



Female Monologue: Gladys from *Hairball*

Gladys is a hairdresser in the middle of giving a haircut. Her boyfriend has just broken up with her and she's a bit preoccupied.

Acting Hints: Gladys is giving a haircut during the monologue. The angrier she gets, the more haphazard her cuts become. That's where the humour will come from. When Gladys eventually sees what she's doing you should imagine the worst haircut imaginable.

Decide if Gladys has done this before during a cut or is this the first time. Does she take pride in giving haircuts, or is she always bad? How many boyfriends has Gladys had? Why is she this upset over having someone break up with her after just three weeks?

*(Chomping on gum)* That guy. The nerve of that guy. That worm. He thinks he just can cut it off, that's it, we're done, end of story, see you later, done? There was no closure. I need closure. I need to ask questions. I need to go over moments. I need- and like there was no dinner, no movie, he doesn't come to my house; he won't even meet me in an alley! A voicemail message, which he left when he knew I wasn't going to be there, that worm, that dog food. *(As boyfriend)* 'Sorry babe, Not going to work out. Gotta jet.' That's it! That's all I get! And of course, he won't return my calls. Of course, he's in screen mode. He knows it's me. I've tried calling from pay phones, from work, from restaurants and still I can't get the little piece of no good dog food worm meat scum on the bottom of my shoe to pick up the phone! All I want to know is why? Is that too much? Why? Why? He has the nerve to dump me without a why! I put the best three whole weeks of my life into that relationship. Three whole weeks when I could have been doing lots of other things, seeing lots of other guys and it just makes me SO mad that - *(she finally realizes she hasn't been paying attention to the cut)* Oh. Oh oh. It's nothing. Nothing I just... *(she mimes fluffing the hair)* Got a little carried away. This... Oh boy. *(Changing to much more positive)* Oh Boy! Lindy, you have the greatest haircut. You are going to have the greatest hair. Very hip. Very fresh. Very ahead of your time *(She turns her head sideways as she surveys the damage)* The lopsided look is a trendsetter! I...

*Gladys slumps. She knows what's she done. She points off to the side.*

Hats are in the corner.