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Dragons Love Tacos

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

MOM, VOICE OVER

BOY

LEROY, A DOG

MAN IN SUIT ALSO MOXY CLEAN GUY AND TELENOVELA CHARACTER

RED DRAGON

BLUE DRAGON

WHITE DRAGON

YELLOW DRAGON

LOCATION: BOY'S HOME, PRESENT DAY





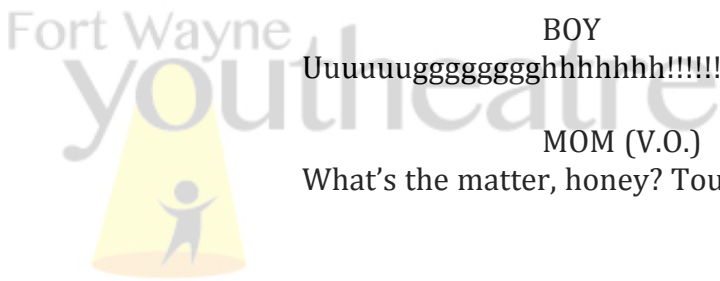
The lights come up on BOY in his living room. He is lying on the floor doing his homework. He feverishly moves his pencil trying to figure out a complicated math problem.

Thinking he's solved it, he stops, looks at it confusingly, and then begins again, erasing the work he did before. After a flurry of activity, he stops once more and looks at his answer.



LEROY, THE DOG runs in with a towel and beverage. Like a heavy weight boxing champ, BOY takes a drink and LEROY mops his brow. After a moment, BOY dives back into the problem one last time with LEROY enthusiastically encouraging him.

BOY stops. Both LEROY and BOY look at the problem. LEROY shakes his head as if he knows the answer is wrong. BOY, overwhelmed with the efforts he has taken, collapses on his back and lets out an exasperated....



BOY
Uuuuuuggggggggghhhhhhh!!!!!!

MOM (V.O.)
What's the matter, honey? Tough homework?



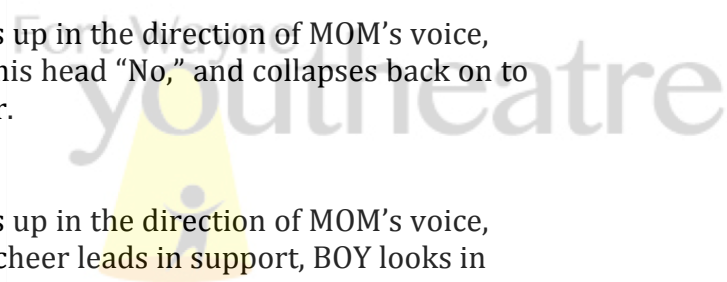
BOY sits up in the direction of MOM's voice, shakes his head "Yes," and collapses back on to the floor.

Don't worry. You'll figure it out in time.

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Come on, now. You can't give up.



BOY sits up in the direction of MOM's voice, shakes his head "No," and collapses back on to the floor.

BOY sits up in the direction of MOM's voice, LEROY cheer leads in support, BOY looks in the direction of the animated dog, looks away in despair, and collapses back on to the floor.

Why don't you take a break before dinner, and then return to it after?

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BOY sits up in the direction of MOM's voice and shrugs his shoulders.

We're going to eat soon. I just have to run down the street and pick it up before your dad comes home. Are you and Leroy OK to be on your own?

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LEROY enthusiastically shakes his head "Yes" while BOY slowly shakes his head "Yes" as well.

I promise, I'll be as quick as I can. OK?

LEROY enthusiastically shakes his head "Yes" while BOY slowly shakes his head "Yes" as well.

Don't worry. You'll solve that homework. You just need to take your mind off of it for a while. Play with Leroy, that will make you feel better.

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LEROY begins to run around and prove how amazing a playmate he is.

I'll be back as soon as I can. Love you, honey.

LEROY gives MOM a pleading look in her direction.

You too, Leroy.

LEROY smiles and wags his tail in mutual admiration. The sound of MOM leaving is heard. She goes out the door, a car is heard driving away. BOY, meanwhile, stays depressed on the living room floor.

Seizing the moment, LEROY gets an idea. He runs and gets a ball and drops it on BOY's tummy. BOY looks at the ball and stands up. The two turn to go outside to the back yard when..

