

### ***The Painty & Bucket Show***

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INTRO: Live, from the garage, it's *The Painty & Bucket Show*! And now, America's two favorite inanimate objects, Painty & Bucket!!

*A paint brush and a bucket sit on a TV soundstage made up like a garage. All dialogue is voiced over.*

BUCKET: I'm warning you, Painty! You keep your filth out of me!

PAINTY: Aw come on, Bucket! I gotta clean up, I been painting a house all day! I got four layers of blue latex on me!

BUCKET: Yeah, and I got your stains all over the inside of me.

PAINTY: Whoa, sounds like my ex-girlfriend!

*Lights out. We hear booing. Cut to a group of protesters holding signs outside of a TV studio.*

PRO 1: Painty & Bucket are evil! They're ruining America!

PRO 2: I don't want that kind of filth on my TV! That's why I watch it every week, so I know what kind of filth is on my TV!

PRO 3: They gave me tuberculosis!

*A Network Executive appears.*

EXEC: People, people. I'm here to assure you that steps have been taken to insure that *The Painty & Bucket Show* will be sure to be more careful about the messages it sends. That's for sure!

*The protesters grumble, "Alright," etc. Cut back to the brush and bucket.*

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PAINTY: Hey Bucket!

BUCKET: Yeah, whadda you want, you filth-covered thing?

PAINTY: How are you like my ex-girlfriend?

BUCKET: I don't know, you crappy band of bristles. How am I like your ex-girlfriend?

PAINTY: You both got a big hole in the middle of you!

*Lights out. More booing. Cut back to the protesters.*

PRO 1: Painty & Bucket are setting immoral examples for our children! They're destroying the minds of the children!

PRO 2: I haven't seen so much sordid filth come out of my TV since I watched the second season of *Twin Peaks*! The whole season!!

PRO 3: That show has given me lupus in my eyes!

*The Network Executive appears again.*

EXEC: Everyone, please. I'm happy to tell you that *The Painty & Bucket Show* writers have been fired. Their antics had grown tired, and now we have hired new writers who we think will be quite inspired. Just watch!

*The protesters grumble, "Alright," etc. Cut back to the brush and bucket.*

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BUCKET: Ahh Painty, every day just gets worse and worse. My life is never gonna get any better. I hate myself. I feel trapped, like I got no direction except down, always down. There's no way out, except to kill myself, and I don't even have enough drive and motivation to do that. I've never been so depressed in my entire life.

*Long pause.*

PAINTY: My ex-girlfriend was a real whore!

*Lights out. More booing. Cut back to the protesters.*

ALL: (*Chanting*) We don't want your filthy show! Painty & Bucket have to go!

*The Network Executive appears again.*

EXEC: Friends, fans, please. Uh... um... here!

*The exec throws money at them and runs off. Cut back to the soundstage. The bucket and brush are no longer there.*

INTRO: (*Solemn*) Ladies and gentlemen, *The Painty & Bucket Show* will not be seen this week, as it is on hiatus. (*Ramps up enthusiasm*) So instead, live, from the basement, it's *The Smokey the Old Smoke Detector Show*!

*A hand throws a smoke detector onto the stage.*

SMOKEY: (*Long silence, then speaks with some kind of Eastern European accent*) I got ginger snaps! Happy time for

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fever blister! Supremacy in the traffic circle! Lumpy lumpy lumpy! Hey kids, who's your favorite seamstress?

*Lights out. Cut back outside, where there's just one protester. The Network Executive appears.*

PRO: What the hell was that??

EXEC: Uh... here.

*The exec hands the protester some money and runs off.*

PRO: Five bucks??

*Cut back to the soundstage, which is empty again.*

INTRO: *(Solemn)* Ladies and gentlemen, *The Painty & Bucket Show* has been cancelled. *(Ramps up enthusiasm)* In its place, please enjoy a special celebrity installment of everybody's favorite reality game show, *Bear or No Bear!*

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