

E 4 S 08 - UNLEASHED

*Act 1: After a **Dramatic Acting challenge**, Simbal accepts a task from G to create mudslinging posters against Alexis' campaign for president. Alexis hates the idea of a negative campaign and has a meltdown, insisting that she can't participate. G tells the contestants they're on a reality show and to stop holding back and being afraid of conflict. Computer is similarly unleashed and begins to lash out at the contestants. Binx and Alex attack Simbal when he crashes their strategic planning to eliminate Payton.*

*Act 2: Alex accidentally calls Simbal "nigga" in front of La'ron, who demands production take action against Alex. Mizzy says they are taking Alex's mistakes too seriously and Smack says she is being ignorant. Alexis wins the presidency, but Computer is not interested and finds Alex and Binx alone and showers them with favorable evaluations of their future in the game. While Computer tortures the other contestants with rude SFX, Binx and Alex are seen reacting positively to the chaos. **G pays Alex for fighting with Simbal and tells him it's fine to keep swearing.** Alexis, La'ron, Simbal, and Payton receive extremely few plushies while Alex, Burt, and Binx receive many, until La'ron finds Alex and hugs it out with him.*

Act 1

The next day the fish are given a "Dramatic acting" challenge.³⁸¹² Binx and Alex agree to play an abusive couple, and in practice Binx says that "if I slap him for real he's gonna fall in love with me."³⁸¹⁹

Confessional: Binx brags that she got to slap Alex four times, and that Alex thinks she is a weenie.

Simbal is bossy and annoying on the other team.³⁸¹³

During the performance Burt punches a bed next to Smack's head and Mizzy and Smack flinch in fear.³⁸²⁸ Simbal's team wins and he maneuvers around the group afterwards hugging every single female he can and threatening to kiss Smack on the lips.

Simbal gets a 30 second slot to campaign for winning and says "redeem" during it.

*Confessional: Burt says Simbal will be the next to eliminated because everyone hates him. Simbal reflects on his current situation with Vance.*³⁸⁶⁰

Confessional: There is a very long session of Sam interviewing the contestants about their political beliefs. It's way too long and not especially focused on getting a good punchline out. I think if you maybe just spice these in it could be usable but I wouldn't force it.

G has Simbal gather some people for a meeting where he tells the fish to create campaign posters for him, warning them to "sling mud and get dirty."⁴⁰²⁴ Simbal declares they don't need to make negative posters because he is overconfident that he will win. They make

one negative poster and then burn it. When Alexis learns the challenge is to make negative posters she locks herself in the bathroom.^{4025, 4028} She complains she gets trashed by everyone all the time and didn't sign up to be negative, while Alex encourages her to do what she needs to to win. Simbal walks through to talk to her and Alexis storms off, taking Alex to the flat to cry even more, while Alex assures her they will make positive posters instead.⁴⁰³¹

G sits with the fish out-of-character and warns them that they need to act like they are on a reality show and that he isn't fucking with them when he asks them to act out.⁴⁰⁵² He calls the positive posters "kindergarten shit" and warns them that if they act like crybabies they can just leave the show. Alexis says she appreciates the direction, La'ron says it's not his fault everyone else is acting like crybabies, Simbal tries to lecture the rest and they all walk out and ignore him. *Confessional: Alex says his leash has been loosened and he has been holding back.*⁴⁰⁵⁶ *Smack worries that the lecture was directed at her. Burt says things won't be the same and he has a lot of things in mind and that they won't forget him when the show is over.*⁴¹¹¹ *Ben visits him in the penthouse and checks to make sure that Burt did not mean violence.*

The fish gather before the election vote, and TTS is "unleashed" like the fish are: "the weakness of my flesh disgusted me I craved steel" "hail the omnisia" "do not redeem presidency."⁴⁰⁸⁷ The fish are introduced to FAMOUS BUCKS.⁴⁰⁸⁹ Alexis' final speech says that Simbal is upsetting the women and manipulating Alex.⁴⁰⁹¹ Simbal says that he is strong enough to be the target of their drama and help them make the show interesting. They vote Alexis to be the president.⁴⁰⁹² *Confessional: Binx congratulates Simbal for trying and affirms that they will continue to work together in the future.*⁴¹¹²

TTS continues to be aggressive with the fish afterwards, alluding to things about Alex that he has been hiding, and initiates a slapping game in the kitchen.⁴¹¹⁹ Binx slaps Alex and almost moves to nearly kiss him while apologizing. In Bedroom 2, Alex warns the cameras that there are things they cannot joke about or he will "lose his wife" and he's not here to hook up with girls.⁴¹²¹

*Confessional: Computer asks Alex how old he is. He claims to be 26 and smiles oddly.*⁴¹³²

TTS says "retarded" in the kitchen and everyone reacts wildly, and tells Burt it knows how much semen he has loaded.⁴¹²⁶ Alex talks to Binx, admitting that he is much older than he said, and they discuss "doxing". He includes Burt and says he's worried about the show messing with his relationships.^{4163, 4167}

They float the idea of eliminating Payton to defend themselves from the current power structure in the house. Simbal enters and they tell him their idea. Simbal blows up saying he wasn't consulted and Alex and Binx aren't involving him enough. Alex gets increasingly frustrated and says this reaction is why they don't work with him, and gets in Simbal's face when Simbal keeps telling him to chill.⁴¹⁹⁰ When Alex is pulled from the room, Binx has a heated argument with Simbal, calling him rude and saying they got him involved as soon as he was available to talk.⁴¹⁹² She kicks him out of the room and he leaves, saying he "respects women."

