

NERDS - PILOT

Web Series

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ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

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FADE OUT.

EXT./ESTAB. CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY - DAY

The city is quite animated.

CITY AND STATE APPEAR IN THE LOWER CENTER OF THE SCREEN:
"CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY".

MALE VOICE (V.O.)

Cranford. A township in Union County in the state of New Jersey. Its motto is *Friendship And Progress*. It is about eighteen miles southwest of Manhattan.

(a brief pause)

New Jersey Monthly ranked Cranford as its thirty-fourth best place to live in its rankings of the *Best Places To Live* in 2010.

(another brief pause)

In both 2018 and 2019, *The Star-Ledger* named Cranford the best downtown in New Jersey after an online vote, calling it *adorable and snowglobe-like*.

SERIES OF SHOTS - ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY

- Vehicles drive up and down the city streets.
- People cross the streets and/or walk on the sidewalks.
- Restaurants and store fronts are in full swing, business-wise.

MALE VOICE (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Its nickname is *The Venice of New Jersey*.

EXT./ESTAB. A HOUSE IN A QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD - DAY

BIRDS CHIRP and then, a car drives past the house.

TITLE CARD SLIDES INTO THE BOTTOM CENTER OF THE SCREEN:
"STEVE MILLER'S HOUSE - MONDAY AFTERNOON - 2:00 P.M."

YOUNG BOY (V.O.)

This is my home. I have lived here
since birth.

INT. THE BASEMENT - DAY

Eight nerds, four girls and four boys, are seated in chairs
and they are silent as they look toward...

...STEVE MILLER, 40, a stereotypical nerd who plays the
accordion. He is also the president of S.N.A.P., the Society
of Nerds Against Popularity.

FIRST AND LAST NAME SLIDE INTO THE LOWER CENTER OF THE
SCREEN: "STEVE MILLER".

He stands behind a podium as he speaks MOS as his VOICEOVER
speaks aloud.

STEVE (V.O.)

That's me. My name is Steve
Miller...and yes, I'm a nerd and
I'm proud of it.

(a brief pause)

My hobby is playing the accordion
and I'm also the president of
S.N.A.P., the Society of Nerds
Against Popularity.

(brief pause)

My friends and I are having our
weekly meeting in my parents'
basement. We have our meeting every
Monday.

STEVE

Good afternoon, everyone and
welcome to our weekly S.N.A.P.
meeting.

(re: the other nerds)

As you know, we have these meetings
every afternoon at two. Now--.

Steve continues to speak and...

STEVE (V.O.)
Let me introduce you to my fellow
S.N.A.P. members.

LAURA MATTHEWS, 40, a female nerd, a total bookworm and lover of varied forms of knowledge. She takes her life and her friendships with her fellow nerds quite seriously.

She wears a librarian-type outfit and she wears red-framed glasses and her blonde hair is done up in a bun. She is seated in a calm manner with one leg crossed over the other.

SUPER SLIDES INTO THE LOWER CENTER OF THE SCREEN: "LAURA MATTHEWS".

STEVE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
This young lady is Laura Matthews.
She is quite an amazing person. She
loves to read books and enjoys
gaining knowledge on a variety of
topics.

INT. THE LINK SET - DAY

She stands in place and breaks the fourth wall as she speaks.

LAURA
Twelve to the second power equals
one hundred and forty-four.
(she looks to her left as
she breaks the fourth
wall)
Eight furlongs, or five thousand
two hundred and eighty feet are
equal to one mile.
(she looks to her right as
she breaks the fourth
wall)
One thousand, seven hundred twenty-
eight cubic inches is equal to one
cubic foot.

INT. THE BASEMENT - CONTINUOUS

Laura continues to sit in her seat in a calm manner with one leg crossed over the other.

STEVE (V.O.)

She is the female Wikipedia of the group...and she cares about us and sees to it that we stay the best of friends.

A pair of legs in black tights and a pair of black and white Converse sneakers are seen on the feet. They both belong to...

...SHIRLEY DUGAN, 40, a nerdy female who has shoulder-length brunette hair, a black leather miniskirt and a white blouse.

FIRST AND LAST NAME SLIDES INTO THE LOWER CENTER OF THE SCREEN: "SHIRLEY DUGAN".

