

STRESS THE SUCCESS  
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MUSIC: 2001 or Star Wars.

Swooshing SFX.

We see a corporate logo saying "Stress the Success." in 3d circling the earth.

Lights up on Mondy playing NEAL wearing dark, pleated pants, colorful, silky dress shirt, tie and sunglasses.

NEAL

Welcome to the world of tomorrow. A world so fantastic it makes the world of today look like time's read-headed stepchild.

He removes his sunglasses, revealing another pair of sunglasses.

NEAL (CONT'D)

A place where hopes and dreams, nightmares and nirvanas are a reality. The world of tomorrow makes your world look like a bitch. Who among you will bravely step past the horizon of today into the future. I need a volunteer I've never seen before.

PHIL

I'm interested in the world of tomorrow!

Another swooshing noise. Tony enters playing PHIL, he also wears a variation of Mondy's dress pants, shirt and tie. He wears horn-rimmed glasses and carries a glass (or carton?) of milk and a newspaper.

PHIL (CONT'D)

What is this place?

NEAL

Welcome volunteer stranger from the audience. Stand in awe at the future!

PHIL

My milk's gone bad!

NEAL

Inhale the passage of time!

PHIL

Tomorrow's newspaper!

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NEAL

Behold March 13th!

PHIL

I've grown hair in my ears!

NEAL

As only you could in the place where  
what's next...is now!

PHIL

But the world of the future has to be  
more than just the day after tomorrow's  
yesterday!

NEAL

Huh? Oh! The day after tomorrows--yes!  
Yes, so much, much more than what you  
just said.

PHIL

Wow, the world of tomorrow seems filled  
with wonder and potential. What  
potentially wonderful things are possible  
in the future?

NEAL

How about X-ray mailboxes?

PHIL

Food pills?

NEAL

Self-combing hair?

PHIL

Cordless boat motors?

NEAL

No-wash teflon pants?

PHIL

Cars that don't pollute, get great  
mileage and run on hydrogen?

They both start laughing uproariously.

Mondy talks to the audience.

NEAL

Well, let's not get carried away.

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PHIL

Guess we had you going there, folks. I'm not really a volunteer from the audience.

He takes off his glasses.

PHIL (CONT'D)

See?

NEAL

Wow!

PHIL

I'm Phil.

NEAL

And I'm Neal.

PHIL

And we're here to show you how to...

BOTH

Stress the Success!

NEAL

We have the keys that fit in the lock that will open the door that leads you down the hallway and into the downstairs rec room of financial freedom.

PHIL

You know folks, we weren't always the happy, hopeful, successful people you see before you.

NEAL

We used to be pathetic...

PHIL

Depressed...

NEAL

Ignorant losers.

PHIL

Just like you.

NEAL

Hard to believe.

PHIL

I used to sell feminine hygiene products door-to-door.

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NEAL

And I was a small, asthmatic, Puerto Rican grandmother.

PHIL

But then we woke up, unlocked our minds and decided to...

BOTH

Stress the Success!

PHIL

It's a fool-proof system.

NEAL

But don't take our word for it, just look at the facts.

A chart appears on screen. Along the left side, going up, are numbers zero through one million. On the bottom are three colored, vertical bars; two, labeled Phil and Neal, are up in the one million area. The third, labeled Everybody Else, is down near zero.

PHIL

Statistics don't lie, folks.

NEAL

Can't argue with science.

Energized, Phil runs closer to the audience.

PHIL

Before we get started, let's have everybody stand up. C'mon, stand up!

NEAL

Don't be afraid.

Hopefully, the audience stands.

PHIL

Okay, now...sit back down.

They do.

PHIL (CONT'D)

Doesn't that feel great?!

NEAL

Get's the blood flowing, doesn't it?

PHIL

That's what I call team building.

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NEAL

And it teaches a valuable lesson.

PHIL

Don't be afraid to take orders.

NEAL

Now I know what you're thinking., "Hey, this success stuff is all well and good, but what about my feet?"

PHIL

Did you know, most Americans stand over 98 percent of the time on their feet?

NEAL

It's a fact.

PHIL

That's a lot of weight to carry all day long.

Mondy pats his stomach.

NEAL

(Jokingly.)

Hey, back off! Just kidding.

PHIL

The stress and fatigue on your feet can cause a whole host of illnesses and maladies.

NEAL

All getting in the way of your...

BOTH

Stress to Success!

Phil takes a shoe insole from his pocket.

PHIL

But with our new, patented Stress For Foot Success insoles, you'll stand, look and walk like a whole, new, successful you.

NEAL

Before I wore the insole, I was five foot two, bald and looked like Tim Conway.

An image of Mondy's face Photoshopped on to Tim Conway appears.

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PHIL

Wow!

NEAL

The facts don't lie, folks.

PHIL

Now I know what you're thinking, "Hey, that shoe insole stuff is all well and good, but what about mixing frozen ice drinks, like Daiquiris or Strawberry Marrrrrgeritas?"

NEAL

Ole'!

Phill gets a small food processor from under a small table downstage.

PHIL

That's where the Stress For Mix-Mastering Success Mix Master comes in! It slices...

NEAL

Dices...

PHIL

Juliennes and best of all, mixes all of those crushed ice drinks that all the successful people drink.

An image appears on screen of Charles Nelson Reilly holding a frozen Daiquiri.

NEAL

The facts don't lie, folks.

PHIL

Now I know what your thinking, "Hey, that rich, successful people drinking great frozen drinks is all well and good, but don't poor, unsuccessful people enjoy a frosty cocktail now and again?"

An image of Henry Fonda as Tom Joad from *The Grapes of Wrath* appears on screen.

NEAL

Hmmm, I read *Grapes of Wrath*.

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PHIL

Back in high school. Don't recall the Joad family sipping Grasshoppers poolside.

NEAL

The facts don't lie, folks.

PHIL

So, in conclusion, don't forget our all-important ABCs of Success. A - Always be successful.

NEAL

B - Be successful.

PHIL

C - Concentrate on success.

NEAL

D - Don't Dodge success.

PHIL

E - Keep you Eye on success.

NEAL

F - Find success.

PHIL

G - Gee, it's great to be successful.

NEAL

H - How about that success?

PHIL

I - I love success.

NEAL

J - Just say yes to success.

PHIL

K - Keep successful.

NEAL

L - Love your success.

PHIL

M - Mix Master your success.

NEAL

N - Never say No to success.

PHIL

O - Only be successful.

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NEAL

P - Pat success on the head.

PHIL

Q - Quit being unsuccessful.

NEAL

R - Reveal your success.

PHIL

S - Sweet, sweet success.

NEAL

T - Take hold of your success.

PHIL

U - Use your success.

NEAL

V - Voice your success.

PHIL

W - Wish for success.

NEAL

X - X-ray yourself to success.

PHIL

Y - Y not success?

NEAL

Z - Zip, zap, zing, you're successful!

PHIL

It's that easy.

NEAL

So remember, folks, success is only an unexposed photograph, till you choose to wash it in fine grain D-76 developing agent.

PHIL

An old fashioned, chemical-optical-analog idea in this digital world, but hey, what isn't?

NEAL

Good point.

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PHIL

So, after Human Resources VP Glenn Takahashi goes over the "How To Fire An Employee Guilt Free" part of your seminar, we'll all meet out back for the Phone Sales vs Management tug of war.

NEAL

Good night folks!

PHIL

And don't forget to...

BOTH

Stress the success!

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