Thunder sounds and lightening flashes. Rain pours down in buckets immediately outside the window. BOY and LEROY look back at each other, BOY tosses the ball to him and he slumps into a large arm chair or sofa.

After a moment, LEROY gets an idea, jumps behind the arm chair and returns with a video game device/phone. He drops it in BOY'S lap and stands back proudly wagging his tongue. BOY solemnly opens/turns on the device. We hear the sounds of the game. After a few moments, we hear the sound cue of the device running out of power. BOY gives the game back to LEROY. Thunder sounds once more and lightening flashes. BOY sighs. LEROY searches the room for another object that might make him feel better.

LEROY picks up a nearby remote and shows it to BOY, who gives a "Sure why not., might as well" kind of shrug. LEROY delivers it to him and sits at BOY'S feet. BOY turns on the television. Music. On the TV appears MOXY CLEAN MAN.

MOXY CLEAN MAN

It's amazing!!!!

BOY and LEROY let out a disappointed sigh.

Moxy Clean unleashes the power of your own elbow grease to get tough stains out. There's nothing else like it!

BOY and LEROY look at each other annoyed by the commercial.

It's incredible! It's stupendous! It's...

BOY changes the channel.. Dramatic music is heard. TELENOVELA CHARACTER appears.

TELENOVELA CHARACTER

Estella, no quiero vivir sin ti! tu eres todo para mi. Eres el amor de mi vida. Te amo! Te amo mucho! (Estella, I don't want to live without you! You mean everything to me. You are the love of my life. I love you. I love you so much...)

BOY and LEROY look at each other annoyed by the mushy stuff.

Te amo grande...



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MAN IN SUIT

While Dragonology, is the oldest of all the natural sciences, it's perhaps the least researched field of study in the history of time, as we know it.



Why you ask?

BOY changes the channel. A moment of calm then MAN IN SUIT appears.

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BOY and LEROY look at each other intrigued.

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I don't know.



However, my young friend sitting there with his canine companion...

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BOY and LEROY look back at the TV and shake their heads, "Yes!".

BOY and LEROY stop shaking their heads and slump their shoulders disappointedly. BOY lifts the remote to change the channel but from the television MAN IN SUIT stops him.

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There are some facts about dragons we most definitely do know. And I'm not talking about shoe size or astrological sign or favorite Taylor Swift song. I'm referring to mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating dragon secrets like...



No. I can't do that to you. You haven't seen the other 23 parts of my 24 part documentary series. You don't know what you're getting yourself into. You're not ready.

BOY and LEROY look at each other surprised.

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MAN IN SUIT's "... " draws BOY and LEROY in. They lean towards the TV in anticipation of what they will learn. There is an excited, tense moment and then...

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Hold on a minute. What's going on? You're not giving up on this are you? One little challenge and you're off to the kitchen to get some go-gurt? I don't think so. You need to stay. You gotta stick it out. Never give up that easy. No matter what the obstacle.

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BOY and LEROY physically react like "You've got to be kidding me." BOY begins to walk away.

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MAN IN SUIT (CONT'D)

Always believe that with a little drive and determination, amazing things can happen like...

Learning the mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating secrets of dragons. You know you want to...

MAN IN SUIT reveals a big magic book entitled "The Mind Blowing, Earth Shattering, Titillating Secrets of Dragons."

BOY shakes his head "No."

Yes, you do.

BOY shakes his head "No."

Yes, you do.

BOY shakes his head "No."

Yes, you do.

BOY shakes his head "No."

No, you don't.

BOY shakes his head "No."

See! You do.

BOY turns back around and looks at MAN IN SUIT exasperated at his trick.

Give it a shot. Go for it. You won't regret it.

Pause. BOY stands in his tracks thinking.

What's the worse thing that could happen...? You learn something new?

BOY and LEROY look at each other. LEROY encourages BOY to go to the MAN IN SUIT. BOY makes up his mind to stay and walked to the television and reaches out for the book.

Let the learning commence!

Thunder and lightning. The lights flash. The next thing BOY AND LEROY know MAN IN SUIT is out of the TV and standing next to them.

The first thing you must learn is that not all dragons are alike, kid.

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MAN IN SUIT (CONT'D)

Commit this to memory: there are many, many different kinds of dragons. European dragons, and Asian dragons, and Frost dragons, and Marsupial dragons. Why the Dragons of Earth, Wind and Fire put a killer album out a few years back.

BOY and LEROY look at MAN IN SUIT totally confused.

