

Welcome to Face Shaper

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Characters:

Dana: 40's. Level 2 Seller.

Ammonia: 40's Level 5 Seller.

Claire: 40's Not a seller. Has sensitive skin.

Mark: Dana's husband and involuntary donor.

SCENE 1

DANA stands at the front of an eerily pristine dining room, looking from her watch to the door consistently. The room is decorated with little signs that say "Gratitude" and "Live, Laugh Love." There's a dining table that is being used as a exceedingly intricate display for the product "Face Shaper." There is another table that has an array of appetizers and finger food, like a charcuterie board and bruscettas. A laptop points at HER.

There is a plethora of empty folding chairs. It's very clear that many more were invited than showed up. DANA paces around the room, checking a watch while CLAIRE, AMMONIA, and MARK are seated. MARK is nodding off.

CLAIRE

Dana? It's been a while, maybe now would be a good time to get started?

DANA

Um... Well I just thought... I mean I was hoping... How many people do we have on the live? Oh, five! I guess COVID has turned us into shut ins, huh? Oh, four. Okay, well then yeah, let's get started and maybe more will show up later. Alrighty everyone, I guess we'll go and get started now. As many of you know, my name is Dana Beckman and-

AMMONIA erupts into applause. This startles CLAIRE and wakes up MARK.

AMMONIA

WOOH! YOU GET 'EM GIRL!!

DANA

...I'd just like to thank everyone who was able to make it today! Both in person and on Facebook Live. Now I can give you guys all the information for the revolution that is giving people their confidence back, saving marriages, and helping people start their own flourishing businesses!

(With a sparkle in her eye)

Face Shaper.

More unruliness from AMMONIA.

DANA (CONT'D)

Now, what is Face Shaper? It's a line of products that are proven to erase all wrinkles and completely transform your skin, turning back the clock by years! The coveted Shaper technology was developed by skin scientists from overseas that have dedicated years to perfecting the exact routine and formulas for all of the products.

AMMONIA

37 to be exact.

DANA

Right, 37 years, hundreds of test subjects, and unbelievable results! Face Shaper products penetrate not only the surface of your skin but underneath it as well.

(AMMONIA mouths along)

It's like plastic surgery, without the surgery.

AMMONIA gives a standing ovation and claps. CLAIRE gives a supportive clap. MARK had been nodding off, but again, he jolts awake and starts clapping.

MARK

Oh is it over? Aaaw, I really wish it was longer-

AMMONIA

She's just getting started! She's on a roll!

MARK slumps back down in his seat.

DANA

But does it really work? Well I know it does but now we can actually show you. I really do wish more of you were in person so you could feel how incredible this formula is.

DANA pulls out a moisturizer and starts rubbing it into her skin.

DANA (CONT'D)

This is one of my favorites, the moisturizer! It's super smooth and non greasy but it really keeps you hydrated.

AMMONIA

(To CLAIRE)

I remember when I went on a ski trip with my husband, usually my skin starts flaking with the high altitude, but I had this on and no skin flakes! Feel!

AMMONIA grabs CLAIRE'S hand and forces her to feel her face.

CLAIRE

Um... Dana... Help.

DANA

Oh she's just excited. And I'm sure the rest of you will be too once you guys get your first set!

DANA (CONT'D)

Why don't I get— some— yeah, some of you to come up and try it!

AMMONIA rushes up. CLAIRE follows but MARK stays sitting. DANA gives him a look and he goes up.

DANA (CONT'D)

For the people on the live. This is Ammonia—

Ammonia?

CLAIRE

Changed it from Amelia, it just didn't have the same ring to it.

AMMONIA

But...

CLAIRE

She introduced me to "Face Shaper." She sold me my first set and I was so impressed that I got three more.

DANA

It really is a gateway drug!

AMMONIA

DANA applies some of the product to AMMONIA'S face.

DANA

Once you start shaping, you just can't stop! Oh Claire! Here, we need to show everyone a before. See everyone, Claire does have a couple of dry spots but it'll all be gone with the Shaperizer.

CLAIRE

The what?

DANA

Oh, all the products have their fun little punny names. Cute, right?

CLAIRE

Uh, sure.

DANA

She has never tried this product before so all of you will get to see just how noticeable of a difference it is.

CLAIRE

Can we do a patch test? My skin can be very sensitive.

DANA

Oh but Claire, Face Shaper is made with all skin types in mind and has gone through tons of testing by a third party. I promise, it'll work wonders for you.

CLAIRE

Um, okay, I trust you.

CLAIRE puts a light layer on her face.

DANA

Alright, and then my hubby Mark, time for you.

