

**THE ACTOR GAMES**  
**By Wade Bradford**

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*(In this mini-scene, MERYL, a contestant in the Actor Games, has been asked to deliver an impromptu commercial using only a mop.)*

**MERYL:** Oh, wow. It's bright out here. Do I just start? Hello? Am I going already? Uh, oh boy—Hi, everyone! Are you tired of doing housework? Mopping the floor all by yourself? *(Shifting to more genuine emotions.)* With no one to talk to. No one who really understands that you want more than a life of waking up, going to work, doing chores, growing old, and dying... Do you feel all alone? *(She pauses, no idea where this is going; then suddenly she gets inspiration. She puppets the mop up and down and uses a funny voice for the mop.)* I know just how you feel, Meryl. *(Reacts to mop.)* You do? *(Mop voice.)* Why sure I do! I get lonely when those humans mop my head across the kitchen floor all day long. I wish I had someone to talk to! *(Back to her regular voice.)* I know just how you feel, that's why we invented the Talking Mop 3000. It's more than a mop. It's a friend, right, Moppy? *(Mop voice.)* Ah, Meryl, I feel the same way. *(Back to her regular voice.)* Order your Talking Mop 3000 today.

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