

Lola
Episode 2
"What's the Word?!"

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INT. BACKSTAGE DRESSING ROOM - DAY

LONDON sits in a makeup chair as the MAKEUP ARTIST preps him.
ROGER paces around the room nervously.

LONDON
I'm just saying it's weird because
I don't have as much control over
what makes it to air.

ROGER
You want to edit? The point of
getting big is to have other people
do that shit for you.

LONDON
It's not that I want to do the
editing, it's that I don't want to
look like an idiot.

MAKEUP ARTIST
You want me to fix your eyebrows
then?

LONDON
What's wrong with my
eyebrows?--

ROGER
Yes.

The HOST knocks on the door. He looks like a Steve Harvey
type and talks like The Price Is Right's Rod Roddy. He
enters.

HOST
London, so glad you're on the show.
Loved you in Home Alone.

London laughs

LONDON
Yeah, that's a fun bit.

HOST
What bit?

LONDON
The pretending I was in Home Alone
thing.

The host stares on awkwardly.

HOST
You weren't actually in Home Alone?

London goes quiet and looks to his manager.

LONDON

No. I mean--

HOST

But you do all the tik toks that say you were in Home Alone.

LONDON

Right. It's just because I kinda look like Kevin McCallister if he grew up and wasn't... Macaulay Culkin.

HOST

You're fuckin' telling me we wasted good money on getting some 90's movie impersonator for my primetime game show? Is that what you're fucking telling me?

London looks to his manager confused, then back to the host. He puts both hands to his face like Macaulay Caulkin does when he puts aftershave on in Home Alone.

LONDON

(half-heartedly)

Ah!...

The room goes silent. Everyone looks at the host as he stares at London. The host looks fucking pissed. Then he starts to laugh.

HOST

I'm yanking your chain!

The room sighs in relief.

HOST (CONT'D)

Macaulay's a good friend. He asked me to give you a hard time about that.

The host grabs a phone that was sitting inconspicuously in the corner.

HOST (CONT'D)

So, I recorded that for his tiktok! K, you're going to do great. I'm going to see you out there. You excited?

London looks like he's going to shit his pants.

LONDON

Yep.

HOST

Good!

(to makeup artist)

Be sure to fix his eyebrows.

The host exits.

LONDON

That's why I like to be in charge
of editing.

CUT TO:

INT. BACKSTAGE GAME SHOW - LATER

London is waiting in the wings to go on. He peeks out and sees the Family Feud-ish looking game show set with two podiums in the middle. The host is speaking enthusiastically to the audience. The crowd cheers. London is nervous, but he's breathing deep to collect himself.

ROGER

You'll do great.

HOST (O.S.)

Welcome, London Laz!

London starts to walk out.

ROGER

Don't fuck it up.

INT. SOUNDSTAGE - CONTINUOUS

London waves to the crowd. They cheer! He approaches the host and shakes his hand. He's smiling and seems cool and collected.

HOST

Welcome everyone to--

AUDIENCE

WHAT'S THE WORD?!

HOST

That's right, the game show where we ask those closest to you to use one word to describe you, and you have to guess--

AUDIENCE
WHAT'S THE WORD?!

The host laughs.

HOST
And tonight we have a fantastic
contestant, Londonlaz!

The audience cheers.

HOST (CONT'D)
You might know London as not
Macaulay Culkin.

The audience laughs. London smiles uncomfortably.

HOST (CONT'D)
I kid! London has millions of
subscribers across multiple social
media channels. And now he's here
to try and tik talk his way out of
What's the Word. How are you
feeling London?

LONDON
I'm excited to be on--

AUDIENCE
WHAT'S THE WORD?!

London looks a little uncomfortable at the shouting.

LONDON
Do they always shout--

AUDIENCE
WHAT'S THE WORD?!

LONDON
I guess they do.

The host laughs.

HOST
You'll remember last episode we had
on boxing champ ZURKOV, and he went
all the way to the last round!

