

ACTION 5 NEWS SPECIAL REPORTS

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2nd Draft

Int. Evening

We are on set for Action 5 News' 6:00 broadcast.

BOB

Good evening, I'm Bob Matthews. We have coverage from the tornado that attacked the Ohio Valley earlier tonight, but first...

CUT TO: BREAKING NEWS graphic card comes across screen.

BOB

(cntd.)

We have breaking news from Hollywood...Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have called it quits. The power couple of 4 years has ended their relationship. So sad. Let's now go to Lisa Valdez in East Palestine for more. Lisa?

CUT TO: LISA on the scene with a local named DAVE...it's a mess in the town. Everything is knocked over and around.

LISA

Thanks Bob, and as you can tell, we're all just floored by what's happened today. Dave lives here in town...Dave, what are you feeling right now?

DAVE

Uhm, anger, confusion, sadness, it's tough to pin it down.

LISA

Of course...tell me, what was your favorite moment of theirs?

DAVE

Favorite moment of the tornado?

LISA

No no, of Brangelina. I understand the news comes as a shock, but just tell us what comes to mind first.

DAVE

I--I don't give a shit about them.
I just lost my house, I don't know
where my kids are gonna sleep
tonight.

LISA

I know, and that makes me think of
how Brad and Angie's adopted
children will feel. Tell me, what
do you think Maddox's take on this
would be?

DAVE

Who?

LISA

Their son, Maddox.

DAVE

Lady, f**k off. I have more
important things to do than jabber
on with you.

DAVE walks away.

LISA

Well Bob, as you can see, the
tension is at a high here, what with
no word on how the couple intends to
divide their assets.

BOB

Yeah, it's a real shame. You know I
just saw Mr. and Mrs. Smith a couple
weeks ago...I thought they were
gonna last.

LISA

We all did, Bob. Excuse me, miss?

LISA calls to a woman off camera. The woman, RENE, wanders
in frame.

LISA

(cntd.)

Hello, what is your name?

RENE

Ah, Rene.

LISA

Yes, Rene, and tell me, how would
you best describe your thoughts when

you heard about Brad and Angelina
breaking up.

RENE
Well, we're all just lucky to be
alive, and we'll move--wait, what
did you say?

LISA
Brad and Angelina Jolie, they broke
up.

LONG BEAT as RENE slowly looks around, confused, and begins
to tear up.

RENE
They just...I...I can't believe
this...

LISA
I know, it's taken a toll on us all.

RENE
Frenchy, come here!

FRENCHY walks on to camera.

RENE
(cntd.)
It's over...it's all over.

FRENCHY
No, we'll find anotherp place to--

RENE
No, Brangelina broke up.

FRENCHY
What? What? F**K! F**K! F**K!

FRENCHY takes a nearby bicycle and throws it in anger.

LISA
Frenchy, what are your thoughts?

FRENCHY
What kind of God lets something like
this happen huh? What kind of God
lets two wonderful people like this
get torn apart like...like...this
shirt!

FRENCHY pulls apart his shirt, revealing a large Brad and
Angelina tattoo underneath.

FRENCHY

If love can save them, what hope do we all have? F**K YOU GOD! F**K YOU FOR TAKING THEM FROM US!

LISA

It was too soon.

RENE

It really was. I JUST saw Mr. and Mrs. Smith. They had real chemistry.

LISA

So sad.

BOB

Lisa, gonna have to interrupt you there again, as we have another breaking story.

BREAKING NEWS graphic comes up on screen. When it's over, we're back with BOB in the studio.

BOB

(cntd.)

We've just learned that Jon Voight, father of Angelina Jolie, has expressed his sadness over the breakup, and offers his condolences.

LISA

Oh, wow.

BOB

Yeah, sometimes you forget these people are just like us.

LISA

Yeah, they are just like us.

FRENCHY

NO! THEY'RE BETTER! THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE BETTER!

LISA

A lot of broken hearts and homes out here, even from the children. I'm here with Tanya Marie...hi Tanya.

TANYA is a 7-year-old girl with a fake leg. She is with her mom, KAREN.

TANYA

Hi.

LISA

Now you said you wanted to show us something.

KAREN

Go ahead honey, tell them.

TANYA holds up her fake leg. It's filled with coins.

TANYA

I was collecting this money for us to help with building, but I'm going to send it to Angelina Jolie and her babies because they need it.

LISA

Aw, that is so sweet. Someone whose heart is in the right place when you need it. Very refreshing.

BOB

Sorry, Lisa, gonna have to interrupt you one more time.

BREAKING NEWS flashes across the screen again. We're back in studio with BOB.

BOB

I'm being informed that a charity has been set up for those looking to make a donation to what is now being called the Brangelina fund. Funds will be distributed equally amongst the survivors of the breakup. You can send your donations to the address below. Lisa?

LISA

Well, consider my check already writt--

BOB

Sorry, have to interrupt you again.

BREAKING NEWS flashes again. Studio, BOB.

BOB

We're being told that at 6:17 local time, 15 seconds from now, will be a broadcast moment of silence for the fallen couple.

LISA

Everyone, if we could just take a moment, and silently reflect upon our favorite moments of this beautiful couple.

LISA stands with her head bowed, as do RENE, FRENCHY, TANYA, and KAREN. In the background, screaming is heard.

DAVE

Where's my son? Has anyone seen my son?

DAVE runs up to reporter.

DAVE

Have you seen my son? Please? He's 9, blonde hair, blue eyes--

LISA

Sir, we are having a moment of silence for Brad and Angelina. Have some sense of decorum.

(to camera)

Bob, I apologize for that outburst. Some people have no sense of timing or taste.

DAVE

I don't give a shit about them. Where is my son?

DAVE runs off.

BOB

Well, everyone deals with tragedy in their own way. Perhaps his son is off watching Mr. and Mrs. Smith right now. Which I do not condone as it is an R-rated film.

LISA

Oh Bob, this is wonderful, can we get the camera over here?

The camera moves over to show someone has used scattered debris to make a mosaic of Brad and Angelina.

LISA

Someone has taken all this debris from the...it was a tornado or something?...they've taken the debris and created a mosaic. Here is the artist...sir, what is your

name?

We pan over to a man who is bleeding heavily, barely alive. He is on his last breath. His name is CURTIS.

CURTIS

C...C...Curtis.

LISA

Curtis, what inspired you to do such a thing?

CURTIS

W-well, as I was l-l-laying here dying, I realized t-there's more important things in l-l-life, so I pulled mys-s-self off the g-gurney, crawled over here, and created s-s-something beautiful before I died.

EMT #1

Sir, we have to get you to the hospital!

CURTIS

W-w...no...with my last breath, I just want t-t-to say, they made the world a b-b-b-better place by m-m-making the movie M-m-mr. and Mrs. S-smith.....

He dies.

LISA

(tearing up)

Wow...sometimes, you just never know how your art is going to affect others. Live from East Palestine, this is Lisa Valdez.

BOB

Thanks Lisa. We're opening a hotline now for people to call in and relay their favorite parts of the movie Mr. and Mrs. Smith. We'll play some of those calls at the end of the broadcast. We'll be right back.

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