

"Too Much Citrus"

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INT. DAN'S ROOM-DAY

MONTAGE:

The sun pours in through the window onto DAN, 18, who is just waking up. He does the normal morning things. The emphasis here is on normal. He puts on his clothes, his deodorant, he brushes his teeth, he deals with his hair, etc.

Dan goes downstairs, and opens the refrigerator. Inside there is a pre-cut grapefruit in a bowl with a sticky-note labeled: "Dan (: " Dan smiles and grabs it. A viewer with a discerning eye will notice the refrigerator is loaded with lemons.

He pours himself a glass of orange juice. He grabs the paper from the kitchen table. He goes out to his porch, sits at a table, and picks up his spoon. Water begins to squirt out of Dan's finger.

END MONTAGE.

DAN

What the . . . ?

Dan is confused as water continues to squirt out of his finger, drenching the table, the newspaper, his clothes--everything.

He grabs it with his other hand, effectively stopping it. He looks around, confused. He lets go. It starts spurting again.

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INT. RUFUS'S DEN--DAY

RUFUS, 18, sits in front of the television with a lightly buttered English muffin and a cup of tea. Jeopardy is on.

TREBEK

This African tribe is famous for its all natural steel-making process.

RUFUS

What is the Nick-Nack tribe?

His cell phone rings, so he pauses the T.V. and answers it.

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RUFUS
Rufus Charleston, here; With whom
am I speaking?

INT. DAN'S KITCHEN--DAY

Dan stands over his sink, a rag wrapped around his
water-finger, and the phone in the other hand. The rag is
dripping with water.

DAN
Hey Rufus. It's Dan.

INT. RUFUS'S DEN--DAY

Rufus has the phone to his ear.

RUFUS
Hello Daniel. How are you?

Rufus' face changes from that of pleasant conversation to
that of confusion.

RUFUS
Well, that's odd. Right out of the
index finger? Hmm.

Rufus takes a bite of his English Muffin.

RUFUS
Very curious. I'll be over as soon
as I finish breakfast.

Rufus hangs up, and plays the T.V. He sips his tea.

TREBEK
Every February 22 the-

As Trebek continues with the clue, Rufus answers.

RUFUS
What is St. Balducci Day?

INT. DAN'S FRONT HALL AREA-DAY

Dan sits on the stairs opposite his front door. His water
hand is in a bucket, and a tinkling of water can be heard.
He stares anxiously at the door, fidgeting. The doorbell
rings.

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Dan jumps up and opens the door. It's LISA, 18. She is very pretty, with long blond hair and a yellow sun-dress. She holds a basket of lemons.

Dan was not expecting her, and he quickly grabs his water finger in embarrassment. He blushes, but smiles, excited to see her. Lisa also seems excited to see him.

LISA
Hi Danny!

She waves, and holds up the basket.

LISA
I've got more lemons!

DAN
Great! Let me just-

Lisa looks down at Dan's finger, still dripping slightly through the rag and his hand holding it. She seems concerned.

LISA
What happened to your finger?

Dan racks his brain for an answer.

DAN
Um, I, uh, I burned it.

LISA
Ooh, I'm sorry.

Dan smiles.

DAN
Ha. It's fine. Let me just go
grab my wallet-

Dan points behind him and starts to move where he pointed, as Lisa smiles.

LISA
Oh, no. These will be
get-well-soon lemons. On the
house!

She smiles warmly and grabs a few lemons from her basket.

DAN
Oh, no, Lisa, don't worry-

She smiles and holds out three lemons.

LISA
I insist.

Dan beams, and awkwardly takes the three lemons without letting go of his finger. Lisa ignores how awkward he is, and smiles throughout the whole transaction.

DAN
Well, thanks a lot, Lisa.

LISA
No problem, Dan. See you soon!

She waves, and turns to leave.

DAN
Thanks again! Bye! Thanks!

He closes the door, leans against it, and smiles. He grabs the lemons, and brings them to the kitchen.

He opens the refrigerator, then opens a crisper drawer, but it is already filled with lemons. He opens the drawer next to it, which has vegetables and a few lemons in it, but room for more. He adds them.

A knocking is heard on the door, and Dan quickly closes the refrigerator, then runs to answer.

He opens the door. It's Rufus.

DAN
You know I have a doorbell, right?

RUFUS
I prefer the classic yet classy knock. Sue me.

Rufus steps inside.

RUFUS
Now let me see the finger.

Dan holds his finger out to Rufus, it is still wrapped in a wet rag.

DAN
It started this morning-

RUFUS
Well I can't see it with the rag on Daniel.

Dan walks over to bucket and unwraps his finger, which spurts a jet of water into the bucket. Rufus looks with interest and slight concern.

RUFUS

Oh my. How did it happen?

Dan sits down, exasperated. He keeps his finger in his bucket.

DAN

I dunno Rufus, it just sort of did.
I was just eating breakfast-

Rufus perks up.

RUFUS

What did you have for breakfast?

DAN

Um... A grapefruit and a glass of
OJ.

Rufus looks appalled.

RUFUS

That is ridiculous! That's too much
citrus!

DAN

What does citrus have to do with my
finger inexplicably shooting a jet
of water?

RUFUS

Well Dan, it just might have
everything to do with it...

Rufus holds up a finger as if to notify Dan to wait for him to finish.

RUFUS

Or, ...nothing.

Dan gives Rufus an awkward stare, then:

DAN

...How?

Rufus thinks.

RUFUS

Well, I don't know. But it-

DAN

No, Rufus. This has nothing to do with too much citrus.

Dan stares at Rufus. Rufus stares at Dan. The only sound is the tinkle of water into the bucket.

RUFUS

But it might. You know, I did just see that lemon girl-

DAN

Lisa? So?

RUFUS

Well, Daniel, lemons are a citrus fruit...

DAN

Yes, Rufus, I'm aware...

RUFUS

Well, do I need to spell it out for you?

DAN

Apparently.

Rufus thinks, then shrugs.

RUFUS

Okay, so it's probably *not* too much citrus then.

DAN

No. Probably not. I think I can safely say it has nothing to do with citrus.

Rufus nods, but not enthusiastically. Dan's water continues to trickle into the bucket.

END TITLE: "SQIIRT!" (The trickle can still be heard)

CUT TO:

Rufus hold up a finger, as if to say "Eureka!"

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But it-! RUFUS

No. DAN

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