

HOCKEY STRIKE

"Shrinkage"

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INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

DAVE and SCOTT, as usual, watching TV. Dave buries his face in his hands.

DAVE

It's just not the same. I miss my big TV.

SCOTT

(pondering)

Maybe there's something we can do...

DAVE

What do you mean?

SCOTT

Well, matter is mostly empty space, which is what allows Kitty Pryde and Buckaroo Banzai to pass through walls and mountains, respectively. The only thing that keeps everyone from doing it is the forces that hold the molecules together. If we adjusted the amplitude of those forces, we could adjust the volume of an object at will.

DAVE

Could you explain...never mind. Go off and invent your whatchamacallit and show me how it works when you're done.

Scott goes off, mischievous glee on his face.

END OF TEASER

BEGINNING OF EPISODE

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Scott unveils his gismo. It's a nondescript bunch of parts with buttons on the top.

SCOTT

I call it the Kroft  
Dimensionalizer, or KD for short.

DAVE

Cool! How's it work?

SCOTT

It adjusts the harmonic resonance  
freq -  
(off his look; points)  
This button here makes things  
bigger, this button here makes  
things smaller. This dial decides  
how much.

DAVE

Got it.  
(huh?)  
Why would you want to make  
something smaller?

SCOTT

Say you wanted to move a piece of  
furniture but couldn't fit it  
through the door, or you wanted  
something big to be portable or  
easy to store, or say there wasn't  
any parking...if you were to go  
somewhere...you could shrink these  
things and put them in your pocket.

DAVE

(whatever)  
Cool.  
(on to business)  
Can we make my TV bigger now?

SCOTT

I need to measure the size of the  
TV so I know how much to make it  
bigger, proportionally. This isn't  
a plasma, so it'll get bigger -  
(gestures)  
(MORE)

SCOTT (cont'd)  
 This way more than it'll get bigger  
 this way. And if it gets too big  
 this way, then there's no room for  
 us.

DAVE  
 I'll get a measuring tape.

Dave gets a measuring tape, and they go over to the TV.

In the f.g. We see the shrink/grow ray on the coffee table,  
 in the b.g. Scott and Dave are right in front of it.

GEEK the cat, walks across the shrink/grow ray and TURNS IT  
 ON.

A BRIGHT FLASH OF LIGHT and Scott and Dave DISAPPEAR.

SCOTT (O.S.)  
 (helium voice)  
 Oh, this is so not good.

DAVE (O.S.)  
 (helium voice)  
 Sweet! You made my TV the size of  
 the Jumbotron!

SCOTT (O.S.)  
 (helium voice)  
 Actually, dude, we're smaller.

An OPERATIVE OF THE MAN teleports in. He pets the cat on the  
 head and, reaching down (POV hand?) Picks up Scott and Dave.

DAVE (O.S.)  
 (helium voice)  
 Hey put us down!

The Operative sees some empty BEER BOTTLES on the DINING ROOM  
 TABLE and walks over and DROPS Scott and Dave inside, then  
 goes around, looking for something.

INT. BEER BOTTLE - NIGHT

Dave and Scott (green screen) inside the bottle. As they walk  
 around, we can hear SPLASHING NOISES, as if they're standing  
 in liquid (beer residue).

SCOTT  
 (helium voice)  
 Well, this is something I never  
 thought I'd see.

DAVE  
(helium voice)  
I suppose this is your idea of  
heaven, being inside a beer bottle?  
(points down)  
That's probably like 42 beers worth  
at this size.

SCOTT  
(helium voice)  
Actually, at our current size, the  
alcohol molecules are too big to  
pass through the blood-brain  
barrier, so we couldn't get drunk  
off it. Kinda spoils the fun.

DAVE  
(helium voice)  
Hey! Who's that guy?

POV SHOT: the Operative, through a brown glass filter.

SCOTT  
(helium voice)  
Beats me. What's he looking for?

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

The Operative finds a BOX OF COMIC BOOKS and starts pulling  
them out.

INT. BEER BOTTLE - NIGHT

DAVE  
(helium voice)  
Hey! Get your mits off my Fantastic  
Four! We gotta get out of here.

SCOTT  
(helium voice)  
Yeah, but how?

DAVE  
(helium voice)  
What if we tipped the bottle over?  
Then we could climb out the mouth  
of the bottle!

SCOTT  
(helium voice)  
Brilliant! Only...

DAVE  
 (helium voice)  
 Let's do it. On three, we run at  
 the wall really fast. One two  
 three!

They run o.s. A clink, "oof!" and splash. They stand up  
 again, soaked.

SCOTT  
 (helium voice)  
 That was what I was afraid of.  
 We're just too small to -

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

The Operative tosses a STACK OF COMICS on the TABLE. It makes  
 the table SHAKE and the beer bottles TIP.

INT. BEER BOTTLE - NIGHT

CAMERA TILT (Star Trek) and Dave and Scott stumble and fall.  
 We hear their helium voices go "Woaaaaahhh!!"

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

The bottle starts ROLLING. More squeaky "Aaaahhh!!" and  
 "Woaaaah!" voices.

The bottle rolls OFF the table and we hear a SMASH.

SCOTT (O.S.)  
 (helium voice)  
 Well, that worked!

DAVE (O.S.)  
 (helium voice)  
 I promise never to complain about  
 the size of anything again.

SCOTT (O.S.)  
 Come on, we've got to get to the  
 coffee table!

POV across the floor.

DAVE (O.S.)  
 (helium voice; out of  
 breath)  
 (MORE)

DAVE (O.S.) (cont'd)  
 I wish I had a toy car or  
 something; this is really far!

SCOTT (O.S.)  
 (helium voice; out of  
 breath)  
 You go on ahead, I just saw  
 something.

At the coffee table, the shrink/grow ray is still there. A  
 PAPERCLIP HOOKS on the edge of the table, attached to a  
 rubber band.

DAVE (O.S.)  
 (helium voice)  
 Great idea!

SCOTT (O.S.)  
 (helium voice)  
 I found this in the dust bunny  
 forest. It's a good thing we never  
 clean.

ON THE COFFEE TABLE, with the shink/grow ray in the b.g.  
 (green screen), Dave helps Scott up.

DAVE  
 (helium voice)  
 Now what?

SCOTT  
 (helium voice)  
 You stand in front of the shrink  
 grow ray and I'll work the  
 controls. Once you're full-size,  
 point it at me and grow me back  
 too.

DAVE  
 (helium voice)  
 Got it.

Dave stands in front of the emitter. We see Scott JUMPING UP  
 AND DOWN on something.

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

In a FLASH OF LIGHT, Dave returns to normal size. (he is also  
 dry) The Operative sees him and startles, runs for the door.

DAVE  
(yells off)  
You'd better not have smudged my  
comics with those greasy mits of  
yours!

SCOTT  
(helium voice)  
Dude! Can you help me out?

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Scott and Dave resume watching TV.

DAVE  
Meh, it's not so bad. So how come  
we didn't stay wet when we grew  
back to normal size?

SCOTT  
Well, the molecular density of our  
shrunken state meant the viscosity -  
(off his look)  
Uh, magic.

DAVE  
Cool.

END OF EPISODE

BLACK OUT