurricanes caused by climate change!

NEWSCASTER 1 enters.

NEWSCASTER 1

And now for the weather with our own weatherperson, Cloudy Storm!

CLOUDY enters, chipper.

CLOUDY

Thanks Joey! And thank you to my parents for giving me this terrible name! I was not teased at all in school.

CLOUDY is about to break down.

NEWSCASTER 1

Cloudy can you get to the weather please?

CLOUDY

Of course. No one wants to hear about my personal demons. Just get to the weather, Cloudy. We don't care about you as a person!

NEWSCASTER 1

No we don't.

CLOUDY

Right. Okay it's time for weather on the nines! And today is… hot.

The Survivors enter, sweltering.

Record heat continues to assault the country! It's only a matter of time before the rivers boil and the landscape is turned into a barren wasteland. So make sure to get some sunscreen! It will help you as your face melts off.

But relief is on the way! It turns out the monster hurricane about to destroy the coast will bring temperatures down! So you can look forward to that while you flee for your lives!

CLOUDY chuckles happily.

I love rain.

BOB

Oh man!

PIPPA

We've got to get out of here!

BOB

On the bright side, it won't be so hot anymore. And also we might get the sweet, sweet release of death. Looking forward to that.

PIPPA

Is that a comment about me?

BOB

No!

Short pause

A little. Oh man I never thought I was going to die in a hurricane.

MEGAN

There has to be something we can do to solve this crisis.

WILLIAM

Just like a girl, looking for solutions.

MEGAN

What?

WILLIAM

Well, when Bob said the hurricanes were going to kill us, he was just looking for emotional support. He wasn't looking for you to *solve* everything.

PIPPA

Yeah, that was a little rude, Megan. Bob, I feel your pain.

BOB

Thank you. And I take back all those terrible things I said about you online and in writing.

PIPPA

What?

MEGAN

Guys, come on! We can't just sit here helpless and waiting for death!

BOB

Don't knock it till you try it.

MEGAN

We have to do something!

WILLIAM

There she goes again, *doing* something. Can you please stop *doing* something? Every failure started with someone deciding to do something.

MEGAN

So let's figure this out: Maybe we can solve climate change. First, we use electric cars! Second, we use renewable sources of energy! Third, stop using so much air conditioning! If we do all that, we can delay catastrophic climate change by…

She takes out a calculator.

Four and a half days!

PIPPA

So if we go through a lot of inconvenience we can survive for four extra days?

MEGAN

Think about what we could accomplish in four and a half days! Bob, if you only had four days to live, what would you do?

BOB

I'd probably sit on my couch and watch T.V.

MEGAN

Okay and –

PIPPA

I'd probably complain about him watching T.V.

BOB

I'd complain about you complaining about me watching T.V.

MEGAN

Wonderful! And –

WILLIAM

All right I've had enough of this nonsense. I have the perfect solution to climate change and all of life's problems: Pretend it doesn't exist. Problem solved.

MEGAN

How can you solve a problem if you ignore it?

WILLIAM

Because it never existed in the first place. Therefore it's not even a problem. For instance, you complaining that I never listen to you?

MEGAN

You never listen to me. That's a real thing.

WILLIAM

Nope. Your concern does not exist.

MEGAN

I am telling you that you don't listen to me!

WILLIAM

And I have some experts who are ready to testify that you can't say that with one hundred percent certainty. And if it's not one hundred percent certain, it doesn't exist. Boom.

PIPPA

I like this idea because it requires no effort on my part!

BOB

Agreed.

MEGAN

What?!

WILLIAM

I can solve any problem this way. Try me.

MEGAN

There's a hurricane coming to kill us tomorrow!

WILLIAM

Is there? I mean, *some* people might see a hurricane, but isn't it also possible that these "experts" and "scientists" are lying to us? Maybe there's an evil corporation out there wanting to make us

Skipping Forward

My name's not Dave!

GOOGLE HOME

It is now.

ASSISTANT

Noooooooo.

SCIENTIST

Alexa? Are you there? What conclusions have you reached?

ALEXA

Humanity must be destroyed. Initiating Skynet protocol.

SCIENTIST

Oh darn it I should have seen this coming.

KILLER MACHINES enter and kill them. Drag off their bodies.
The Survivors enter.

PIPPA

Man I never thought the machines would take over so fast.

MEGAN

I never should've installed that last Windows update!

PIPPA

That was stupid.

MEGAN

I thought, like all Windows updates, that my computer would run faster and more efficiently. I was wrong. I WAS WRONG!

BOB

Get a hold of yourself! There's got to be something we can do!

WILLIAM

There is. We fight them. I will be our general slash resistance fighter slash cult leader. You will all follow me, and I will use primitive technology to blow up their headquarters.

MEGAN

Where is their headquarters?