MARK

(hushed)

Babe, I'm not putting that on my face.

DANA

(hushed)

Uh, yes you are.

MARK

(hushed)

Dana, I already have to sit through your presentation on my day off, I don't want to be looking like a damn walking glow stick.

DANA

Baby, please. This is for our future. Just a little moisturizer. I promise, I'll only put this much!

It is a very small dab.

MARK

I thought you just asked me to "fill the crowd" and that I wouldn't have to do anything.

DANA

Well that was before almost everyone bailed on me. Pleeeease? I'll make sure to return the favor.

She whispers something in his ear. He takes a big glob and smears it over his face.

A ding from the computer.

DANA (CONT'D)

Oh a question! "What is in it?"

CLAIRE

Hey Dana?

DANA

Oh it's a healthy blend of *natural* ingredients that rebuild your cellular barrier.

CLAIRE

Dana.

DANA

Kinda in the middle of something.

CLAIRE

But it's really starting to itch-

DANA pulls CLAIRE aside.

DANA

-Listen Claire, thank you for coming but I would appreciate it if you didn't interrupt me during my presentation, thanks.

CLAIRE

Please, I'm not feeling right, is it supposed to burn like—

DANA

Claire, the tingling you are feeling is from the life saver that is face shaper. Why don't you go to the bathroom and see your new Face Shaped face!

AMMONIA

Yeah girly pop, it's literally giving you a face lift as we speak. You know what they say, beauty is pain.

CLAIRE exits exasperated.

AMMONIA (CONT'D)

Hey Dana! Come look at this!

DANA

Oh my! Five more people?! Well thanks for joining everyone! I'm just doing a demonstration right now. Here, you can tell how bright Ammonia's skin is already!

AMMONIA

Uh huh, and that's just the moisturizer. If you use it in combination with the gwah-sha, the toner, the face wash—

DANA

Thanks Ammonia but I got it from here.

AMMONIA

It's okay to be nervous girl, it's your first Shaper presentation. I remember my first; I was a mess! So if you need any help, I'm right here. I am a level 5 seller after all.

DANA

Yes, thank you. I will let you know. Hey Mark! Can you come show the camera?

MARK

Really?

DANA

Please, your skin is sparkling!

MARK

There gotta be crisco in this!

DANA

Mark! Face Shaper moisturizer is only made from 100% natural ingredients, like... like—

CLAIRE screams OS.

CLAIRE enters with a red, irritated face. She is itching her face off.

DANA (CONT'D)

Oh my God!

MARK
It's alive!

AMMONIA
What the-

DANA
Um, we're having technical difficulties! I'm just going to pause the live for a sec and figure it out! We'll be back in a minute! Are you okay? What happened?

CLAIRE
Well obviously not. It was that moisturizer!

AMMONIA
No! Never! Couldn't have been, do you see the rest of our faces? We could be going to a rave with how much our faces are glowing.

CLAIRE
What else could it have been? I told you my skin was sensitive!

DANA
I thought you were just saying that. Most people don't realize that their skin can handle a lot more than they think.

CLAIRE
Well obviously, that is *not* the case here!

MARK
Hey babe, I think my face is itching too. Maybe I should just go right now before it gets worse.

DANA
Sit down Mark! You are not getting out of this! I need men to see that the product is equally for them!

AMMONIA
We should use the concealer for now. It'll cover up everything!

CLAIRE
It's only going to make it worse!

DANA
No that could work! Please, just till the end of the presentation Claire. This is really important to me.

CLAIRE
You're unbelievable!

DANA
You owe me.

CLAIRE
Ugh, fine.

MARK

I swear babe, I'm pretty sure I'm having a reaction!

DANA

Then suck it up!

DANA and AMMONIA jump right into it. They grab the concealer from the table and slather it on CLAIRE'S skin. She looks ghostly, but better? During this, MARK helps himself to the snacks.

DANA turns back on the live.

DANA (CONT'D)

Alright everyone, sorry about the difficulties. We're back and can I say, more beautiful than ever? Look!

DANA shoves MARK in front of the laptop. AMMONIA gets her moment. CLAIRE stands off to the side so they don't see her.

DANA (CONT'D)

Wow, even with the difficulties we're at fifteen people streaming. Oh there's a question: Why is that one girl's face so matte? Oh, sometimes different skin types have different reactions to the formula. This is why we always suggest a patch test.

CLAIRE is baffled by this.

DANA (CONT'D)

Why is she so pale? Oh uh...

AMMONIA

Food poisoning.

DANA

Oh, yeah! The caterers really messed that one up!

MARK

Caterers, I thought you made all this.

