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HOLD FAST

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy/Light Drama

SYNOPSIS: A news reporter interviews crew members of a ship that survived a deadly storm, asking how they were able to make it through.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: This scene could be shot as a video and made to look like a news cast instead of being performed live.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2M, 1F

TOPIC: Doubt; provision; obedience; miracles; trust

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Mark 5:35-41

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker services; sermon starter

CHARACTERS:

TORI: A news reporter

JIM: A ship's captain

CLIFF: A sailor

PROPS: A microphone for the reporter

COSTUMES: Sailor costumes for the men; dressy clothes for Tori

SOUND: Wireless mics if desired

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: The docks

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Tori is standing at center with a microphone next to Jim, who is wet and worn out from seven bad days at sea.

TORI: Tori Hendrix here, reporting for WNDY news. I'm here at the docks with what has to be one of the most amazing stories of survival ever recorded. With me is Captain Jim Tankersley of the S.S. Crawdad. Captain, how are you?

JIM: Well, they told me this was the last interview I'll have to give today, so I'd say pretty good.

TORI: You don't like reporters?

JIM: No, I just need a nap.

TORI: I understand. You just went through a seven-day ordeal at sea. Tell me, Captain, how is the Crawdad?

JIM: Well, it's seen better days. So has the crew, to be honest.

TORI: But your crew is all home and safe?

JIM: Every one of them.

TORI: Captain, tell us about your amazing journey.

JIM: Well, Tori, we went out for what should have been a two-day expedition looking for the giant Pacific squid. We had diving equipment, a brand-new robotic sub, the latest cameras, everything we needed to study the most elusive creature in the sea.

TORI: Did you get to see the squid?

JIM: Ha. I wish! We're out two hours and all of a sudden, the compass fails.

TORI: It failed?

JIM: Well, it blew up actually.

TORI: How did it blow up?

JIM: I wasn't on deck at the time, but I'm pretty sure it was the lightning.

TORI: Lightning?

JIM: Oh yeah, lots of it. Worst storm I'd ever seen. Waves twenty feet high, winds had to be in the hundred-mile-an-hour range.

TORI: That must have been terrifying.