Zoe, the Office Superhero

A skit by Dwayne Yancey

Selected from his collection, "Skits 24/7"

Cast: *2 females, 3 flexible*

Length: *5 pages of dialogue (900 words)*

Performance time: *About 5 minutes*

The Story

Zoe, an office assistant, quickly fixes the copier without calling in for repairs, enabling the report to get finished on time, rescuing the important project and ultimately saving the whole company! Not only can she fix a copier, but she knows everyone's passwords, pass codes, account numbers -- and sometimes even the dates of their anniversaries. She's Zoe, office superhero!

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(Four white-collar OFFICE WORKERS are huddled around a jammed-up printer. George is working on it; Frank is looking over George's shoulder. Charlie is the layabout, just chattering. Amy, the office assistant, looks through the manual.)

FRANK: Can you get it?

GEORGE: I think I've almost got it.

FRANK: Did that get it?

GEORGE: Almost.

FRANK: Because I've got to get that report in by the deadline or we won't get the contract.

AMY: I'm trying to find the instructions here. I don't know why they have to make these things so complicated.

CHARLIE: Remember, that time Mr. Hayward tried to fax that report off to corporate and instead he faxed it to everyone else in the building? You remember that one - the one stamped "confidential"? The one with everybody's personnel file in it? Oh yeah, that was something.

FRANK: Any luck?

GEORGE: OK, I think I've got it un-jammed.

FRANK: Oh, thank goodness. Because I've got to get that report put together in time for the overnight delivery service pick-up and I need that document.

GEORGE: It's moving. Something's moving.

FRANK: All right!

GEORGE: Now it's stuck again.

FRANK: Oh man!

AMY: OK, I found the instructions.

FRANK: What do they say? What do they say?

AMY: I don't know. They're in Chinese.

GEORGE: OK, let me try this again a different way.

FRANK: Careful now. I need that copy. I really need that copy.

AMY: Ah, here's an 800 number for technical support. *(SHE dials the number.)*

CHARLIE: Remember that time Mr. Hayward told us to cut costs and we got that automated voice mail system and he pushed the wrong buttons for his password and suddenly it started giving all the prompts in some other language - and we lost that contract on the Acme deal because the Acme people thought they'd dialed the wrong number?

AMY: Oh! *(SHE slams down the receiver.)*

FRANK: What's wrong?

AMY: The number's changed to some kind of phone sex service.

CHARLIE: Oh, well, that reminds me of the time that --

FRANK: Charlie? Shut up.

CHARLIE: Sorry. But it's a funny story.

GEORGE: All right! I've got it! I've got it!

FRANK: He's got it!

(The piece of paper tears.)

GEORGE: It tore.

FRANK: Geez!

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