DANA

Babe, everyone uses caterers for their Face Shaper pitch parties.

AMMONIA

It's true. Last time I had a hibachi chef at mine! One girl's hair did catch on fire but it was quite the show!

MARK

Well we are not really in the position to afford caterers.

DANA

We can talk about this later.

MARK

How much even is all of this all this Face Shape stuff?

DANA

What a fantastic question! How much is everything? Nothing is sold individually as of right now, but you can get a whole set which contains both makeup and skin care for only \$375. It's marketed at a \$550 value so we're giving you a great deal, especially with all of the items that are included. You get the moisturizer, the toner, the serum, face wash, and a whole set of Shaper makeup and brushes! Oh, how could I forget! the Face Shaper bag, which alone would be \$80 market value!

MARK

Wait, babe, don't you have like five of your own sets?

DANA

Well yeah, I had to make sure the product was consistent. Which it definitely is!

MARK

And you paid \$400 for each?

DANA

\$375 babe. But I got a major deal on it! Thanks for reminding me, if you get multiple sets we can take off \$50 from each addition! So if you are looking to finish all your gift shopping early, you can buy in bulk and save even more money!

MARK

Didn't you get my mom and my sister cases for their birthdays?

Cha-ching sound.

DANA

Babe, thank you for your contribution but I think I got it from here.

MARK

Wait, didn't you get your mom and your aunts cases too?

Cha-ching sound.

DANA

Of course. I also got my coworkers a couple too!

Cha-ching sound.

MARK

Okay... So what you're saying is... We're fucked.

DANA

You know what? Let me hand you over to Ammonia for a second so she can tell you about the changes she's seen since she started using Face Shaper products.

Ad-libbed promotional crap from AMMONIA.

DANA (CONT'D)

Babe. I got everything discounted.

MARK

Dana, we just got this house, we can't afford even the "discounted" price.

DANA

It's an investment!

MARK

How many have you bought?

DANA

Babe, I'm a level 2 seller now!

MARK

How many have you bought?

DANA

Um, well, like 20.

MARK starts doing the math in his head. Cha-ching!

MARK

WHAT?! THAT'S LIKE \$8.000 DANA!!

DANA

More like \$7,500, but I'm telling you, some were discounted! And the ones I sell are marked down even more. Here, let me do the rest of the presentation and I'll explain how everything works.

MARK

You're not working right now, how did you pay for all of this?

DANA

This is work! I am a LEVEL 2 SELLER!

MARK

I don't care if you are level 15! Where did you get all the money Dana?!

DANA

Don't worry about the money. It'll take care of itself

MARK

Don't worry about the money?! DANA WHAT ARE YOU SAYING RIGHT NOW?!

DANA

Please, We actually have people tuning in. If I can sell just 10 cases, everything will even out!

MARK

I just — \$7,500 — How did you... When did you...

DANA

I will explain everything. Just please, I need to do this.

MARK slumps in a chair, broken. DANA takes back the laptop.

AMMONIA

Hey, I just got two sales!

DANA

Really?! Thank you! You hear that babe? Only 8 more and we're good!

MARK just mumbles to himself about them being homeless. DANA grabs the laptop back.

DANA (CONT'D)

Alrighty. So the product itself is phenomenal! Plus, with all of the perks, discounts, products you're getting, it's the offer of a lifetime! Speaking of perks, there's more to Face Shaper than an amazing product. I'm only a level 2 seller but there are 10 levels in total. The higher your level, the more perks you get!

AMMONIA

So—Many—Perks!

DANA

That's right! At level 2 you get a bedazzled makeup bag. At level 4, you get a ring light mirror. At level 6, you get your own company phone! Level 8 is... what is it again?

AMMONIA

Sea World!

DANA

Oh yes! You get an all expenses paid trip to Sea World.

AMMONIA

No, you have to pay for travel cost.

DANA

Oh, sorry. Right, you pay for travel, my bad. But, at level 10, you get a trip to Cancun! All expenses paid!

AMMONIA

Well you have to pay for extra food outside of the resort.

DANA

Oh right. Food outside of the resort is not taken care of. But Cancun at level 10!

MARK

All of this, just to go to Cancun? We could've gone to Cancun with all the money you spent on this.

DANA

But honey, it's all expenses paid. You get to go for free.

MARK

God, what did I do? I repent! I repent!

CLAIRE

I don't think God can save you now.

MARK

I promise, I'll start going back to church, just please don't let this be real!

Claire pats him pathetically on the shoulder.

CLAIRE

Wait, how long does it take to get to level 10?

