

Brunch - Episode 4
Brunchkins

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INT. OLYMPIA CAFE & RESTAURANT

Nick, Duncan, and Mike are seated at a table. Vince as he approaches the table.

VINCE
(sitting down)
Hey buddies. Missed youuuu.

NICK
Miss be with you.

MIKE
And also with you. Hey, what's a
good 90s TV sitcom catchphrase?

VINCE
Real or fake?

NICK
Fake. But pretty much real.
Something like, "Not in my
backyard!"

MIKE
Or, "I didn't sign up for this!"

VINCE
"Can't keep your... butts... in?"

DUNCAN
Nailed it.

Server, a woman in her early twenties, arrives.

SERVER
And here's your drinks. Anything
for you?

VINCE
Water, please. Like a pint of it.
And - are you guys - yeah, I'll get
a boozy coffee, with the h-whiskey.

SERVER
I'll be right back with that.

Server leaves.

NICK
What did you guys call remote
controls?

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VINCE

Clicker.

MIKE

Flicker.

NICK

Maggie's whole family all calls it a 'channel selector'. Like every time. It's unsettling.

DUNCAN

In my house it was always just a chummy thing. Then again, pretty much every object was a chummy thing. God, I can never decide what I want.

NICK

I'm just getting the special.

VINCE

What is it?

NICK

Don't know, don't care. From now on, I'm only ordering the special. And if there is none - "You deal with it," you know?

VINCE

What kind of god-awful place doesn't have a special?

MIKE

"You deal with it." Not sure if you tried, but that's one?

VINCE

Look at this. "Two eggs, your way." My way. Yeah, I like that.

MIKE

Two eggs.
(pointing to Vince)
Your way.

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Server arrives with Vince's drink.

SERVER
Are you guys ready to order?

DUNCAN
Yes? I'll go last though.

VINCE
I'm gonna get the two eggs, my way.

MIKE
Whose way?

SERVER
How would you like them?

VINCE
Doesn't matter, you can decide.
With the bacon and home fries.

NICK
The special.

SERVER
How would you like it done?

NICK
Rare?

DUNCAN
And I'll get the huevos.

Server leaves.

MIKE
Do you mind if I have one of your
eggs, your way?

VINCE
They're her way. If it's scrambled,
you can have some. But fried? Yup,
still fine with it.

MIKE
"Here we go again!"

NICK
Ah, good one. Did you guys stay up
late after last night?

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DUNCAN

We were up for a while. And not even drinking. Just talkin' about - ulcers? And werewolves. Where people from teen sitcoms are now.

VINCE

How old do you think Blossom is?

NICK

I don't think I care. Unless it's like seventy.

MIKE

The Yeast Affection!

VINCE

Right! We were saying that's gonna be the name of our new brewery. And all the beers we'll make - Barley Legal.

MIKE

Malt in Your Mouth. Hops Don't Lie.

NICK

Keg-els?

VINCE

Uh, maybe as a one-off. We also went through all the Jock Jams.

DUNCAN

Yeah, "Everybody Dance Now" was on literally every one for some reason, and still people kept buying them.

MIKE

(singing)

Everybody dance now!

Server arrives.

SERVER

Oh, The guys in the kitchen were just singing that, like two minutes ago.

NICK

Really?

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SERVER
(non-chalant)
Yeah.

NICK
How is your mind not more blown by
this? That song is like thirty
years old. How did everyone end up
singing it right now?

SERVER
You couldn't hear them?

MIKE
No!

NICK
It just came up cause we were
talking about Jock Jams.

SERVER
Oh god. Those were awful.

VINCE
I think only the jocks were awful.
The jams were jams.

SERVER
(holding up coffee pot)
Anyone need a top up?

DUNCAN
No more for me. I gotta drive home.

VINCE
"Ay-ay-yak attack!"

MIKE
Nope.

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NICK
Why turn away, right? I mean, I'd
take a stinky ol' kiss any day. And
she wouldn't.

MIKE
I don't like dates. I don't even
remember the last time I was on a
real one.

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VINCE

Is that why you don't like them?

DUNCAN

"I once took a date out, and I was like, Jane, it's me, Funny-face. You love me. And I love you. It's a topsy-turvy world, Jane, and maybe the problems of two people don't amount to a hill of beans, but this is our hill and these are our beans. Then she kissed me."

NICK

What the?

DUNCAN

That, my son, is a direct quote from the greatest film ever made.

NICK

Citizen Kane?

MIKE

Citizen Kane 2: Back in the Boogaloo?

DUNCAN

Naked. Gun.

NICK

How do you have that memorized?

DUNCAN

How *don't* you?

Server drops off food.

MIKE

Man, this is a buttload of fries.

DUNCAN

Did you know buttload is a real measurement? It's like forty pounds or something.

MIKE

Forty pounds of butts. Band name?

NICK

Sure one of the actual Roman gods, Zeus's kid - his name is Tit Anus.

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DUNCAN
You mean Titanus?