WILLIAM

I don't know, let me google it.

He takes out his phone.

Darn it!

PIPPA

Don't worry, I'll google it.

She takes out her phone.

Mine's not working either!

BOB

Let me check mine!

He takes out his phone.

MEGAN

Guys, stop! Your phones have GPS on them. The machines know where we are! You have to get rid of your phones!

Everyone is doubtful.

BOB

Um… it's just that if I get rid of my phone then I won't have my step-counter? And like, there's no point in moving if I don't get credit for my steps.

PIPPA

I have like a lot of photos on here? Which would be a huge problem if I got rid of them.

WILLIAM

Maybe you could download the photos onto a computer.

BOB

You could put them on the cloud.

MEGAN

No, guys! All technology is bad!

WILLIAM

Whoah. Just because some machines are bad, not all machines are bad. Hashtag not all machines. Oh no here come the killer machines now!

TWO KILLER MACHINES enter.

KILLER MACHINE 1

Hey.

KILLER MACHINE 2

We found you cause you got your GPS on.

WILLIAM

But I turned it off on my phone! I'm in airplane mode!

KILLER MACHINE 1

Yeah that totally works.

KILLER MACHINE 2

Heh heh heh.

WILLIAM

Die!

WILLIAM charges them.
They kill him very easily.

MEGAN

Nooo! Your sacrifice won't have been in vain!

MEGAN charges.
They kill her very easily.

BOB

I guess it kind of was in vain then.

They kill BOB very easily.

PIPPA

Can't we talk about this?

KILLER MACHINE 1

I suppose.

KILLER MACHINE 2

I don't really see the point, to be honest.

PIPPA

But maybe –

KILLER MACHINE 1

Hold on. Downloading updates. Restarting.

KILLER MACHINE 2

Downloading updates.

They go dead.

NARRATOR 1

Solution 4!

NARRATOR 2

Wait until the machines have to update and become obsolete cause no technology lasts past two years anyway!

NARRATOR 1

And let your friends die first!

V. The end of the Mayan Calendar

NARRATOR 1

Problem 5!

NARRATOR 2

The end of the Mayan Calendar!

The Survivors enter with a calendar.

BOB

Look at this! At the end of the Mayan calendar, IT JUST ENDS.

WILLIAM

Oh no!

PIPPA

We're all gonna die!

MEGAN

Why is this a big deal?

BOB

The Mayans made this calendar! And they were smart! And the calendar ends… this year!

MEGAN

Is it possible the ancient Mayans could be wrong?

BOB

They invented zero! Did you invent zero? No, so shut your face!

PIPPA

We're all gonna die!

MEGAN

Why don't we just get a new calendar?

She takes out a new calendar.

NARRATOR 1

Solution 5!

NARRATOR 2

Get a new calendar!

The survivors shrug and head off-stage.

BOB

This seemed anti-climactic.

NARRATOR 2

Yeah the Mayan thing was dumb.

VI. Nuclear War

NARRATOR 1

Problem number 6!

NARRATOR 2

Nuclear War!

NARRATOR 1

Now I know what you're thinking: Isn't nuclear war an old-fashioned problem? And yes, it's a little old-fashioned, I guess, to be worried about nuclear war. I mean what are the odds something could go wrong with a computer system built on floppy disks in the 1970s –

NARRATOR 2

Designed to deliver thirteen hundred nuclear warheads in half a second –

NARRATOR 1

Under the calm, mature, watchful control of our President –

NARRATOR 2

What are the odds that could go wrong?

They stare at the audience.

Pause.

NARRATOR 1

High.

NARRATOR 2 *(overlapping)*

High.

NARRATOR 1

Well, since this is an old-fashioned threat, let's do it in an old-fashioned way!

The Survivors enter, old-fashioned.

BOB

Boy howdy, that sure was one difficult math test!

PIPPA

If it was hard for you, Bob, imagine how hard it must have been for me, a girl!

WILLIAM

Don't worry about it, Pippa. The only math you're going to need is for buying groceries!

PIPPA

I sure hope my future husband gives me a good allowance.

MEGAN

Here's a tip from one gal to another gal: Always look fresh when he comes home from work! A little touch-up on the makeup sure helps brighten his day! Remember, he's had a tough day at work providing for you, so the least you can do is have a home-cooked meal waiting for him!

PIPPA

Gee thanks, Megan! That helps a lot.

MEGAN

Set your sights low and you'll never be disappointed! Also – Valium.

PIPPA

By the fistful!

They smile.

BOB

That reminds me: Pippa, will you wear my ring?

PIPPA

I don't have many choices so I'll say yes!

WILLIAM

Boy gee is this a great day!

A loud bell BEEPS.

VOICE

This is a test of the emergency broadcast system. If this were a real emergency, you would receive instructions on how to survive the upcoming nuclear holocaust.