She is cute and sweet. She is also a successful cosplayer and an avid Pokemon fan. She sits in silence as she listens to Steve, who continues to speak.

STEVE (V.O.) (CONT'D)

This is Shirley Dugan. She is a big fan of cosplay.

INT. SHIRLEY'S BEDROOM - DAY

She is in her bedroom, which has a lot of awards within its four walls. She stands at the foot of her bed and she has a smile on her face as she breaks the fourth wall.

SERIES OF SHOTS - SHIRLEY'S AWARDS

- There are numerous trophies on top of her bookshelf.
- There are framed certificates on the walls.

STEVE (V.O.)

She has won numerous awards for her variety of characters and...

She has Pokemon bed covers on her bed as well as a Pickachu plush toy on her pillow.

STEVE (V.O.) (CONT'D)

...she's an avid Pokemon fan. Pickachu is truly one of her favorite characters on the show.

INT. THE BASEMENT - CONTINUOUS

Shirley remains silent as she is still seated on her chair and as Steve continues to speak...

SHEA MANSFIELD, 40, a shy nerdy girl who wears black framed glasses. She is clad in a pair of denim shorts, a red camisole and a pair of white tube socks and black and white Converse sneakers.

FIRST AND LAST NAME SLIDES INTO THE LOWER CENTER OF THE SCREEN: "SHEA MANSFIELD".

She is silent as she listens to Steve as he continues to speak.

STEVE (V.O.)

This is Shea Mansfield. She is a sweet girl and she is sometimes shy; except when she is around us. And there is one thing that she loves quite a lot.

INT. SHEA'S BEDROOM - DAY

She stands in her bedroom with a small grin on her face and breaks the fourth wall as she stands at the foot of her bed. Her walls are decorated with different photos and/or posters.

STEVE (V.O.)

She is a really big fan of...

SERIES OF SHOTS - PHOTOS/POSTERS OF "WEIRD" AL YANKOVIC ON THE WALLS

STEVE (V.O.) (CONT'D)

..."Weird" Al Yankovic".

Shea continues to stand at the foot of her bed and breaks the fourth wall and sports her small grin.

STEVE (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Ever since she heard Al's hit "Eat It", she has been a big fan of his ever since. She also has every album he has ever recorded.

INT. THE BASEMENT - DAY

Shea continues to sit in her seat in silence as she continues to listen to Steve speak.

STEVE (V.O.)

Her ultimate dream in life is to
meet "Weird" Al in person one day.

She sports a small grin and in the seat next to her...

...MARTHA RANDELL, 40, is seen. She is a cute African
American girl, who is clad in a white blouse, a pleated
skirt, white tube socks and a pair of black and white
Converse sneakers and black framed glasses.

FIRST AND LAST NAME SLIDES INTO THE LOWER CENTER OF THE
SCREEN: "MARTHA RANDELL".

She is also silent as she listens to Steve speak.

STEVE (V.O.) (CONT'D)

This is Martha Randell. She is
really smart. She has an IQ of 160.
She is also a fan of the television
series "The Big Bang Theory".

INT. MARTHA'S BEDROOM - DAY

Martha is stretched out on her front on her bed. Her sock
feet are on top of the headboard. She is clad in a white wife
beater and a pair of black bike shorts and she sports a big
smile on her face because...

...an episode of the show is on her television screen.

Martha is ecstatic as she watches the episode.

STEVE (V.O.)

Of all the characters from the
cast, she relates to actor Johnny
Galecki's character, Leonard
Hofstadter, the most.

(re: Martha lays across her
bed as she continues to
watch her program)

She thinks that he is a major hunk
in the nerd community...and she
makes sure that that fact is known
when we hang out together.

INT. THE BASEMENT - DAY

Martha continues to listen to Steve as he speaks.

On her right...

...PETER ANDERSON is in the chair next to her. He is an African American male, who is in his mid-40s years and wears black framed glasses, a black Batman T-shirt, a pair of jeans, white tube socks and a pair of black and white Converse sneakers.

STEVE (V.O.)

This gentleman here is Peter Anderson. He knows everything about movies and television as well as words we use in everyday life.

INT. THE LINK SET - DAY

Peter stands in the place and he breaks the fourth wall and says what Steve's voiceover has introduced.

