

MY OSCAR SPEECH

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INT. LARGE THEATRE - NIGHT

On stage next to the ACTRESS we see a cannister of helium.

ACTRESS

I've always wanted to be here, at the Oscars, winning the Oscar for best actress. I'd like to thank Baxter my maltese pitbull, this one is for you buddy AWOOOOOOO!

She howls like a wolf.

ACTRESS (CONT'D)

Wow. I spent the last 7 hours screaming in Japanese in my closet. Since I was a small animal I have been preparing for this moment. I am so proud to be among you but not in a murderous sort of way. No. The other actresses in my category were just so talented. Now I will rank them on a scale of 1 to 10. Saoirse Ronan, deeply in love with you. 9. Sandy Bullock I knew I could beat you. 6. Carey Mulligan I would dive into a **deep** dark pit with you. You inspire me. 5. Dame Judi Dench. 2. You know what you did. And finally Meryl, I wanted to beat you most of all. Rock solid ten. I want to work with all of you wicked witches together, one powerful ensemble that will swallow the Earth.

She sets her Oscar down on the stage. She pulls some note cards out of her bra.

ACTRESS (CONT'D)

Now for the stand up I have prepared for this portion of my massive victory. Thank You to my partner, they who shall not be named. Which reminds me, I don't want to get married, ew. Marriage is so old and sad. What's new and fun is huffing helium. I just did that, I'm such a clown.

She picks up the helium and takes a big huff.

ACTRESS (CONT'D)

I don't know why people have such a fear of clowns. Just because they indulge in human flesh now and then? So do the rich, am I right? I'm looking at you Ryan Reynolds. There are no secrets in Hollywood. We are apes, we're just the weirdly hairless bipedal animals in our category. Which really makes you think: *are we ugly?* To other animals I mean. I know all the other humans think I'm hot. Now to my acceptance speech. I accept this honor, this burden. All the children watching. I was you, you used to be me. I hear the music. Just 20 more seconds, I promise, I'm a quarter past page two of my Oscar acceptance script. Wow. I really didn't expect this, I know I have a reputation for being a bit of a strange bird in Hollywood and some of Bollywood. "You're too weird to win an award Katharineeeee" I say to myself sometimes. They say humans are made of 95% water, well, I am made of strange birds. I'm almost done, I'm almost done. I'll leave you with these thoughts: Hollywood and the Foreign Press need to change. Cast me in more roles. I am not a woman I am *the* woman. It's only fair to the audience. Gosh I just really deserve this.

She makes intense eye contact with her Oscar.

ACTRESS (CONT'D)

(Whispers)

Thank you so much. I love you.

She walks off stage crying into her Oscar.

Out.