But I digress. The important thing is to be able to recognize different species on sight.

In fact, here are some now.

The doorbell rings.

What? You didn't think I could teach you the mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating secrets of dragons and not have you meet some, did you?

BOY and LEROY look at MAN IN SUIT like he's got to be kidding them.

The doorbell rings again.

Aren't you going to answer the door? It's not very nice to keep them waiting. Some of them have traveled a very, very, very, very, very, long way to get here.

The doorbell rings again.

Do you know what it's like to fly coach here all the way from Hungary?

BOY and LEROY shakes their heads "No" in amazement.

Listen, how can you ever learn something amazing if you don't even try?

BOY and LEROY look at each other frightened. LEROY runs and hides behind the arm chair. BOY takes a big breath and stands up tall. He inches his way to the door. He takes another big breath before opening it and then opens the door. There stands RED DRAGON. BOY cowers in terror.

There's nothing to fear, kid. Dragons make exceptional house guests.

RED DRAGON reaches a hand out and helps BOY up off the floor. LEROY skeptically watches eyes just above the arm chair.



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Once BOY is comfortably standing, RED DRAGON whistles behind her for others to follow.

Music. RED DRAGON enters the room with a suitcase and begins to make herself at home. She takes out flowers and gives them to BOY as a gift.

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Next WHITE DRAGON bursts into the room energetically with his suitcase. In the melee he accidentally chases LEROY around the room., who then seeks refuge next to BOY. Once WHITE DRAGON has established himself in the room, BLUE DRAGON enters.

BLUE DRAGON is even more overwhelmed and fearful than LEROY. He sheepishly enters the room with his suitcase. He then goes to close the door and accidentally almost shuts it on YELLOW DRAGON, who enthusiastically enters the room with his/her suitcase.

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YELLOW DRAGON once established in the room either does something silly or magical, establishing a bit of a trickster/silly personality.

Once all four are in, they strike a pose each with their suitcases. BOY and LEROY marvel at the sight.

MAN IN SUIT (CONT'D)

So you now see for yourself, each dragon is unique and individual. Some have little wings...

And some have big horns

Others have large paws.

While others have little tails.

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RED DRAGON shakes her wings.

WHITE DRAGON points to his horns

BLUE DRAGON waves.

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Now if we look at...

YELLOW DRAGON shakes his/her tail.

Oh dear.

A loud grumbling sound, almost like an earthquake is heard.

Oh my.

A loud grumbling sound, almost like an earthquake is heard yet again.

Kid, that sound means we're going to have to move things forward A.S.A.P. and get to the next mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating secret: The Food Chain. Do you know what dragons love to eat?

A loud grumbling sound, almost like an earthquake is heard.

What's the matter with him?

The dragons break their pose and look in the direction of LEROY and BOY. Overwhelmed with the possibility that it could be him LEROY passes out.

He's silly if he thinks that dragons love eating dogs. That's just absurd.

BOY raises his arms in an "I don't know kind of way." MAN IN SUIT begins to walk over to the arm chair.

Ok. So maybe that on time...

MAN IN SUIT starts laughing loudly. The dragons join in.

But that was years ago. Isn't that right, group?

BOY's eyes bulge out of his head. The group stops laughing.

Now where was I?

The dragons agree.

Let's see... dogs.... mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating, dragon secrets.... The Food Chain...

MAN IN SUIT thinks for a moment.

DRAGONS LOVE TACOS

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MAN IN SUIT sits in the chair and exclaims.

Tacos! Dragons love tacos!

DRAGONS
Mmmmmmmmm!

MAN IN SUIT
They love beef tacos.

DRAGONS
Mmmmmmmmm!

MAN IN SUIT
And chicken tacos!

DRAGONS
Mmmmmmmmm!

MAN IN SUIT
And even veggie tacos!

DRAGONS
Mmmmmmmmmmm!

There's a slight pause. BOY gives a skeptical look.

MAN IN SUIT
Now I see that skeptical look. You don't believe me. I can tell you're thinking, "Of all the delicious foods in the world, why would dragons love tacos?"

BOY shakes his head in agreement.

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I know it sounds ridiculous. I know it sounds preposterous. I know it sounds like the zaniest thing you've ever heard. I mean why wouldn't dragons love pizza? Or chicken schwarma? Or Mu Shu pork? Well, all I can tell you is I know, because I have proof.