DANA

Well it all depends on how often and how much you sell. It took me 3 years to get to level 2 but that was because I was working when I started. In my first couple of years, I made only a couple of sales here and there because my work was distracting me. Once I quit, I was able to get to level 2 in just 1 year!

AMMONIA

I was able to get to level 5 in just two years.

DANA

(to herself)

Not all of us have millionaire husbands.

CLAIRE

There's only 10 levels? What happens after you reach level 10?

AMMONIA

No one has gotten to level 10 yet.

DANA

It's still a growing brand but I'm sure once you get past there they will extend the rewards program.

CLAIRE

But 10 levels really isn't a lot. How has nobody reached it.

DANA

Oh well the trouble that myself and others have fallen into is that we don't sell enough for the year. See if you don't meet a quota for the year, the progress you made restarts.

CLAIRE

That doesn't seem fair.

DANA

Well it's a great motivator.

AMMONIA

Yeah, I almost didn't meet my quota my first year, but I didn't want to restart so I pulled through and sold double. I haven't even gotten close to a restart yet.

DANA

Okay, good for you Ammonia, now if we go back to *my* presentation. Oh my, no way! 50 viewers! Wow, thank you all for tuning in! Oh and some comments! Thank you @MirandaLove36, yeah I'm 34 and it's doing wonders for me! Oh, @willowsmiles245, the bedazzled makeup bag comes in Shaper purple, Shaper, pink, and Shaper blue now! Uh,
(slow)

@anitadick, this looks like a sca— you know, we'll get to some other comments later. Mark?

MARK

...

DANA

How do you delete comments on here?

MARK

...

DANA

(hushed)

Help me!

MARK is in another world.

CLAIRE

Woah, woah, woah. How much do you get from each sale?

DANA

It depends what level you are.

CLAIRE

What about level 2?

DANA

I get 20% of each sale. You really don't see a lot of money until level 4.

CLAIRE

But, you're still losing money.

Cha-ching. MARK rocks back and forth in his chair.

DANA

It's an investment.

CLAIRE

Okay but how many do you need to sell to get to level 4

DANA

Uuhm, it's 20 to get to level 2, 30 to get to 3, 40 to get to 4.

MARK starts to sob.

CLAIRE

Dana, I don't think—

DANA pauses the live.

DANA

Claire, you really aren't understanding what we are doing here.

(hushed)

Why are you trying to embarrass me in front of everyone?

CLAIRE looks about as if trying to figure out who "everyone" is.

CLAIRE

I'm trying to help you!

DANA

Oh just like when you wanted to "help" me with—

CLAIRE

Again, I'm so sorry, I didn't mean to—

DANA

Yeah, and you are doing everything you can to make me look bad! Just like you always do.

CLAIRE

It's just, you've never been so great with your finances.

MARK

Money... all gone... no more... only on skin... shape.

DANA

I have everything I need.

CLAIRE

Okay, but... remember your wedding?

DANA

How could I forget? I still can't believe you spilt all that wine— all over my dress. Oh God, I'll never forget—

CLAIRE

And I'm here like you wanted, a deal is a deal. But I talking about, like the finances part.

DANA

Ugh don't remind me. Mark gave me so many wrinkles with all that, "Dana, we don't have enough for the doves," "Dana, we can't have a different string quartet for the ceremony and the reception." Thank God I found Face Shaper soon after. Wait, what are you getting at?

CLAIRE

It wasn't exactly small. Aren't you still paying off stuff from the vendors?

...Once I lay out all the figures—

DANA

CLAIRE

Look at Mark. He's on the verge of a nervous breakdown because of the figures.

More sobs from MARK. He goes to the food display and starts shoving food in his mouth.

MARK

How much was all this food?

DANA

Uuuuh...

MARK slams his hand against the wall.

CLAIRE

You should really rethink all of this.

DANA

Why do you always have to put me down? I've had success with Face Shaper and if I just get a couple more sales I'll be set! I may even get an accelerated acceptance to level three!

CLAIRE

If you just let me show you!

DANA

If you just listened! I am making something of myself here. I've always been a level one everything and now I'm almost at level three! This is just a stepping stone.

AMMONIA

Now that's a Face Shaper attitude. How about we get this live unpaced?

CLAIRE

You know, I feel like I'm messing this up for you. Maybe I should just go.

DANA

You can't just go. I've barely even started. It's a good thing I put chakra cleansing yoni eggs in your gift bag, so you can fix all of that negative energy.

AMMONIA

Aren't those the best?

DANA

I haven't tried them yet.

AMMONIA

You totally should, It's completely realigned my chakras.

DANA

Oh really? So you just hold them over them and—

No, you put 'em in your yoni.

AMMONIA

Confused silence.

Your feminine energy bank.

