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ERNIE ' S GIRLS

"Pet-Sitting"

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FADE IN:

INT. ROBINSON HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Mariah, Toni, Brandi and Whitney SQUEAL/SCREAM frantically scanning the floor beside Vanessa.

VANESSA

All right, guys. Calm down. He's more afraid of you than you are of him.

ERNIE

One of the hazards of having a veterinarian for a wife? Every time the neighbors go out of town, guess who gets stuck pet-sitting?

MARIAH

Is that him over there?

BRANDI

No, that must be one of Dad's big game hunting trophies. Oh wait. It's a hairball.

The other girls SCREAM again -- joking.

VANESSA

(amused)
Stop, you guys.

ERNIE

Now, you might think this would bother me. But, no. I'm unflappable. Apparently, I'm the only one here who is.

Vanessa quietly steps near the chair.

VANESSA

Ernie, don't move. He's right there.

Ernie freezes. The girls quickly gather around the back of the chair.

VANESSA

Don't -- move -- a muscle.

As Vanessa grabs the culprit, Ernie flinches, completely unnerved/out of his element.