VINCE
I had to get a tit anus shot after
that dog bit me.

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MIKE
Yeah, of course. All old people are
racist, aren't they?

NICK
My grandfather used to pretend that
before he met my grandmother, the
love of his life Rose died in a
terrible accident and he buried her
in the backyard. Any time my
grandma didn't cook some night he'd
say, "I bet poor Rose would've done
that for me." And then, when I was
like eight, I found these
weird-looking rocks in his yard,
and he convinced me they were
Rose's teeth.

DUNCAN
That's not what racism is.

NICK
Yeah, but still pretty nuts. He
ended up getting Alzheimer's.

MIKE
How many?

NICK
All zheimers.

Vince burps.

VINCE
"Whoa, bo bo!"

NICK
Ey, boy-o.

DUNCAN
Neither of those are supposed to be
sitcom lines, were they?

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NICK

Nah.

VINCE

Maybe mine?

MIKE

Do you guys know about the rumour going around that Stevie Wonder isn't actually black.

NICK

You mean blind?

MIKE

Haha, indeed I do. There's a bunch of videos where he's doing things that blind people shouldn't be able to do, like catching balls and flying planes.

VINCE

Wait, black people can't fly planes?

DUNCAN

See, now *that's* racist.

NICK

There's this other conspiracy theory that they're on, like, their third Avril Lavigne.

VINCE

I used to think Avril Lavigne was just April Wine playing french songs.

DUNCAN

Sure a lot of people are convinced that the real Paul McCartney died in a car accident while they were recording Revolver, and they just found some lookalike to take his place.

NICK

I'll believe it. I'll believe in anything at this point. If Paul 1.0 died, sure, why not? Doesn't really affect my life.

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MIKE
Might help explain Temporary
Secretary too.

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MIKE
Do the brown M&Ms taste different
or something? It's not like the
candy shell is flavoured.

DUNCAN
Not at all. That's not why - ooh,
M&Ms or Smarties?

VINCE
Eminems or Dr. Dres?

NICK
How is this even a contest? M&Ms,
obviously. One hundred percent.

VINCE
Excuse me. What was that?

NICK
A hund -- oh, hundy p.

VINCE
Thank you.

MIKE
Do you think they're Eddie Vedder
than Ree-sees Pee-sees?

NICK
Entirely different conversation,
but yes. Smarties and Reese's are
both better than regular M&Ms,
sure, but they don't evolve. See,
M&Ms are ambitious, always trying
something new. "Let's add peanuts.
Or almonds. Throw some pretzels in
with that one. Mint? Coconut!
Ahhhh!" Smarties's attempt at
catching them was what - adding a
purple one? But at that point it
was too late.

MIKE
Ooh - how about, "I'm late, I'm
late!"?

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VINCE

"For a very important date?"

MIKE

Nah, I don't like dates.

NICK

Man, Alice in Wonderland.

MIKE

(overlapping)

I stole a pack of M&Ms when I was a kid, and it was, to this day, the greatest rush I ever had.

NICK

Not the regular kind I hope?

VINCE

Only the brown ones.

NICK

(to Mike)

Weren't you always catching people stealing when you worked at Sport Chek?

MIKE

Sure. One guy came in and grabbed like thirty pairs of pants and bolted, but he couldn't hold on to them all, so he was running through the parking lot leaving a trail of pants behind him.

VINCE

What are you gonna wear a different pair of the same pants every day for the rest of your life?

NICK

Maybe he's a coach for a bunch of soccer teams. That's the only reason to steal that many pants.

NICK

I doubt that that's what the person is doing - trying to get pants for themselves. I mean, it can't be.

VINCE

That's doing it for the sport of it then.

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MIKE

Well, I mean, they're obviously stealing to sell it.

VINCE

But like, where's the market for these stolen Best Buy pants?

NICK

I think they were like athletic pants, not - computer pants?

DUNCAN

I remember years ago, a Columbia - this could be a local urban legend, but I kinda remember it happening. A truck full of Columbia jackets got knocked - got knocked over or whatever they call it - got robbed right before Christmas. And that year every kid in the Circle got basically the same winter coat.

NICK

I remember that. And that's why the Columbia brand is forever associated with skeets.

MIKE

Skeet? Like ji - Wait, what's a skeet?

NICK

They only call them that back home.

DUNCAN

But they literally all got one. So for the next ten years, every skeet in town was wearing a Columbia jacket, bought for next to nothing from this one guy who robbed the truck, and he's like a saviour to all the --

NICK

"You saved us from the cold. Thank you Skeet Jesus."

VINCE

Ah, I wish that was my catchphrase.

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MIKE

Thank you Skeet Jesus?

VINCE

Yeah.

Server picks up dishes and drops them all.

SERVER

Oh no! "It's my first day!"

The frame freezes in a Seinfeldian fashion as Mike, Vince, Duncan and Nick point and look at each other after hearing the ultimate 90s sitcom catchphrase.

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