Pylons

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INT. BEDROOM - DAY

ALAN (18) and SAM (18) are watching Youcube videos on a computer whilst sat on stools. Out of the windows is a sunny suburban view of houses, pylons, etc.

ALAN

That video looks interesting, shall I click on 'Pylon sound illusion'?... I wonder what it could be...

SAM

I like pylons, too. Not as much as the French, though. Fancy building a massive pylon and treating as some kind of impressive landmark. It's not even functional.

AT.AN

Ok, here we go...

ALAN clicks on the video to see a pylon jumping up and down.

AUDIO FROM COMPUTER

See the pylon jumping? It's making a rumbling sound when it hits the ground, right? Turn the sound on your computer off...

ALAN

Ok . . .

ALAN does so. The pylon jumps some more.

SAM

I can still hear the pylon hitting the ground with the sound turned off!

AT.AN

That's fantastic! I liked pylons before, but now I love them!

SAM

Not as much as the French, though.

ALAN

Oh I don't know. J'adore!

SAM

The pylons outside aren't jumping so we can't watch them whilst sticking our fingers in our ears, we're going to have to find some more...

ALAN

I know just the place. There's a countryside area not too far from here. Filled with pylons.

SAM

Oh ok, cool.

ALAN

Before that though, let's keep the sound off and see if jumping houses still make a sound when they land.

SAM

Isn't that a bit of a specific video?

ALAN

Oh you know Youcube, it has everything.

ALAN does some clicking.

AT.AN

Here we go. A video called 'house jumping up and down.' The volume is off.

On the computer, a house jumps.

SAM

No sound whatsoever...

ALAN

Very strange. Ok, let's go.

EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - DAY

It is still sunny. ALAN and SAM are on the top of a hill. In front of them are grassy lowlands. In the distance on such lands are several pylons, one of which is jumping. A lone house also jumps. Only the former makes rumbling sounds when it lands.

ALAN

Well, well... a pylon jumping up and down.

SAM

It's definitely creating a rumbling noise when it hits the ground...

ALAN

Yes, but look at the house that's jumping up and down... no sound at all...

SAM

Let's stick our fingers in our ears to see if it makes a sound.

They do so.

SAM

I can hear the pylon, and still not the house.

ALAN

Same. But why??

SAM

No idea. You have to wonder why a pylon and a house is jumping.

ALAN

Oh I know.

SAM

Can pylons and houses get excited?

ALAN

I'd be excited if the French worshiped me.

SAM

Maybe we could shout French insults at the pylon, then it wouldn't be so smug.

ALAN

Do you know any?

SAM

Sure. He we go... Je m'en fiche!!

The pylon stops jumping.

SAM

I feel bad, now.

ALAN

The house is still jumping, though.

SAM

Stupid house!

The house stops jumping.

ALAN

There you go.

SAM

I feel even worse, now.

ALAN

Think how relieved the people in the house feel now, though...

SAM

I guess. Shall we go home?

ALAN

Yes, but not before putting things right. What's the French for 'pylon'?

SAM

Pylone...

ALAN

Pylone, tres bien!

The pylon jumps up and down again.

ALAN

It worked!

SAM

I think we should leave the house, though. The people inside must be traumatised...

ALAN

Of course. Let's go home.

The two turn their backs on the constructions and walk away. A sound is heard in the distance.

SOUND

Je vous aime.

SAM

Did the pylon just say 'I love you'?

ALAN

Run Sam, run!