KIMLEIGH SMITH 'T-O-T-A-L-L-Y!' AMAZES LIHU'E AUDIENCE

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Martini in hand, Kimleigh Smith smiled ear to ear as she received a standing ovation for her totally amazing performance of "T-O-T-A-L-L-Y!" Saturday at Lihu'e United Church. The 60-minute one-woman show chronicles Smith's real-life journey from a bashful college student to a real-life superhero.

Bouncing onto the stage in what could be the world's smallest cheerleading uniform, Smith introduces herself as a 17-year-old with a big secret. She happens to be a V-I-R-G-I-N. After a gang rape experience leaves her sexually paralyzed, Smith refuses to become a victim. Audience members watch Smith's journey as she battles paralysis, an 80-pound weight gain and lands in the offices of many therapists, or the-rapists as Smith refers to them.

While the subject material may seem dark, Smith delivers 60 minutes of laughs, including the most side-splitting seduction of a "lovah" seen on stage.

Spoken word artist/musician Jim Bray (aka Jimnastyx) of Los Angeles took to the stage before the show to introduce Smith the only way he knew how — by reciting an original hip-hop track titled "Cleopatra" about the most captivating woman he ever met.

Visit TotallyKimleigh.com for more information about Smith.