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GARETH (V.O.)  
97% of Americans aged 13 and up  
have cell phones.

CUT TO:

INT. CONVENTION HALL

GARETH BLEVINS is being interviewed.

GARETH  
ACRONYM, and our convention today,  
represents and supports the other  
3%. We have three goals: first, to  
show likeminded people that they  
aren't alone. B, to help people  
assemble the necessary tools to  
live this cell-free life. And  
thirdly...

GARETH pauses, as if having lost his train of thought.

CUT TO:

INT. SPACE JUNK

MASON TYLER is pacing angrily. He is talking on two cell  
phones, texting on a third, and is having a computer  
conversation while being interviewed.

MASON  
(to cell 1)  
what, no I said two shipments at 4  
PM. -  
(to cell 2)  
what do you mean, it didn't make, I  
sent it three days ago -  
(to cell 1)  
No, I said 2 shipments at 4, not 4  
at 2!!  
(to cell 2)  
Just put me on the phone with Jess  
and we'll get it worked out...I  
don't care who she's blowing, just  
put her on!  
(to cell 1)  
No, goddamnit, I said 2!

CUT TO:

INT. FRONT OFFICE

SARA CARPENTER, ticket seller, is sitting at the desk, clearly bored. A phone lies nearby; it doesn't ring.

SARA  
I'm Sara Carpenter, this is my second week on the job, and my responsibility is to sell the tickets to the Annual Acronymd Convention.

INTERVIEWER  
How many tickets have you sold?

SARA flips through a ledger.

SARA  
Um...two.  
(beat)  
One is Gareth.  
(beat)  
The other is his mom.

CUT TO:

INT. CONVENTION HALL

INTERVIEWER  
What is Acronym?

GARETH  
American Citizens for the Reduction of Noisy Mobile devices. Founded in 1926 by Dr. Julius Zyrk, a brilliant visionary. He looked beyond all the conveniences and expediencies of these mobile devices and saw cell phones for what they truly were - cancer causing devices not just in our brains, but in our souls.

During GARETH's VO, interstitials:

GARETH SEEING MISSING CAT POSTER, FINDING CAT

GARETH HOLDING CAT AND FINDING OUT OF ORDER PAY PHONE

## GARETH'S CAR BREAKING DOWN

GARETH (V.O.)

A cell-free lifestyle is not an inconvenience. How can you enjoy a book in the park if you're constantly at the beck and call of your cell phone? Is an equestrian a true man of nature with a cell phone in his pocket?

Back to GARETH.

GARETH

The Egyptians didn't need cell phones to build the pyramids. All they needed was an inexhaustible supply of free labor and their alien overlords.

CUT TO:

## EXT. STREET

GARETH is passing out flyers on the street, setting up a sandwich board on the street.

GARETH (V.O.)

I'm 32 years old and I've never owned or operated a cell phone. I have a landline and the same answering machine since 1982, and I function like any normal member of society.

CUT TO:

## INT. CONVENTION HALL

GARETH's kit is spread out in front of him. The fanny pack reads CU&NT. There is a signal mirror, stamps and post-its, a roll of quarters.

I always carry one of these with me: my Communication Utilities & Networking Toolkit. Everyone at the convention will get their own.

CUT TO:

INT. SPACE JUNK

MASON

What's it like working with some  
without a cell phone? You ever try  
jerking off with crisco? You can't  
ever get a hold of him.

CUT TO:

EXT. BEAUTY SALON

BEA BLEVINS is walking up the ramp to the beauty salon. She  
waves to the camera crew.

CUT TO:

INT. BEAUTY SALON

BEA is working.

BEA

Has Gareth ever had a cell-phone?

GARETH is playing with his CU&NT.

BEA (V.O.)

No. But he's always found ways to  
communicate. When he was 6 I got  
him walkie-talkies and he wouldn't  
even take them out of the box. Do  
you know what he told me? Mom, all  
I need is two tin cans and a ball  
of string.

Back to BEA

BEA

Do I have a cell phone?

(beat)

Oh, who would call me? Gareth?

BEA laughs nervously.

CUT TO:

INT. FRONT OFFICE

SARA is working at the desk. GARETH is standing awkwardly.

SARA  
Do I need a cell phone? Let me  
tell you, all a woman needs are  
these.

SARA indicates her boobs.

SARA  
Can an app get you free drinks?  
Can a cell phone get a full page  
spread in your senior yearbook?  
And an iphone can't act as your  
second form of ID at the BMV?  
These can. Most guys will settle  
for A boob. All you need is one of  
these.

SARA's cell phone goes off and she receives the text message.

SARA  
(to GARETH)  
The chef wants to know the  
headcount.

GARETH  
Oh...I'll text him.

GARETH writes the number 3 on a post-it, puts it in an  
envelope, and puts a stamp on it.

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN

CHEF is pacing angrily when his cell-phone rings.

TEXT FROM SARA CARPENTER - GARETH IS TEXTING YOU THE  
HEADCOUNT.

CHEF angrily swipes pots and pans of the counter and stalks  
away.

CUT TO:

INT. BEAUTY SALON

GARETH is sitting under the hair dryer.

GARETH

Cell-phones are the leading cause of the alienation so many people feel today. And we're not even going to talk about how they are killing all the bees. Cell phones are...oxymorons. They make you available 24/7, yet they take all the human touch out of communication. They make you talk without speaking...hear without really listening -

BEA's cell phone rings.

GARETH

(very angrily)

Really? Mom, really? How long?  
How long???

GARETH exits angrily. Beat.

BEA

I'm into sexting.

CUT TO:

INT. CONVENTION HALL

JIBSHOT BANNER AND OVER EMPTY CONVENTION CENTER, GARETH IS SITTING ALONE, PACKING UP FLIERS.

GARETH

Well, no one showed up this year. Not even our keynote speaker, Dr. Zyrk. I wasn't able to...get a hold of him. But that's okay. The message is getting out slowly. Like snail mail. Or carrier pigeons. Or smoke signals. I'm not going anywhere, except...maybe to the park to read my book.

CUT TO:

INT. SPACE JUNK

MASON is still pacing around.

MASON

Look in this day and age, it's all about communication. I'm connected right away to friends, business associates, craigslist whores...uh, My kids...without all these cell phones, I'd be totally alone.

AMANDA (V.O.)

Did you just call me a craig's list whore?

MASON

That's where we met.

The camera man follows MASON's eyes to his iphone and finds AMANDA on the computer screen.

AMANDA

I'm a licensed massage therapist.

Back to MASON.

MASON

So no, I'm not going to the convention. I'm going to start my own convention for people who can't believe there are still assholes without fucking cell phones.

CUT TO:

INT. FRONT OFFICE

SARA

You know, I've been trying to think...it might be nice to have a conversation without being interrupted. Maybe cell phones-

She is interrupted by her cell phone ringing. She answers immediately.

SARA

Heya! Oh nothing. Just sitting at work.

(beat)

No, it's fine! Nothing important.

(beat)

Oh my god!

(beat)

Oh my god, shut up!

(MORE)

SARA(cont'd)

(beat)

Oh my god, Shut up!

CUT TO:

C.U. ANSWERING MACHING

ZYRK (V.O.)

Uh, This is Dr. Julius Zyrk...I was just looking for directions to the ACRONYM convention. The most recent map I've found is from 1985 and it looks like things have changed. Just call me back at the Jiffy Stop Pay phone, 555-7772.

EXT. PARK

GARETH is sitting contentedly, reading a book. He is surrounded by people looking agitated, talking on cell phones, including the documentary crew.

CUT TO:

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