Act 2

Alex and Binx get fishbucks as soon as they wake up.⁴²²² Alex is still livid about the conflict with Simbal last night, and more or less wakes up and immediately begins screaming about it, even though Simbal is not engaging him.⁴²²⁷ More than a feeling of proper confrontation, the vibe is more like, “this happens every morning.” In Bedroom 3 he tells La’ron what happened and refers to Simbal as “nig-,” AGAIN.⁴²³⁵ La’ron kicks him out of the room. Binx locks Alex in the locker room and jokes that he will not be allowed to leave to eat or use the bathroom as penitence for his inability to stop saying nigga.⁴²⁴⁹ It’s not enough for La’ron, who marches up to the den PTZ and demands that production give Alex a talk.⁴²⁵⁸ Gay Ben gives a lecture to Alex, warning him that he could be eliminated for his language.⁴²⁵⁵ In the living room Ben tries to offer the fish a special dinner but La’ron interrupts and chews Ben out for not addressing the situation properly, and splashes water on Alex.⁴²⁵⁹ Computer chimes asking for a recap at the end of the discussion and everyone is annoyed.

Burt is conflicted that he is still in love with “a racist white boy” but accepts he hasn’t changed his opinion of Alex because it being fucked up only makes him more attracted.⁴²⁶³ Binx sits with the other girls while they do makeup, redirecting their insistence that Alex be eliminated immediately into other lighter punishments.⁴²⁶⁵

Mizzy visits Alex and offers her support.^{LOCKER ROOM, NOT SURE} Smack chases her down and orders her to stop talking to him, and tells Mizzy that she doesn’t understand “the heaviness of the situation.” In bedroom 3, the argument concludes with Mizzy calling her controlling.⁴²⁸⁵ Binx admits that to Mizzy she was only joking about Alex being forced to stay in that room and starve anyway, and says “racists gotta eat.”⁴²⁸⁶ La’ron admits that he doesn’t take Alex’s actions personally, he just has problems with society in general.

*Confessional: G takes La’ron aside and pays him \$100 to stop whining about it.*⁴³⁷⁰

Jet tells Alex there will be a challenge, but Alex is hiding from the others and says he doesn’t think he deserves to participate. Jet replies “You shouldn’t worry so much.” The “loudest room” challenge follows, with Alex jumping into action and La’ron volunteering to sit and sulk in bedroom 3 while it goes on. Alex’s room wins thanks to Payton’s disturbingly loud voice. Jet asks if the challenge felt good and Alex says it was mentally relieving.

Alexis, as president, is given the power to create rules.⁴²⁹⁶ Burt suggests that “if anyone is caught stealing or doing anything bad they get eliminated.”⁴³⁰² They resolve that one of the rules will be that Alexis may pardon any eliminated fish, on the tradeoff that production will choose who to eliminate instead.⁴³⁰⁴

Binx sits with Alex afterwards because he is sulking, and TTS assures them that they’re doing better in the competition than they realize, due to the audience seeing them as more capable of withstanding what is to come.⁴³³¹ Binx whispers a secret plot to Alex that they exploit Alexis’ new veto power to force her to accidentally eliminate Payton: they believe that if they vote out Smack, Alexis will veto it, and they believe it is assured Payton will be the one production selects to eliminate because she is boring. They claim Computer as part of their alliance with

Burt, because it seems unusually favorable to the three of them, although they don't understand why.

Alexis, La'ron, and Payton continue their plot to eliminate Simbal in the vanity.

*Confessional: G takes Simbal aside, tells him Alex will not make it to the finale for being racist but Simbal will, and gives him \$100*⁴³⁷²

Sound effects are turned on again, and have been on all day.^{4389, 4392, 4393} Fish are shown getting very disparate treatment from viewers: Burt and Alex get lots of dance music, others get sound effects intended to upset them. Smack asks computer to please stop playing gun sounds because they're "triggering" and stands awkwardly waiting for it to comply. It sings muslim prayers for Simbal, and sings lullabies at La'ron for whining about how hard it is to lecture Alex for being racist.^{These don't look like they were logged but using the images in the digest they should be findable} Binx runs into the kitchen after Simbal to where punk rock is playing, and breaks into laughter when it follows up with Indian gibberish mixed with the words "gift card" "credit card." Punctuating this abstracted conversation between the audience and the fish, Burt is suddenly handed the first plushie delivery.⁴⁴¹⁰

*Confessional: G takes Alex aside and says he isn't the language police, and pays Alex \$300 for saying nigga. He tells Alex to do the SSI and gives Alex the Peruvian shaman necklace that Simbal discarded.*⁴³⁷³

Alex sneaks the cash upstairs and dances in his bedroom with it.⁴³⁷⁷ Smack interrupts and tells Alex that he has work to do on himself, but when she leaves TTS tells Alex to stop saying sorry to these people.⁴³⁷⁸ Alex tells Burt that G forgave him for slurring, and they celebrate by doing air fives. TTS pushes them to a limit by asking them to kiss for more money.⁴³⁹⁹

More and more plushies are distributed - it becomes blatantly clear that Alex, Binx, Burt, and Mizzy are receiving more than anyone else, and the contestants wonder why Computer sees fit to hand them out so unevenly.⁴⁴¹¹⁻⁴⁴¹⁸

Alex sits alone in his room and reflects that he won't let Prince or anyone shut him down again.⁴⁴⁸⁶ La'ron visits him and they hug it out.⁴⁴⁹¹