MAN IN SUIT claps his hands. The dragons walk to their suitcases and open them.
Exhibit A. Easily accessible really big gigantic tacos.

WHITE DRAGON removes a HUGE taco from his suitcase.

Exhibit B. Even easier accessible little, itty, bitty tacos.

YELLOW DRAGON reveals a a tiny taco and hands it to BOY.

Proving with out a doubt that dragons love tacos.

The dragons begin to surround MAN IN SUIT around the armchair.

Maybe it's the smell from the sizzling pan. Maybe it's the crunch of the crispy tortillas? I don't know the specific reason why. I just know, with out a doubt , that if you want to make friends with dragons, tacos are the key.

BOY walks over to the arm chair and delivers back the tiny taco to the dragons.

Music. Over joyed, the dragons go back to their suitcases and unpack tacos. This erupts into a huge taco celebrating dance. Eventually, LEROY wakes up and is involved in the taco dancing. It builds to a taco frenzy when suddenly MAN IN SUIT walks forward.

But wait! There is something that you must know. It's another mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating secret.

BOY and LEROY react as is to say "What is it?"

As much as dragons love tacos, they can't stand spicy salsa.

DRAGONS

Ewwwwwww! (Raspberry)

MAN IN SUIT

They detest spicy green salsa.

DRAGONS

Ewwwwwww! (Raspberry)

MAN IN SUIT

They despise spicy red salsa.

DRAGONS

Ewwwwwww! (Raspberry)

MAN IN SUIT

It doesn't matter if it's chunky or smooth, they loathe it!. If the salsa is even like one eensy, teensy, weensy bit spicy, dragons can't stand it.

The dragons all exit with their suitcases to another part of the house. MAN IN SUIT walks over to talk to talk to BOY and LEROY.

Now it's not that dragons are picky eaters. Why in fact that have a very seasoned culinary palate. It's an unfortunate condition, but even one drop of hot sauce makes a dragon's ears...

A steam whistle sound is heard.

Smoke. In fact just one single speck of hot pepper makes a dragon...

A sound of sparking is heard.

Snort sparks. Kid you must understand spicy food gives dragons....

A different terrible rumbling sound is heard.

The tummy troubles. And when dragons get the tummy troubles...

All three sounds are put together ending with an explosive conclusion.

Oh boy... it's not pretty... not pretty at all... it's down right... let's not even think about that shall we? Let's get this educational train back on track with the acceptable, mild toppings for dragon tacos. Let me reiterate, that's an S.A.T. word for "saying again," that if you want to make tacos for dragons, you must keep the toppings what I call "mellow". Let's see if you can identify them.

Music. RED DRAGON enters either wearing a Carmen Miranda inspired tomato headdress or dancing/juggling tomatoes or both. She dances an exciting tomato dance and finishes in a flourish.

MAN IN SUIT (CONT'D)

(To the audience) And just what do you think the first topping acceptable to dragons is?

BOY goes to speak hopefully the audience answers, "Tomato" before him.

If not, MAN IN SUIT can interrupt and probe the audience further to get the answer.

That is correct. Tomatoes. Let's see the next.

Music. RED DRAGON steps back and WHITE DRAGON enters either wearing a lettuce Carmen Miranda hat and costume or juggling heads of lettuce. The dance ends in an exultation of lettuce.

And what do you think the second topping is?

BOY goes to speak hopefully the audience answers, "Lettuce" before him. If not, MAN IN SUIT can interrupt and probe the audience further.

You got it! Lettuce. And the third?

Music. WHITE DRAGON steps back to watch with RED DRAGON. YELLOW DRAGON enters representing cheese either by a costume or trick. The dance ends in a celebration of cheese.

And what do you think the third topping is?

BOY goes to speak hopefully the audience answers, "Cheese" before him. If not, MAN IN SUIT can interrupt and probe the audience further.

Yes, please. It's cheese. And last but certainly not least.....

A HUGE musical fanfare. BLUE DRAGON enters, hits center stage, holds out a bottle of cream, and scowls. The music ends.

Do you know what the last topping is?

BOY and LEROY scratch their heads as if to say they have no idea what they just watched.

It's sour cream. Get it? Sour (Makes a scowl). Cream. (Lifts the bottle.) It's supposed to be sour cream.

MAN IN SUIT sees that he's pushing his luck with BOY and LEROY.

Oh well, they all can't win Tonys, can they?

