

HOCKEY STRIKE

"Reality Check"

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INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

DAVE and SCOTT, as usual, watching TV. MUSIC: REALITY SHOW
STYLE SUSPENSE MUSIC.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

It's Day 23 of captivity and so far, the contestants are showing no signs of breaking.

SCOTT

You ever get the feeling like you were being watched?

DAVE

All the time. There's an apartment across the lot facing us. I was checking out some babes in my telescope when I saw some guy checking me out.

SCOTT

So what'd you do?

DAVE

I got rid of the telescope.

SCOTT

That'll show him.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

You're watching House Arrest - the reality show where a randomly selected, unsuspecting house guest is locked in with his or her host. Scott didn't know when he arrived at Dave's apartment nearly one month ago that his stay would be permanent. Now neither Dave nor Scott can leave to resume their lives. Which one will crack, and which one will collect the million dollar grand prize? For the answer to this, stay tuned to House Arrest.

SCOTT

Do you ever, you know, hear voices in your head?

END OF TEASER

BEGINNING OF EPISODE

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, BALCONY - NIGHT

Scott and Dave, seen through the balcony door, sitting, watching TV.

CAMERAMAN (O.S.)

Why don't they do something. This is so boring.

RECORDING ENGINEER (O.S.)

Shh! Levels suck here bad enough as it is without your yapping.

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Sitting in the EASY CHAIR.

INTERVIEW SHOT: SCOTT

SCOTT

Sure, I was surprised, and a little annoyed, I mean, I have a life outside of this apartment, unlike some people.

DAVE (O.S.)

Dude, I'm right beside you.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

And what life might that be, Scott?

SCOTT

(thinks hard)

Uh...

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, BATHROOM - NIGHT

Dave's taking a whiz. He realizes he's being filmed and puts his hand over the lens. SOUNDS OF URINATION.

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Dave returns. Scott gets up to take his turn.

DAVE

Hey, did you know there's a camera crew in the can?

SCOTT
Woah! Say that five times fast!

DAVE
No.

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Sitting in the Easy Chair.

INTERVIEW SHOT: DAVE

DAVE
I mean, sometimes he can be so thick, you know? Like the time I told him about the cameraman in the bathroom, and it didn't even register on the old database, know what I mean?

Dave taps his forehead for emphasis.

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, HALLWAY - NIGHT

Dave continues to try and get it through to Scott.

DAVE
No, you're not getting it.

SCOTT
There's no shame in masturbating either.

DAVE
Fine, go on then.

SCOTT
Got any porn?

DAVE
Yes - no! I mean, no, that's not what I'm talking about. There is a guy with a camera in my bathroom. Go check it out.

SCOTT
(nods as if he gets it)
Right. Okay.

He walks off. A beat or two and then a STARTLED YELP.

DAVE
What is it?

SCOTT (O.S.)
Dude, there's a guy with a camera
in your bathroom! He totally filmed
me taking a whiz, man!

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Sitting in the Easy Chair.

INTERVIEW SHOT: DAVE

DAVE
(shakes his head)
Like I said...

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, DINING ROOM - NIGHT

POV of MOUNTED CAMERA - HIGH ANGLE

Scott stands staring at the camera.

SCOTT
Dude.
(snaps fingers, motions
with hands)
Dude!

Dave walks into the shot.

DAVE
What?

SCOTT
Look!

Scott points, Dave looks.

DAVE
How did that get there?

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Comfy chair.

INTERVIEW SHOT: SCOTT

SCOTT
(scoffs)
And he says I'm not observant. It's
his own apartment!

DAVE (O.S.)
I'm still sitting beside you.

SCOTT
Shh! I'm being interviewed.

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, DINING ROOM - NIGHT

They're both on their cell phones.

SCOTT
Yeah? How much?

DAVE
Are we talking U.S. Dollars, here?

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Dave and Scott, watching TV.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
After we revealed to the
contestants that they were being
monitored, the kinds of conflict
expected on a reality television
show and the stakes at ...stake,
things got tense.

SCOTT
So, you want to change the channel
so we can see Baywatch?

DAVE
(considers)
No.

Scott looks horrified, but doesn't say anything. He sits back
and thinks about it. Dave looks anxiously at the REMOTE
CONTROL and the CLOCK.

SCOTT
Why not?

DAVE
 (mock anger)
 Uh, because I'm pissed at you,
 that's why.

SCOTT
 (mock indignation)
 Oh, well, you can take your piss
 and...
 (loses steam)
 Do something...really bad.

DAVE
 Fine! Go ahead!

SCOTT
 Okay, I will.

They cross arms in protest, but they're both squirming.

DAVE
 (caves)
 I think it's on channel 28. We
 might still catch some running.

SCOTT
 (It's alright)
 There's always VIP on Spike.

DAVE
 Dude.

SCOTT
 Likewise.

They look like there's a hug expected. Do some perfunctory
 back slapping and resume their places. MUSIC: BAYWATCH STYLE
 THEME In b.g.

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, KITCHEN - NIGHT

Dave and Scott contemplate something below them o.s.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
 Today's challenge round is going to
 be difficult for our contestants.
 We've substituted their usual subs,
 pizza and wings with this -

On the table between them is a veggie platter.

SCOTT
So that's broccoli, eh?

DAVE
That's messed up, is what.

They stare at their offending snacks. The CAMERA PANS UP AND DOWN. Nobody's going for the food.

EXT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, BALCONY - NIGHT

Dave and Scott, on their cell phones again.

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, DINING ROOM - NIGHT

SCOTT
Cancelled?

DAVE
No, it can't be!

SCOTT
But the show hasn't aired yet, how can it be cancelled already?

DAVE
Do we still get the prize money?

SCOTT
Voted off? I don't remember voting anyone off.

DAVE
I didn't vote myself off, and I sure didn't vote my friend off either. I don't know what you're talking about.

CELL PHONES BEEP.

SCOTT
Hello?

DAVE
Hello?

They put the phones down. MUSIC: WALK OF SHAME THEME.

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, FRONT DOOR - NIGHT

They walk (slo mo) out of the apartment. The door closes.

The door re-opens. Dave walks in. Scott stays in the hall.

DAVE

It's still my apartment.

SCOTT

(uncertain)

I should ...go home then.

DAVE

Nah, let's play Halo. I'm sick of TV.

SCOTT

(walks in, nods)

Too many reality shows.

INT. DAVE'S APARTMENT, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

They resume their places, holding game controllers. Fade out under MUSIC: MEDIA VIRUS

SCOTT

Who needs ten thousand dollars anyway?

DAVE

They told me it was only a thousand.

SCOTT

U - S?

DAVE

Maybe they were quoting the number in Canadian dollars for you.

SCOTT

The exchange rate isn't that different. It'd maybe be...eleven thousand five-hundred, something like that.

DAVE

Yeah, that'd be more.

SCOTT

What if it had been in Pounds?

DAVE

Ooh! That's like two and a half.

SCOTT

No, I mean, what if they gave us a thousand pounds of Canadian bills? Money doesn't weigh that much.

DAVE

Or my weight in supermodels.

SCOTT

Or mine. Think of it, we could own a whole modelling agency worth. They don't feed those girls much.

BLACK OUT

END OF EPISODE