PETER

The original "Scary Movie", which was directed by comedian/actor/writer Keenan Ivory Wayans and was co-written by brothers Shawn and Marlon Wayans, Phil Beaman, Buddy Johnson, Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer. It made \$278 million worldwide on a \$19 million budget.

(a short, dramatic pause)

I also enjoy etymology which is the study of the origin of words and the way in which their meanings have changed throughout history.

INT. THE BASEMENT - DAY

Peter continues to sit in his seat as he listens to Steve speak MOS. In the seat on his right...

...RALPH PORTER, an African American male, who is also in his mid-40s, who is dressed in the usual nerd attire and he wears black-framed glasses. He sits and listens to Steve as he speaks MOS.

STEVE (V.O.)

This bright young man is Ralph Porter. He is quite an amazing inventor and he's also an avid comic book enthusiast.

INT. RALPH'S BEDROOM - DAY

In MOS, Ralph sits in his chair, which is on the right side of his computer desk, as he does some work on his computer and then...

...his robot, DATA, with a glass of orange juice in his mechanical hand, motions himself toward Ralph.

STEVE (V.O.)

This is one of Ralph's top inventions: His robot, DATA, a.k.a., Digital Analytical Technological Assistant. Ralph created him to be his computerized butler, so to speak.

Ralph turns his head toward DATA and takes the glass from him and nods his head as to say "Thank you" and he puts the glass on the coaster on top of his computer desk and returns to his work on his computer as DATA turns in the opposite direction and rolls away.

EXT./ESTAB. ROUGE COMICS AND COLLECTIBLES - DAY

The store stands tall within the city of Cranford. The TRAFFIC SOUNDS are heard and people walk past the store from opposite ends of the sidewalk.

STEVE (V.O.)

He also frequents Rogue Comics And Collectibles to get his comic book fix on those rare days he isn't working on his latest invention.

INT. STEVE'S BASEMENT - DAY (CONTINUOUS)

Ralph sits in his seat and continues to listen to Steve speak MOS and on his right...

...PAUL STONE, a slim nerd, age 40 and he is dressed in college professor attire and he wears black framed glasses. He is known as an avid storyteller by his fellow group members.

STEVE (V.O.)

And this is Paul Stone, the resident storyteller of Cranford.

INT./ESTAB. PAUL'S BASEMENT - DAY

In MOS, Paul stands behind a podium as he tells a story...

...to Steve and the rest of the group, who sit in chairs and listen in amazement.

The situation is almost similar to the opening scene, but the only differences are: the group is in Paul's basement (not Steve's), Paul stands behind a podium and Steve sits in a chair with the other seated nerds.

SUPER APPEARS IN THE LOWER CENTER OF THE SCREEN: "A LAZY SATURDAY AFTERNOON"

STEVE (V.O.)

Every alternate Saturday, we all get together in his basement and we listen to his latest story that he has thought up. To be honest with you, he should think about becoming an author.

INT./ESTAB. STEVE'S BASEMENT - DAY (CONTINUOUS)

Steve and the group are still together in their places in the basement. Steve comes to the end of his speech to his friends.

STEVE

...and we, as nerds, need to stick together and support each other and others like us in Cranford and other cities in New Jersey...

(re: each nerd in their seat as they listen to Steve)

and hopefully, we can share the support to nerds all around the world.

(re: Steve and his friends)

Okay...

(he holds up his gavel)

...I hereby make a motion to adjourn this meeting.

THE GROUP MEMBERS

Second.

STEVE

Meeting is adjourned.

Steve POUNDS the gavel on the podium in front of him and as he and the seated nerds stand up and get together and talk to each other MOS...

STEVE (V.O.)

And this, my fellow nerds, has been an honest introduction of myself and my fellow nerds and a somewhat brief biography about each one of us. My friends and I always have good times and have lots of fun hanging out with each other and talk about our hobbies...but most of all...we enjoy being nerds.

(a short, dramatic pause)

So, to all of you out there...I say, on behalf of all of my friends...Keep it nerdy!

FADE OUT.

CHYRON

QUOTE CARD: "BEING A NERD IS NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU LOVE; IT'S ABOUT HOW YOU LOVE IT." - WIL WHEATON

CLOSING CREDITS ROLL as SYNTHESIZED MUSIC PLAYS.

FADE OUT.