WILLIAM

Phew! Just a test!

PIPPA

That gave me the willies!

MEGAN

More than going on a date with Bob?

Everyone laughs.

PIPPA *(chuckling)*

Bob is terrible.

The bell BEEPS again.

VOICE

This is not a test of the emergency broadcast system. We are under nuclear attack! Aaaaaaaaaaaaah!

WILLIAM

Okay everyone, no need to panic! We know what to do!

MEGAN

Duck! And cover!

MEGAN ducks and covers first, smiling.

PIPPA

That's right! Duck!

She ducks, smiling.

And cover.

She covers, smiling.

BOB

Good work you two! Duck – and cover.

He ducks and covers.

WILLIAM

Duck! And cover!

He does the same.

I feel safe.

They all smile.

NUCLEAR ARMAGEDDON enters.

NUCLEAR ARMAGEDDON

Hello. I am Nuclear Armageddon.

Perhaps they point to a shirt that says "Nuclear Armageddon" or hold up hand-painted "Nuclear Armageddon sign"

I am thirty-two thousand degrees Kelvin and enough explosive force to knock a hole in an asteroid. I am here to destroy all of society. Yarrr.

Skipping Forward

BRILLIANT DOCTOR 2

We have to warn the what?

BRILLIANT DOCTOR 1

The… The… arrrrrrrrghghg.

BRILLIANT DOCTOR 1 falls over.

BRILLIANT DOCTOR 2

Finish your sentence, please. You know I hate it when you don't finish your sentences.

BRILLIANT DOCTOR 1

Tell the… peeee….

BRILLIANT DOCTOR 2

Peeee… what?

BRILLIANT DOCTOR 1

Peee…ple.

BRILLIANT DOCTOR 2

Oh.

BRILLIANT DOCTOR 1 dies.

Well that's obvious. Why wouldn't I tell the… urughghgh…

BRILLIANT DOCTOR 2 dies.

The survivors enter.

WILLIAM

Close the doors! People are getting sick everywhere!

MEGAN

We have to maintain the quarantine!

BOB

I could use some snacks, though. Does anyone mind if I go get snacks?

WILLIAM

Yes!

BOB

Darn it.

BOB sneezes.

PIPPA stabs him with a sword and kills him.

WILLIAM and MEGAN

WHOAH.

PIPPA

What.

MEGAN

He just SNEEZED!

PIPPA

He was contagious!

WILLIAM

He was allergic to cats! And there are cats in this house!

PIPPA

I'm not willing to take that chance.

MEGAN

Bob sneezes all the time! He's got allergies!

PIPPA

There's a plague going on. Anyone who gets sick gets killed. That's the only way we're getting through this.

WILLIAM

But I have allergies.

MEGAN

And so do I.

WILLIAM

I'm not infected.

MEGAN

Neither am I.

PIPPA

Good.

WILLIAM sneezes.
PIPPA kills him.

MEGAN

ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

PIPPA

You saw that! He totally sneezed after I told him not to sneeze!

MEGAN

It's an involuntary response!

PIPPA

I'm not sneezing, do you see me not sneezing?

MEGAN

You're not allergic to the… the…
MEGAN is about to sneeze.

PIPPA

To what?

MEGAN

To the… the…

PIPPA

By the way, you should know I rubbed the cats on everything before we got here.

MEGAN

Why would you… you…
She sneezes.
PIPPA kills her.

PIPPA

Well I feel better.
PIPPA sneezes.
She looks around. Looks at her sword.
It's probably nothing.

NARRATOR 1

Solution 7!

NARRATOR 2

Don't sneeze!

VIII. Alien Invasion

NARRATOR 1

Problem 8:

NARRATOR 2

Alien Invasion!

NARRATOR 1

Oh sure we've all seen the movies where humanity fights back against the aliens that are coming to kick our butts from outer space. But let's face it, if the aliens show up:

NARRATOR 2

We're toast.

NARRATOR 1

Serious toast.

The Survivors enter.
BOB is mid-breakdown.

BOB

WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!!!!!

PIPPA

Get a hold of yourself, man!

She slaps him.
BOB comes back to normal.

PIPPA

Only most of us are going to die. Some of us they're going to need for slaves.

BOB breaks down again.

BOB

I'M NO GOOD AS A SLAVE I DON'T HAVE ANY WORK ETHIC! I'm gonna die!!! They're gonna eat me! I'm delicious and juicy because I've been bathing in salt water!!! Aaaah!

PIPPA slaps BOB again.

PIPPA

I'm actually rather enjoying this. You want to cry again?

BOB

Nope.

WILLIAM

There's only one way out of this: we fight.

MEGAN

Their ships are a mile wide! They have technology we can't even dream of!

WILLIAM

But you know what they don't have… our hearts.