AMMONIA (CONT'D)

She gestures to her crotch.

MARK starts choking. DANA goes to help him.

AMMONIA (CONT'D)

Derrick is sooo into it. He says it's like I'm 22 again when we do it now. That's part of the Face Shaper mission, to It's such a great work out I have it in right now!

Everyone takes a step back from AMMONIA. Even Mark, who pauses choking for this. He goes back to choking a beat after. DANA still tries to help him.

Is he okay?

CLAIRE

DANA starts doing the heimlich maneuver. The bit comes out. MARK stumbles and falls into the table, making all of the food go everywhere.

Oh my God Mark! This was all custom ordered!

DANA

MARK
(wheezing)

Custom?

DANA

Yeah it was \$1,2000 for all of this.

MARK lays in the mess, in a daze. DANA starts pushing the mess to the side, just enough so the camera won't see.

By the way Claire, you really should stay.

AMMONIA

I don't think—

CLAIRE

AMMONIA

If you convince the harshest critic, it becomes easier to convert everyone else. That's some level 5 reverse psychology shit.

CLAIRE

I think I should just go. I might need to go to a doctor for all of... this.

AMMONIA

Listen chickadee, if you want to screw over miss level 2 over there, that's between you two. But you are not going to screw me over.

CLAIRE

Um?

AMMONIA

Every sale she gets, I make 15%, capiche?

CLAIRE

Uh, sure?

AMMONIA

If I don't get my 15% today, I'm not going to be happy. So one way or another, you are going to have to pay.

CLAIRE

Are you threatening me over a pyramid scheme?

AMMONIA shrieks.

AMMONIA

What did you just say?!

CLAIRE

Threatening?

AMMONIA

Uh no!

CLAIRE

Pyramid scheme?

AMMONIA shrieks again.

AMMONIA

THIS IS NOT— HOW DARE YOU!

DANA

I don't think she meant it. She just doesn't understand.

CLAIRE

No I think you guys have been really clear on what this all is.

AMMONIA

You can not come in here, into the balanced sanctity of a Face Shaper presentation and call it that, that slur!

CLAIRE

Oh that's not—

DANA

She's right Claire. I invited you as a guest.

CLAIRE

No you forced me because of the dress fiasco.

MARK

Just let her leave, God knows I would if I could.

DANA

Mark! You have no say in this.

MARK

Clearly. I'm just saying that if she's not going to buy anything then what's the point of her staying.

(to Claire)

Wait, are you sure you're not going to buy anything?

CLAIRE shakes her head.

MARK (CONT'D)

Are you sure? Maybe there's some, I don't know, stuff you can get for all that... stuff... on your face.

AMMONIA

Now that's the spirit Mark! My husband would never help me with the actual selling part, he only helps with the buying.

CLAIRE

You don't have to do this.

MARK

It's not like I have a choice. I'm about to lose my house over these creams and eggs that are for your... It's the wedding all over again! Claire, please, are you sure you can't get anything?! This one over here looks like it does— stuff!

CLAIRE

If I buy something then can I leave?

MARK

Only if you get a full set!

A moment of silence.

MARK (CONT'D)

What have I become? God can you even hear me?

DANA

You're a Level 1 seller babe!

AMMONIA

You don't deserve Face Shaper!

DANA

Oh come on Ammonia, didn't you say that everyone deserves to look and feel beautiful?

AMMONIA

Well, yeah but she called it a... a... I can't even say it.

CLAIRE

Pyramid scheme.

AMMONIA starts pulling her hair.

DANA

Can you please not?

CLAIRE

Well once anyone proves to me that it's not then I can say otherwise.

DANA

Hey, emotions are running pretty high right now and clearly, she cares a lot about Face Shaper, so can you just agree to disagree?

CLAIRE

I just don't think—

DANA

Then don't think.

CLAIRE

Um.

DANA

Just feel.

CLAIRE

I *feel* my face burning.

DANA

No not with your skin, with your heart.

CLAIRE

What the...

DANA

Part of Face Shaper is believing what the products *can* do for you. Face Shaper is not only a product, it's a ritual.

CLAIRE

You have got to be kidding. I know we haven't always seen eye to eye but this is absolutely insane!

DANA

Well it's an important part of this product. You see—

AMMONIA

Oh my Shaper! The live!

DANA

Oh no! Claire, please, we only have like fifteen more minutes. Just fifteen minutes and I'll forget all about what happened at the wedding, I promise!

CLAIRE considers.

CLAIRE

Fine.

DANA

Thank you!

DANA turns the live back on.

