

# **ANTICIPATING SANDY**

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## CHARACTERS

WOMAN #1

MAN #1

WOMAN #2

MAN #2

WOMAN #3

MAN #3

## PLACE

Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, NY - in front of a  
grocery store

Far Rockaway, Queens, NY - in front of a house

Los Angeles, CA - in the living room of a mansion

**Scene1**

*(WOMAN #1 and MAN #1 stand in front of a grocery store in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn)*

WOMAN #1  
Oh, please!

*(MAN #1 is hysterical)*

WOMAN #1  
What's wrong with you?

MAN #1  
Listen, it's almost closing time and we still haven't taped the windows and bought provisions.

WOMAN #1  
Bought provisions. Lord! You are totally out of whack!

MAN #1  
On the news they said to take the warnings really seriously!

WOMAN #1  
Nothing is going to happen to Bay Ridge. It's a ridge! We can't get flooded and we don't have trees close to our house.

MAN #1  
I told you that I want to be prepared. Irene was bad enough and this time I want to be prepared.

WOMAN #1  
Irene! Nothing happened to us when Hurricane Irene came and nothing is going to happen this time.

MAN #1  
Well, what if something happens. I want to be prepared. Better safe than sorry!

WOMAN #1  
You're gonna be sorry when we wake up tomorrow morning, nothing happened and we have tape on our windows and food in our pantry that goes bad... and no money coz you spent it all!

MAN #1  
Well, I guess we will have to see...

## Scene 2

*(WOMAN #2 and MAN #2 stand in front of their house in Far Rockaway, Queens. They are getting it ready for the storm)*

MAN #2

Yeah, thank you. I'm gonna put this plywood over the windows. Could you fetch me some more sandbags that we can put in front of the basement entrance?

WOMAN #2

Yes, dear. Do you think we will finish in time?

MAN #2

Yeah,...

WOMAN #2

They said Sandy is going to hit Far Rockaway at around 9pm tonight.

MAN #2

9pm is no problem. We're gonna be done by then. Just the windows are left,... the basement windows,...and I'm gonna tie a rope around the tree so if it falls, it falls away from the house.

WOMAN #2

Good.

MAN #2

They said this time it's going to be worse than Irene. I hope that's enough.

WOMAN #2

I hope so, too. I think the water is going to come up here for sure.

MAN #2

Yeah. That's why I put the sandbags everywhere. They'll keep it out. Did you buy food, batteries, and the stuff I told you to buy.

WOMAN #2

Yes, I did. I also bought a first aid kit.

MAN #2

Good...

WOMAN #2

I guess, if we expect the worst we can't be caught off guard.

MAN #2

Yeah. Being the first row of houses from the beach means being extra careful, I guess.

**Scene 3**

*(WOMAN #3 and MAN #3 are in a cozy interior of a mansion in Los Angeles)*

WOMAN #3

Juanita couldn't do the children's laundry. She had to go home because she is worried about her son in New York and the hurricane.

MAN #3

What is her son doing on the East Coast? Why didn't he hop a plane to Los Angeles?

WOMAN #3

Uh, I have no idea.

MAN #3

Good golly, why is she so wound up, anyways? I think it's going to be a great big nothing.

WOMAN #3

Yes, I think so, too.

MAN #3

I guess Tim and his friends on Wall Street spread the rumor so they can cash in on the market drop.

*(both laugh)*

WOMAN #3

Did you know that he came in one of our boutiques in TriBeCa and wanted to buy suits on a tab?

MAN #3

Oh, Jesus! What, he doesn't have enough money?

WOMAN #3

Do you think anything is going to happen to our stores in TriBeCa?

MAN #3

No.

WOMAN #3

To our house in the Village?

MAN #3

No. And even if something happens. We're insured.

WOMAN #3

Yes, thank God. And I had Juanita pack the baby pictures with us  
when we left for LA.

MAN #3

Hm.

**Scene 4**

*(3 couples, 2 in NY, one in CA)*

*(rumbling of a storm)*

*(2 NY couples in unison)*

"Did you hear that?"

*(LA couple toasts)*

*(fade to black)*