BOY and LEROY look incredibly confused.

Never mind.

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MAN IN SUIT (CONT'D)

The only thing that matters is that you remember that tomatoes, lettuce, cheese, and sour cream are the only acceptable toppings for dragon tacos. Watch...

He turns to the dragons.
Hey dragons, want some spicy taco toppings?

DRAGONS

Ewwwwwww! (Raspberry)

MAN IN SUIT

I'm mean how do you really feel?

DRAGONS

Ewwwwwww! (Raspberry)

MAN IN SUIT

I don't know if it's been made clear...

DRAGONS

Ewwwwwww! (Raspberry)

The dragons exit the stage.

MAN IN SUIT

Now that I think that point was hammered home in a creative, yet slightly obvious kind of way, let's move on to the next mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating secret. But this next one? Whooo! Well ... You probably... you probably won't understand. Not many grasp this next mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating secret.

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BOY and LEROY communicate a physical "I don't know."

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Even Noble prize winning scientists bust their smarty pants trying to get it.

MAN IN SUIT pauses. Stares and circle BOY for a moment and then shares.

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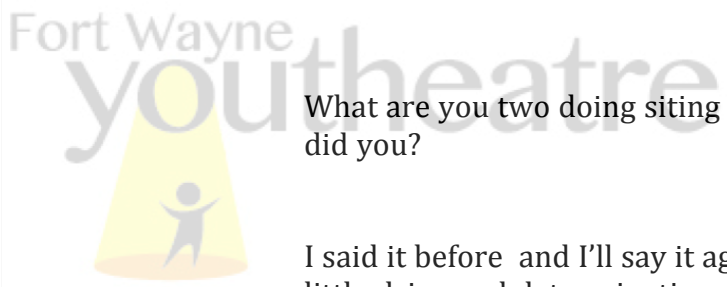
No. I can't put someone your age through such a grueling intellectual struggle. It wouldn't... it wouldn't be right I tell you! Not right at all. The quality of mercy would be beyond strained!

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MAN IN SUIT exits the stage. BOY and LEROY stand alone on stage for a second unsure what exactly to do next. They check in with each other and then look off on opposite side of the stage. They search for MAN IN SUIT, but no one's there. They each run to another side of the stage, but they see no one. Resigned that they've been left for good they sit down. When after a moment of calm, suddenly from out of no where MAN IN SUIT appears holding a big gulp or an enormous Starbucks.

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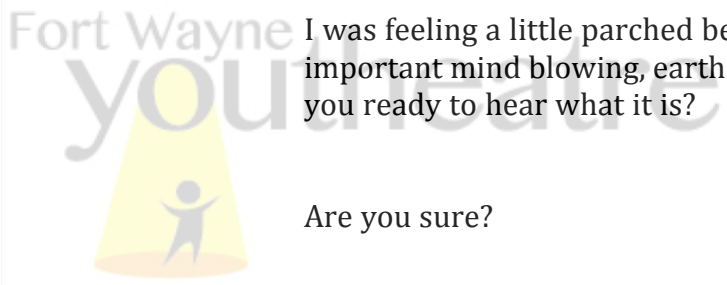


What are you two doing sitting down? You didn't give up again did you?

MAN IN SUIT'S entrance sends the two hurling into the air in surprise.

I said it before and I'll say it again, "Always believe that with a little drive and determination, amazing things can happen."

BOY and LEROY shake their heads "NO"



I was feeling a little parched before announcing this most important mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating secret. Are you ready to hear what it is?

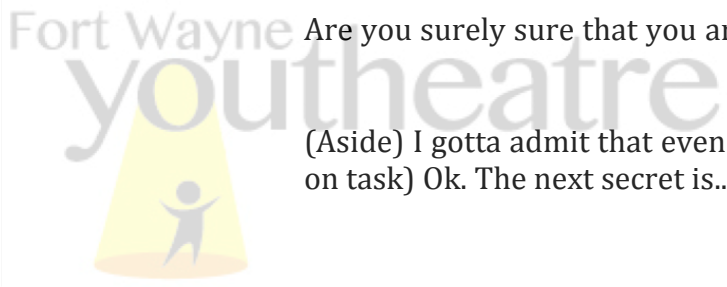
MAN IN SUIT takes a big sip or gulp of his beverage.

Are you sure?

BOY and LEROY shake their heads "Yes."

Like really, really sure?