DANA (CONT'D)

Oh so sorry for the continued difficulties everyone! Can you all hear me still? Okay, perfect! Let me see how many people are here. Oh okay, we lost a couple but don't worry, we'll get back into some Face Shaper fun right now! See we were just about to get into part of the presentation about the Face Shaper mindset, which is the most important part of this process to a better you. See there is already incredible ingredients in these products that work for any skin type.

CLAIRE clears her throat.

DANA (CONT'D)

Most skin types. But part of getting these products to work for you is having faith in the product itself. You see, when I first started, I didn't really believe in it and I wasn't seeing the results—

AMMONIA

But I stepped in and told her to pair her skin routine with a 20 minute beauty mantra and poof! Started working!

DANA

Exactly. Part of this transformation is an internal one as well. We are only as beautiful as we think we are, so these products only work as well as we believe they will.

MARK

Am I hearing this right?

CLAIRE

I really wish you weren't.

DANA

The creams, serums and everything will work on its own but the power of the mind is far more effective. You see, Face Shaper head quarters has not only developed the product itself, but the routine that accelerates your results.

AMMONIA

It's the power of Face Shaper.

BLACKOUT. We hear echoes of Dana and Ammonia saying "Face Shaper," "Better you," and "Plastic surgery, without the surgery."

What's happening?!

CLAIRE

Is this death?!

MARK

When the lights come back on, DANA and AMMONIA are back in bedazzled pink track suits, one with FACE and the other with SHAPER written on the butts.

How—

CLAIRE

Much did that cost?!

MARK

Face Shaper is a movement—

DANA

The movement.

AMMONIA

The movement, to the better you.

DANA

They say, beauty is only skin deep.

AMMONIA

Which is why the products—

DANA

Can only go so far.

AMMONIA

Womanhood is so exhausting nowadays.

DANA

Our energies are completely out of line, which shows up on our face, all those...

They shudder.

DANA AND AMMONIA (CONT'D)

Fine lines.

DANA (CONT'D)

The Face Shaper ritual is designed for the working woman—

AMMONIA

The stay at home mom.

DANA

The gal who wants it all.

AMMONIA

With just a few minutes every day, you can transform your life!

DANA

Why don't we show them?

AMMONIA nods. They open some of the containers, grab some goop, and start smearing it across each others faces.

CLAIRE

Should we be watching this?

MARK

I don't know if I'm scared or turned on.

AMMONIA

Shape the face and face the shape.

DANA

Our beauty you cannot escape.

AMMONIA

With this cream and my faith

DANA

I will have a brand new face.

AMMONIA

No wrinkles, marks, or discoloration.

DANA

Can will survive this transformation.

AMMONIA

I'll say it now and I'll say it loud.

DANA

I am Face Shaper proud!

CLAIRE

What the actual fuck? They don't actually believe that this could actually do any—

A holy light on DANA and AMMONIA.

MARK

GOD? IS THAT YOU?

CLAIRE

No this is...

MARK

I'm sorry I doubted you! I won't ever again!

CLAIRE

This can't be—

MARK

But what if it is? Is this the second coming??

CLAIRE

No! No, no no, it can't... this is...

The light fades. DANA and AMMONIA go back to normal.

DANA

That was just one of the rituals. It definitely works better when you do it with someone with the same level as you.

AMMONIA

I wouldn't say we're the same level, but it definitely works when you both are believers.

DANA

Alright, Ammonia, I got it from here.

AMMONIA

If you say so. Get those sales girl.

AMMONIA sits down. MARK and CLAIRE look at her like she is from another planet.

DANA

Alright, let me go to the chat. WOW! 10,000 VIEWERS!

CLAIRE AND MARK

WHAT?!

DANA

Oh wow! I can't even keep up with the comments! @carrie818, "That was the most incredible thing I've ever seen!" @stephchef_mom "I need this right now!" @dilupickle42, "This cannot be real, it's all got to be effects." Uh no, Mr. Pickle, that was all just the power of Face Shaper!

CLAIRE

All of that, could not have been. I can't believe... Mark?

MARK

I don't know what to believe anymore. Is any of this real or are we all just little specks, floating inside a Face Shaper bottle?

CLAIRE

What are you even saying right now?

MARK

I don't... I just... I think...

I believe.

SCHEEEME!

CLAIRE

We hear a thud. The yoni ball rolls across stage.

AMMONIA

You made me drop my yoni ball bitch! My chakras are all going to be misaligned now!

AMMONIA lunges at CLAIRE. They fall to the ground. DANA pulls the laptop away from their view and keeps replying to comments.

DANA

We haven't even begun to tell you about all the tools you can use to get that Face Shaper glow.

AMMONIA

Take it back!