The host gestures to a screen above. London winces at hearing
Zurkov's name

ON SCREEN:

INT. SOUNDSTAGE - PREVIOUSLY

Zurkov stands on the same sound stage. He contemplates.

ZURKOV

If I had to guess the one word that
my local veterinarian would use to
describe me, it would be...
effervescent.

BACK TO:

INT. SOUNDSTAGE - PRESENT DAY

London scoffs.

LONDON

There's no way.

BACK TO:

ON SCREEN:

INT. SOUNDSTAGE - PREVIOUSLY

The host looks on excitedly.

HOST

Show me effervescent!

On the soundstage screen, a VETERINARIAN in a lab coat holds
a cue card.

VETERINARIAN

I gave this a lot of thought, and
I'm going with...

The veterinarian turns the cue card around. On it is written
"effervescent"

VETERINARIAN (CONT'D)

Effervescent! You've got to be
effervescent to rescue two white
tigers!

A photo of Zurkov playing with two white tigers flashes on
the screen. In the studio, balloons fall on Zurkov in
celebration. He cries as the audience cheers.

BACK TO:

INT. SOUNDSTAGE - PRESENT DAY

London looks on incredulously.

LONDON
How could he have known that?

HOST
I guess Zurkov is close to his
veterinarian.

LONDON
No, like how could he know that
word? English is my first language
and I don't know that word.

HOST
Sounds like someone here isn't very
effervescent!

The audience laughs.

LONDON
Honestly, I have no idea if I am or
not.

HOST
Well, I guess you'll find out as we
play--

AUDIENCE
WHAT'S THE WORD?!

The audience cheers. London smiles. The lights dim
dramatically.

HOST
Okay, London, for your first word
we reached out to Mr. Johnson, your
favorite teacher from high school.
He used one word to describe you.

MR. JOHNSON, dressed like a typical PE teacher, appears on
the screen.

HOST (CONT'D)
Can you tell us, what's the word?

LONDON
Mr. Johnson's like a father to me.
Gotta get this right. I'd hate to
disappoint him--

HOST
Show me disappoint!

LONDON
What? No--

MR. JOHNSON
There's only one word to describe
London.

Mr. Johnson turns his card around.

MR. JOHNSON (CONT'D)
And that's "disappoint".

The audience cheers.

MR. JOHNSON (CONT'D)
Isn't he like a tik tok kid now?
Get a real job.

HOST
Nice job, London! I bet you're glad
you didn't disappoint with that
round!

LONDON
I have mixed feelings.

The lights dim dramatically. London shakes off the weird
encounter.

HOST
For your second word, we reached
out to your dear sweet Grandma Laz.

An elderly woman appears on the stage's tv screen above them.
London is excited to see her.

HOST (CONT'D)
Can you guess, what's your word?

LONDON
Grandma Laz is the best. I just
went to see her last week. She's
the one who--

HOST
Show me "who"

Mr. Johnson turns his card around. It says, "Who?"

GRANDMA LAZ

I have no idea who London is. Do you mean Lucas? Bill's son? Is London Lucas?

LONDON

Nana?

HOST

I'll tell you who he is, he's the guy with 100 more points on the scoreboard! Nice job, Lucas!

LONDON

It's London.

HOST

Okay, Lompel.

LONDON

That's not even a name!

AUDIENCE

WHAT'S THE WORD?!

LONDON

And that's not the right time to say that! What's with this show?

The host laughs

HOST

Well, this episode is seeming a little unconventional, but it still has a great grand prize.

LONDON

There's a prize?

HOST

A personalized one! But first you just need to get one answer right in our lightning round!

London looks determined. He smiles.

LONDON

Okay, let's do it.

A timer appears by them.

HOST
 30 seconds on the clock. I'm going
 to name the person from your life,
 you're going to tell me what's the
 word. Ready?

LONDON
 Ready.

As each name is said, the person referenced appears on screen
 with a blurred out cue card. When the host reveals the word,
 the cue card word is also revealed.

