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PHIL. (To BETH:) Back in five, four, three... (motions the last counts).

BETH. I apologize for the inappropriate behavior of my former co-anchor, Frank Donney, just before. I guess it's just me now. The one and only anchor of your 7 o'clock news. I'm Beth Nuckerpants. Perhaps we should move on to today's top stories. (She begins to get a message in her ear piece.) Excuse me, someone is speaking very loudly in my ear piece. (Listening:) Uh-huh...uh-huh. (Back to the camera:) Sorry about that. We have a special report to...report. An actual report. This is a first. I'm going now to Bill Hacker in the field with a late breaking story. Bill—

BILL. Thanks, Frank.

BETH. It's Beth, Bill. Frank—

BILL. What?

BETH. Do I sound like Frank?

BILL. Frank, you sound like Frank. What?

BETH. Nothing. Forget it. What do you have for us?

BILL. Thank you. I'm on the scene here at Humpty Dumpty's wall, and it's not the only wall here. An additional wall was built today. A wall of defiance was built, built by an egg.

BETH. As I understand it, Bill, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

BILL. Yes, under normal circumstances, one would think just that. But today, something snapped in Humpty's big oval head.

BETH. Can you try and find out what snapped, Bill?

BILL. Darn it, Frank, let me do my job!

BETH. Sorry, I—

BILL. I'm a real reporter, not like your co-anchor.

BETH. Are you talking about me?

BILL. Not you, Frank, Beth.

BETH. But I *am* Beth!

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