

# HUSBANDS ANONYMOUS

(10 Minute Comedy Sketch)

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#### Logline

A group of married women meet each week to complain about their husbands and reveal some very intimate details of their lives. It's like AA for the betrothed.

## HUSBANDS ANONYMOUS

Eleven women are milling about with coffee cups or bottled water in their hands. There are eleven chairs set up in a semicircle on the stage.

BETTY

Okay, ladies, can we all take our seats?

The women sit, still holding their drinks, but putting them alongside their chairs when it's time for them to speak.

BETTY

First of all, I'd like to thank St. Luke's Methodist Church for allowing us to hold our meetings in their basement.

The ladies all agree.

BETTY

I see we have some new faces in our group. Welcome, ladies. And, welcome to our regulars of our weekly meeting of Husbands Anonymous. So, without further or do, who would like to share first?

Suzanne raises her hand.

BETTY

Suzanne?

SUZANNE (standing)

Suzanne. Married with husband.

EVERYONE

Hi, Suzanne.

SUZANNE

What is it with husbands turning our kitchens into auto repair shops? Yesterday, I came home to find my husband cleaning a carburetor in our kitchen sink. A sink I had cleaned two hours before. Then he clogs the sink and gets mad at me when I unclogged the drain with his fishing pole.

PAULETTE (stands)

Paulette, married with husband.

EVERYONE

Hi, Paulette.

PAULETTE

I know what you mean, Suzanne. My husband got mad, because I used one of his golf clubs to kill a spider in the bathtub.

SUZANNE

What club did you use?

PAULETTE

I don't know. I think it was a three wood.

SUZANNE

No wonder he's mad at you. Everyone knows a spider in the bathtub is a five iron shot.

Everyone agrees. Suzanne and Paulette sit.

BETTY

Let's hear from one of our newcomers. How about you?

Betty points to Marilyn. Marilyn stands.

MARILYN

Marilyn, married with husband.

EVERYONE

Hi, Marilyn.

MARILYN

I'm not really sure why I'm here. My husband is perfect in every way.

Everyone moans.

MARILYN

No, I mean it. I guess my only complaint would be he forgets to put the toilet seat down. At least twice a week, my butt goes for an unexpected swim.

SUZANNE

Really? Does he squeeze the toothpaste from the center of the tube?

MARILYN (thinking)

Well, yeah.

PAULETTE

Does he take the last piece of toilet paper and not replace the roll?

MARILYN

Well, yeah. (realizing) The bastard.

Marilyn sits.

BETTY

Who would like to be next?

Jennie raises her hand reluctantly.

BETTY

Okay, Jennie?

JENNIE (stands)

I'm Jennie. Married with husband.

EVERYONE

Hi, Jennie.

SUZANNE

Oh, not Jennie. She never has anything to say.

JENNIE

My husband wants to make love in the weirdest places.

MARILYN

Well, I don't think...

SUZANNE

Hush, Jennie's talking.

JENNIE

Last night he wanted to make love right where we were eating.

BETTY

Well, Jennie, unexpected lovemaking on the kitchen table keeps a marriage fresh.

JENNIE

What kitchen table. We were at Applebee's

SUZANNE

Go Jennie!

The group applauds. Jennie sits.

BETTY

Okay, will there be anyone else?

KAREN

I'd like to speak.

BETTY

Alright, Karen.

KAREN

Karen, married with husband.

EVERYONE

Hi, Karen.

KAREN

My biggest problem with my husband is he does all the shopping, cooking, cleaning, taking care of the kids, everything.

SUZANNE

Sorry, Karen. I think you're at the wrong meeting. You have to go to St. James for the Fools Anonymous meeting.

BETTY

Suzanne, let Karen speak. So, why is this a problem?

KAREN

He does everything. It's like I have no identity.

SUZANNE

Yes, you do. You're Karen – the luckiest damn woman in the world.

KAREN

I guess I should be grateful. In fact, I think he's lightening up. Last night, he let me put a spoon in the dishwasher.

BETTY

Well, at least that's a start.

Everyone agrees.

CLAUDIA

Hey, when do I get to speak?

BETTY

Claudia, you have to raise your hand first.

Claudia lets out with a heavy sigh and raises her hand.

BETTY

Claudia?

CLAUDIA (stands)

Claudia, married, husband.

EVERYONE

Hi, Caludia.

CLAUDIA

Yeah, yeah. Well, as you all know, my husband is, oh, how can I put this delicately? He's a cheap S.O.B.

BETTY

Wait a minute. You said your husband thinks nothing is too good for you.

CLAUDIA

Yeah, that's what he gives me...nothing. You can't miss him in a restaurant. He's the one with his back to the check.

SUZANNE

Didn't you just get back from vacation?

CLAUDIA

Yeah, I'm suffering from bus-lag.

BETTY

I'm surprised he lets you come here.

CLAUDIA

Why not? It's free.

Claudia sits.

BETTY

Thank you, Claudia. Anyone else?



Linda raises her hand.

BETTY

Linda, would you like to share?

LINDA (stands)

Hi, I'm Linda, married with husband.

EVERYONE

Hi, Linda.

LINDA

I'd like to talk about a husband who is kind, loving, caring and giving. But, I'll talk about my husband instead.

Everyone agrees.

LINDA

Okay, if he wasn't coming home drunk every night. If he wasn't gambling our savings away playing poker. If he wasn't chasing after every skirt in town...wait, where was I going with this?

SUZANNE

Hopefully, out the door.

BETTY

Suzanne, you had your chance to speak. Anyone else?