

## LIAM

Late 20s – 30s Liam would like to be directing other things than photo shoots for washing powders. He's not so unprofessional as to let it show, but we can sense a slight weariness at having to deal with these women. There's a resigned patience to his actions and each smile he makes we feel is professional. For Liam, this photo shoot is a job, and not the job he wanted.

- Liam** Right let's get this started. Here we go with your sunflowers!
- Ruth** *(tapping one)* Oh now – isn't that clever? Is it plastic or are they - ?
- Cora** *(hanging one on some furniture)* What are they for, are they decoration? Kinda hanging about the place? Some sort of "theme"?
- Liam** They certainly are. Do they fit?
- Liam hangs one on Annie*
- Everyone** *(variously)* Oh my God/ Look at that!
- Cora** They hang on us!
- Liam** Yeah. One for each of you, except Chris who's actually gonna be holding the product.
- Annie** The calendar?"
- Liam** The washing powder.
- Pause*
- Jessie** The "washing powder"?
- Celia** What "washing powder"?
- Ruth** Is this advert not about the calendar?
- Chris** 'Course it is. Long term. Just imagine what it's going to do for the profile - !
- Liam** OK I promise this won't take long. *(He smiles)* Once we've cranked up the lights, it'll be off with your kit, couple of clicks, done.
- Jessie** *(At Chris – "what"?)* Sorry?
- Liam** Andy?

*Liam is about to go off, as the girls all look in horror at each other*

**Chris**            Sorry, Liam. You want us – with these, over -?

**Liam**            The caption's gonna go over, yeah. "We'd rather go naked than use another." You know? YOU get the picture!

*There is a pause*

**Chris**            These flowers, but *without the dresses*?

*Liam looks around them, finally understanding the hesitancy*

**Liam**            I mean that's not a problem, is it? Stripping off? I mean, that is what you "do"?

*A beat. Chris has to turn to her troops and put on a brave face. None of them WERE aware this was the score.*

**Chris**            Absolutely!

**Liam**            Absolutely! *(Into his walkie talkie)* Andy? jTake these lights up forty percent

*Liam goes*