CLAIRE

I won't!

AMMONIA

You bitch!

MARK

Uh, uh, stop? Please?

CLAIRE

This is a scam!

AMMONIA

It isn't!! It's FACE SHAPER!!

CLAIRE

You look like you're 50, it isn't doing shit for you!

AMMONIA screams.

DANA

I'll be back in a jif to answer more Face Shaper questions!

She pauses the live.

DANA (CONT'D)

LADIES!!

CLAIRE and AMMONIA stop.

DANA (CONT'D)

We are at 50,000 viewers and a lot of them seem interested! You two are going to coexist until this presentation is over or I swear to Face Shaper Jesus I will end both of you!

AMMONIA

Did you say 50,000?!

AMMONIA gets off of CLAIRE.

DANA

Yes! 50,000! Did someone say, Cancun?

MARK

Oh my! Miracles do happen! Thank you Face Shaper Jesus!

CLAIRE

What happened to you man? You folded so quickly.

MARK

Well sorry but can you explain anything that happened today?

CLAIRE

...

MARK

Exactly. There apparently is a God, and it looks like Face Shaper!

DANA

That's right babe! And after this, I could run the whole company!

AMMONIA

That's a great attitude! But don't forget my 15%. Oh my Shaper, I'll be the first person to reach level 10!

DANA

Ammonia. This whole time you've been trying to overrun this presentation. My presentation. I know you get 15%, I know you are a level 5 seller. But I did this. I set this whole thing up and I have 50,000 people on live right now. Who are still waiting by the way.

AMMONIA

Uuuh, remember who put you on your Face Shaper journey? Uh yeah, it was me.

DANA

Because I used to work for your husband. I HAD to go to your presentation.

AMMONIA

Uh yeah but who convinced you to buy your first set?

DANA

Again. I used to work for your husband. He gave us the money to buy the sets.

AMMONIA

I don't know what kind of stunt you're trying to pull here but my husband doesn't help me with my sales. I get them organically, just like the Face Shaper ingredients.

CLAIRE is examining one of the bottles.

CLAIRE

Um, actually, A lot of these aren't organic.

DANA

Now is not the time Claire.

CLAIRE

But these ingredients are straight up bad for you. It looks like there is— holy shit, Ammonia, is this where you get your name?

AMMONIA

Well duh. It has a better ring to it then Amelia.

CLAIRE

Guys, we shouldn't be breathing this in! This is toxic!

MARK

Are you really trying to do this? We could be rich, and you're going to stop us in our tracks? Face Shaper is a success!

CLAIRE

But I really think we need to—

AMMONIA, MARK, AND DANA

—SHUT UP CLAIRE! IT'S FACE SHAPER!

DANA (CONT'D)

Wait, wait. You are the only one who hasn't been converted yet.

CLAIRE

Obviously, it burnt my skin. And no wonder why after looking at this list.

MARK

You didn't do the ritual though.

CLAIRE

Neither did you.

DANA

Well I do the ritual multiple times a day, he must have got the healing properties through osmosis.

CLAIRE

That is definitely not how that works.

MARK

I'm just saying, maybe if you gave it a chance.

CLAIRE

Did you guys not see how gross my skin is? Did you not read the ingredients? I swear, this is a case of mass psychosis.

AMMONIA

But it works! As long as you believe!

CLAIRE

That is the craziest shit I have ever heard!

AMMONIA

Okay non believer, maybe you just need an extra dose.

CLAIRE

There is no way in hell I'm staying within a five mile radius of this junk. Let alone putting it back on my face.

DANA

Well. I guess we are just going to have to show you.

MARK

Yeah, the hard way.

CLAIRE

What? What are you guys saying? I'm going home. I've had enough of this Face Shaper shit.

AMMONIA

Oh girly pop, we are just getting started.

CLAIRE

Oh no.

AMMONIA and DANA run up and grab CLAIRE to restrain her. MARK goes and grabs stuff to fasten her to one of the folding chairs. To stop her from screaming they shove a Face Shaper makeup bag in her mouth.

DANA

Much better.

AMMONIA

Don't worry darling, you'll feel the effects of Face Shaper in no time!

MARK

Sorry it had to come to this, but Face Shaper Jesus deserves to have their voice heard and respected!

DANA lines up some of the Face Shaper products. AMMONIA aims the live towards them.

AMMONIA

This angle isn't the best. Dana, move over there.

MARK

This is for your own good Claire. Trust us.

AMMONIA

You got this Dana. Show 'em what Face Shaper can really do! We'll be live in 3... 2... 1.