BOY and LEROY shake their heads "Yes."



Are you surely sure that you are sure of your sureness?

BOY and LEROY shake their heads "Yes."

(Aside) I gotta admit that even I was stymied by that one. (Back on task) Ok. The next secret is...

BOY and LEROY look confused.





Is that yours?

A cell phone ring is heard.

Is that somebody's who's sitting out there? Didn't they listen to the message before the show?

BOY and LEROY shake their heads. Another ring is heard. MAN IN SUIT, BOY, and LEROY turn their attention towards the audience.

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Where is it? Who is guilty of this theatrical injustice?

MAN IN SUIT walks out into the audience and searches..

(Realizing something) Oh wait. I think .

Another ring is heard.

Yep. My bad. It's mine.

MAN IN SUIT begins to pat himself down.

Hello. Yep. I'm talking to him now. Yep. I was gonna tell him. No I was. I was. I swear I was, but my phone rang and then... Ok I'll tell him. No I won't. I'll tell him. I promise. Ok. I'm hanging up now. I gotta hang up so I can tell him. Ok. Bye.

MAN IN SUIT finds his phone and answers it.

So kid, the next mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating secret is...

MAN IN SUIT hangs up the phone.

MAN IN SUIT'S cell phone rings again. He looks at it.

I don't believe it. (to the audience) I'm so sorry.

He answers the phone.

What? No I haven't told him. Why not? Because you didn't give me enough time. Ok. It'll happen. You're stressing me out. Bye.

MAN IN SUIT hangs up his phone.

So kid, the next secret is....

MAN IN SUIT looks blankly out into space.

The next secret is....

MAN IN SUIT looks blankly out into space again.

The ...next...secret...

MAN IN SUIT takes out his phone and dials a number.

It's me. Hey so I was just about to tell the kid the next secret and I ... well ... wouldn't you know. I forgot. Do you think you could.... Uh huh. Uh huh. Awesome. You're the best. I owe ya. Thanks.

MAN IN SUIT hangs up phone.

Wo-ah. He saved me on that one.

MAN IN SUIT regains composure.

The next mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating secret is that. (he shares it slowly to remember what was just told to him) dragons... love... parties.

Music. DRAGONS, or two DRAGONS, enter in costumes and begin to dance around. Perhaps they circle and involve BOY and LEROY.

I mean they love to party all the time, party all the time, party all the time. These party animals not only love costume parties, but theme parties and dinner parties, holiday parties and birthday parties. Slumber parties and ...and... and even political parties. It's ALL kinds of parties. Not to mention pool parties....

Music changes. Two new DRAGONS enter, or the DRAGONS change costumes on stage, and part in all their Beach Blanket Bingo glory.

And big gigantic parties with accordions.

Music change. It becomes a DRAGON polka extravaganza.

And little tiny parties with charades....

The music stops. All circle up for a game of charades. YELLOW DRAGON begins to act out the charade. He/She gives the gesture for "Movie".

Ok. It's a movie.



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Two words.

First word.

Applause and excitement from the group. YELLOW DRAGON touches nose, giving the signal for "Correct." Next YELLOW DRAGON puts out two "fingers."

YELLOW DRAGON puts out one finger.

YELLOW DRAGON begins to act out the first word.

Lion.... zombie..... Monster.... creature...rat....(after a moment of silence, exploding like he's solved a murder mystery)Are you sure it wasn't zombie?

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What?!? This is hard.

Second word.

Silence. The group turns in the direction of MAN IN SUIT and gives a "What was that?" look.

YELLOW DRAGON puts out two fingers.

YELLOW DRAGON begins acting out the second word.

Aliens.... Horses.... Tug boats... airplanes... gorillas.

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No way.

MAN IN SUIT (CONT'D)

BOY jumps up in excitement. He has an idea. He runs over to MAN IN SUIT and whispers in his ear.

BOY shakes his head "yes."

I'll give it a try, but it is so not it. I mean so, so not it. Like it couldn't be even more not it if you tried to make it not it.

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All right then. I'm doing this for you.

BOY stomps his foot and gives a look like "Come on!".

MAN IN SUIT prepares to answer. He clears his throat and loosens up and shakes it out physical. Poses and then proclaims...

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A glorious sound cue. BOY is correct. The DRAGONS celebrate, maybe raise him in the air. It is amazing and triumphant. It ends. The DRAGONS leave the stage. BOY and LEROY are alone with MAN IN SUIT on stage.