The timer starts.

HOST
 Your childhood best friend.

LONDON
 Fun.

HOST
 Booger. Your current best friend.

LONDON
 Funny.

HOST
 Clingy. Your ex-girlfriend.

LONDON
 Handsome?

HOST
 Tiny. Your current girlfriend.

LONDON
 Handsome.

HOST
 Tiny again. Your church leader.

LONDONF
 Tiny?

The host looks a little taken back.

HOST
 Irredeemable. Your sister.

LONDON
 Helpful.

HOST

Eyebrow.

London reaches up and touches his eyebrows in confused concern.

HOST (CONT'D)

Your step-sister.

LONDON

Stuck?

HOST

Irredeemable again. And finally, your mom.

LONDON

Loved.

HOST

Lucas.

London's mom turns around her card and it says, "Do you mean my nephew Lucas? Who is London?"

HOST (CONT'D)

All right. Wow.

The audience cheers.

HOST (CONT'D)

You got through all of them, but I've got to say, we've never had someone miss every single one like that!

London looks off to the wings offended and sees Roger mouthing, "You're fucking this up." London is about to lose it.

HOST (CONT'D)

Well London, lucky for you, we do have a bonus round. We asked your old roommate Dan to describe you in one word.

London's old roommate appears on screen.

LONDON

Oh, God.

HOST

He wanted to use a lot of upsetting words to describe your relationship as roommates, but ultimately, he could only choose one. What's the word?

LONDON

Fuck this.

HOST

Final answer?

LONDON

No, fuck this bonus round.

HOST

Excuse me?

LONDON

And fuck this show.

The host laughs nervously.

HOST

Wow, someone really isn't effervescent.

LONDON

I don't know if I'm effer-fuck-it! But I know that this show sucks. Everybody hates me or forgets me or whatever? Very funny.

HOST

No, I mean, we just asked people for their word--

London looks off into the wings. Roger is mouthing, "What are you doing?"

LONDON

Fine, yeah. You know what? Let's finish it. What did Dan say? Cum bear? I forgot tissues one time and the stuffed bear was the closest thing, okay? I didn't fuck the bear, and no it wasn't mine. Show me cum bear!

The audience is silent. The tension is thick.

HOST
 (subdued)
 Show me "cum bear".

DAN
 You know, London and I had our differences. But I set those aside and realized, if I could only use one word to describe London, it'd probably be "funny". He's a pretty funny guy.

The host looks around awkwardly.

LONDON
 That's a lot nicer than I thought it was gonna--

DAN
 I'm just kidding!

Dan turns around his cue card.

DAN (CONT'D)
 I picked "Cum Bear". That dude fucked my stuffed bear!

The audience erupts into cheers.

HOST
 Amazing! Congratulations Londonlaz!

London reluctantly lifts his arms like he's a champion, but his expression shows that he's horrified at what just happened.

HOST (CONT'D)
 And for your prize, Kevin McCallister's untouched bowl of mac and cheese!

A curtain splits in the back revealing a gross looking bowl of old mac and cheese.

LONDON
 That's it?

HOST
 You love Home Alone! And we love you here on--

AUDIENCE
 WHAT'S THE WORD?!

The audience cheers! The host grabs London's arm and raises it triumphantly. Roger rushes the stage to hug London. London looks horrified at the whole thing. Game show music plays loudly.

London tears off his mic and shoves the host. The host tumbles back. Roger tries to hold London back, but London pushes Roger away too. London screams and makes rude gestures. He picks up the bowl of mac and cheese and pretends to hump it before throwing it at a wall. The entire production descends into chaos as end credits roll.

INSERT - CELL PHONE

The camera pulls out to reveal a YouTube page and that this video was being watched on a phone. The video has 3 million views, 80k likes, and is titled "Lucas Laz has freak out". The comments section is full of comments like, "This dude is canceled," "He went super saiyan!" and "He totally fucked that bear."