DANA

Hi all. Again, so sorry for the technical difficulties. Dang, we really can't catch a break today, can we? Well it's all good because we have our elite tester here with us right now! Say hi Claire!

CLAIRE gives muffled screams.

DANA (CONT'D)

Now, Claire hasn't done the rituals but they can work through osmosis! So we are going to do the chant for her so the products can work their magic. I'm going to be using this Face Shaper Sprayer and this Shaper healing kit on her.

DANA starts spraying CLAIRE down and slathering all kinds of creams on her.

AMMONIA

Don't worry everyone, she is a willing participant. Don't you hear her excited screams?

CLAIRE gives a muffled scream.

MARK

She's going to get that Face Shaper Jesus glow! I just know it!

DANA

Okay, that seems like enough. Everyone, remember what she looked like before. All... let's just say not Face Shaper approved.

AMMONIA

That sounds just about right.

DANA

Alright, everyone, the more who do it, the more likely this will work. So I need everybody...
(to the audience)

And I mean everybody, to join in. So, repeat after me.

MARK picks up the tablecloth from the floor and waves it over CLAIRE's face. During this part, have the actors try to get the audience to do it too.

DANA (CONT'D)

Face Shaper holy and mighty.

Everyone repeats.

DANA (CONT'D)

May you hear us speak our prayers nicely.

Everyone repeats.

DANA (CONT'D)

To revive the skin is our goal.

Everyone repeats.

DANA (CONT'D)

Make her look like something other than a troll.

Everyone repeats.

Mark pulls the cloth away to reveal CLAIRE with a brand new face! It's clean, not swollen or red!

MARK

Holy! I knew it was going to work but to see it with my own eyes! This is incredible!

DANA

Wow! And with 250,000 people watching too! Here Claire! Look at your brand new face!

DANA holds a mirror up to Claire's face. She's shocked. DANA pulls the FACE SHAPER makeup bag out of her mouth.

DANA (CONT'D)

So, what do ya think?

CLAIRE

But... how?

AMMONIA

Why does it matter how it was done. The important thing is that it works!

CLAIRE

But, it was so gross.

DANA

Like we've been saying, it's about believing in it. It's the ritual.

MARK

The faith.

AMMONIA

So, did you have a Face Shaper change of heart?

CLAIRE

You know what? I think— I think I can say that I believe in—

She starts seizing.

AMMONIA

Feel it girl!

MARK

Wait, what's happening? Is she being possessed by Face Shaper Jesus?

DANA

Ammonia, does this look right to you?

AMMONIA

Uh yeah, we had a Face Shaper exorcism to get the demons out of her so now she can finally feel that Face Shaper magic.

DANA

Oh, I guess that makes sense. Yeah don't worry everybody, this is completely normal.

CLAIRE keeps convulsing and screaming.

MARK

Is this really normal?

DANA

Um.

AMMONIA

I think I saw this happen with one other person. I was drunk on mimosas though so I don't remember fully.

CLAIRE slumps over. MARK goes to check her pulse.

MARK

I don't feel anything! I think she might be—

AMMONIA

Yeah right. She can't be—

AMMONIA grabs her hair and picks up her head. She is definitely gone.

DANA

Well fuck.

AMMONIA

She probably couldn't handle so much amazingness on her skin. Poor thing, must've been too excited.

DANA

I guess she just couldn't take Face Shaper.

MARK

The devil.

All heads shoot towards him.

MARK (CONT'D)

She was the devil trying to make us stray from Face Shaper Jesus. But we did it. We defeated evil.

DANA

You're right babe. How else could you explain it.

Exactly.

MARK

MARK suddenly starts seizing. He falls to the ground and just as quickly as it starts, stops still.

DANA

Oh my fuck babe? Babe? What the fuck is happening?

AMMONIA

Why does it matter? We're going viral girl! 1 million people all tuned into—

AMMONIA starts coughing. She drops the laptop and starts seizing on the ground. She stops and ends up still.

DANA

No, no, no. What the fuck Face Shaper Jesus?! How could you let this happen to us?! What is even happening?

DANA starts looking at the bottles of Face Shaper.

DANA (CONT'D)

Coconut oil, tea tree oil...

She looks at another one.

DANA (CONT'D)

Ammonia...

She looks at another.

DANA (CONT'D)

Arsenic.

She violently starts going through the stack of Face Shaper products.

DANA (CONT'D)

Formaldehyde... Mercury... Lead... Oh my—

She starts seizing. She falls to the floor but starts crawling. She gets to the laptop.

DANA (CONT'D)

Face... Shape.

Before she is able to turn off the live, she collapses and goes still.

We hear a bunch of dings from tons of comments on the live.

END OF PLAY.