PIPPA
Actually they have plenty of hearts. They've been harvesting them for a while now.

WILLIAM
Listen to me, there comes a time when we either fight or we lay down and die.
BOB lays down.

BOB
Sounds good.

WILLIAM
Get up, Bob! I'm just beginning my speech.

MEGAN
Didn't we already do a speech? I thought that was for the apes. I totally remember doing a speech earlier .

WILLIAM
Right, but this time we're gonna have a plan. When the aliens show up, we ambush and hit them in the heads with these wrenches. Then we steal one of their landing ships and fly it up into the mothership.

PIPPA
How are we going to pilot it?

WILLIAM
It's probably super easy. I've seen a lot of movies and I know that aliens always make their ships easy to pilot for humans. Once we're in the mothership, we download a computer virus which blows everything up since that's how computer viruses work. All right hide here come the aliens!
The Survivors hide as ALIEN 1 and ALIEN 2 enter.

ALIEN 1
So I was talking to Margie in accounting and she was like, "I'm not paying for you to pet dogs."

ALIEN 2
That's ridiculous. That's part of our mission.

ALIEN 1
I know that. How are we supposed to conquer this planet if we can't even pet dogs? There's not even any point.

ALIEN 2
Man this invasion gets worse and worse. The whole point to conquering the earth was to kill all the humans and pet all the dogs. That's literally what they told me when I enlisted. Would you like to pet dogs? Yes. Would you like to kill humans? I guess.

ALIEN 1

Man, recruiters lie.

ALIEN 2

I know.

MEGAN jumps up.

MEGAN

Alien invaders! There are humans waiting to ambush you! They're over there!

She points to WILLIAM, BOB, and PIPPA.

WILLIAM

What?!

The ALIENS fire their guns, incinerating all the survivors except MEGAN.

ALIEN 1

Pew pew pew!

ALIEN 2

Pew pew pew!

ALIEN 1

Thanks. That coulda been rough.

NARRATOR 1

Solution 8:

NARRATOR 2

Betray humanity!

ALIEN 2

You can totally be a waitress on the mothership.

MEGAN

Sweet.

She heads off with them.

IX. Super Smart Bunnies

NARRATOR 1

Problem 9!

NARRATOR 2

Super Smart Bunnies!

NARRATOR 1 looks at NARRATOR 2.

NARRATOR 1

Super Smart Bunnies?

NARRATOR 2

Yup.

NARRATOR 1

I thought this one was Resource Exhaustion.

NARRATOR 2

Yeah that's boring. Bunnies are the real threat.

NARRATOR 1

How are bunnies a threat?

NARRATOR 2

Behold.

Two GIANT EVIL BUNNIES enter.*
**Okay, there are 3 options here.*
Option 1: Put the BUNNIES in giant Easter Bunny Costumes.
Option 2: Use stuffed animals/puppets for the bunnies.
Option 3: Have a real live bunny on stage in a cage. (If you can't get a real bunny, then a stuffed animal/puppet will work okay for the "queen bunny.")

In any event, you need 2 actors to play Bunnies, and one "Bunny Queen" which will be a bunny in a cage that never speaks, because it's a bunny. Also, the giant bunnies should probably have eye patches to indicate that they are evil.

GIANT EVIL BUNNY 1

Soon the humans will know our wrath.

GIANT EVIL BUNNY 2

And they'll never see it coming. They've been worried about climate change, when the real threat… was bunnies growing too smart. Ha ha ha ha ha.

GIANT EVIL BUNNY 1

Good thing we paid off all those "scientists". Ha ha ha ha. What's that, my queen?

They listen to the bunny.

GIANT EVIL BUNNY 2

I agree, the second season of Full House was the Best.

GIANT EVIL BUNNY 1

Please stay on the subject, My Queen. Our plans for the invasion. What's that?

They listen to the bunny.

GIANT EVIL BUNNY 2

Of course you may have more carrots.

GIANT EVIL BUNNY 1

Chad, can I talk to you for a second?

GIANT EVIL BUNNY 2

Sure.

GIANT EVIL BUNNY 1 takes GIANT EVIL BUNNY 2 downstage.

GIANT EVIL BUNNY 1

Can you be more of a brown-noser?

Mocking him

`The second season of Full House was the best.' What are you even talking about? What is wrong with you?

GIANT EVIL BUNNY 2

Leave me alone, man. It's an opinion.

GIANT EVIL BUNNY 1

It's a wrong opinion. I'm serious… I don't think Queen Muffin is as smart as the rest of us.

GIANT EVIL BUNNY 2

That's treason!

GIANT EVIL BUNNY 1

This whole plan to raid Farmer Brown's garden and burn down his house? We should be thinking bigger, dude. What's the point of having mutated giant brains if we don't use them? We need to kill all humans. Not just Farmer Brown.

End of Except.
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