MAN IN SUIT (CONT'D)

I would have gotten that eventually.

BOY and LEROY give MAN IN SUIT a “Come on” look.

I would have. I know things.

BOY and LEROY start to laugh.

Don't you laugh at me. I'm the keeper of the mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating secrets. You can't laugh at me.

BOY and LEROY start to laugh.

Ok Mr. “Knows More Than Me,” if you're so smart, then why do dragons love parties?

BOY and LEROY stop laughing.

Ah ha! See you don't know the answer because no one does. No one really knows why they love parties. Like I said before, dragonology is one of the least studied of the natural sciences. It's right up there with monster-under-the-bed-ology. One could hypothesize maybe it's the conversation, maybe it's the dancing, maybe it's the delicious little finger foods. Who knows? We shouldn't even waste the time worrying about it? Why? But the next mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating secret. makes sense because of a dragon's deeply rooted love of parties..

BOY and LEROY run to the book, which was previously put aside. They fervently flip through the pages until they discover something. They look up at MAN IN SUIT.

That's right. The only thing dragons love more than parties or tacos is taco parties. (out to the audience) In case you didn't know, taco parties are parties with lots of tacos. (back to BOY) Now if you want to have dragons over for a taco party you'll need buckets of tacos...

Music. BOY and LEROY run offstage. LEROY re-enters carrying two giant buckets of tacos. He places them down and exits.

You'll need even more than that. You'll need pant loads of tacos.

BOY enters in giant pants stuffed with tacos. He deposits the tacos and exits off in search for more.

In fact, the best way to judge how many tacos you'll need is to get a boat and fill it with tacos.

Boat whistle. BOY enters either pulling a wagon in the shape of a boat with LEROY in it or both enter wearing sandwich board style boats.

That's actually pretty good. That's about how many tacos dragons need for a taco party. After all,...

MAN IN SUIT acknowledges the audiences and encourages them to say the next sentence along with them.

Dragons love tacos! (Calling offstage) Hey dragons, are you excited for the big taco party?

Music. The dragons enter ready for a fiesta. Right as they are about to break in to celebration, MAN IN SUIT interrupts and looks at BOY and LEROY.

But just remember...

Out of the bucket of tacos, MAN IN SUIT pulls out a jar of salsa and holds it in the direction of BOY and LEROY.

Dragons abhor spicy salsa.

DRAGONS

Ewwwwwww! (Raspberry)

MAN IN SUIT

Before you host your taco party with dragons, get rid of all the spicy salsa. In fact, bury the spicy salsa in the backyard so the dragons can't find it.

BOY and LEROY run offstage to bury the spicy salsa.

Now let's keep this taco party hoppin'!!!!

Music resumes. The dragons dance and have a glorious taco fiesta. RED DRAGON, YELLOW DRAGON, WHITE DRAGON, and BLUE DRAGON each celebrate their love of tacos.

The celebration culminates in some sort of dance with the DRAGONS partnering in a tango or cha cha.

BOY and LEROY re-enter, perhaps with dirty smudged faces. The DRAGONS continue dancing as BOY, LEROY, and MAN IN SUIT talk. BOY holds a huge platter of tacos. LEROY holds an enormous container of salsa with the label held close to his chest out of sight.

MAN IN SUIT (CONT'D)

There you are, kid. You've really been a splendid trooper through out all of this. I must give you a hearty congratulations. These dragons love your taco party. Why they love the music. They love the decorations. But they especially love these tacos.

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Muchos gracias.

MAN IN SUIT takes a taco from the tray.

BOY next crosses to the DRAGONS who each take a taco from his platter. The BOY and DRAGONS go in to slow motion.

It's really a good.... No, wonderful... no, marvelous .. no, superb thing you got rid of all that spicy...

MAN IN SUIT brings the taco to his mouth to munch, but notices something disturbing. He begins to inspect the taco.

Wait a second-

MAN IN SUIT turns to LEROY.

What are those little green things in the salsa?

LEROY nervously reveals the label of the huge salsa container.

(Reading the label) Totally mild salsa. (Reading smaller print) Now with spicy jalapeno peppers. (to LEROY) Didn't you read the fine print?!

Calling to the DRAGONS who are still partying in slow motion. MAN IN SUIT calls to them.

MAN IN SUIT (CONT'D)

Dragons, listen to me: We are about to have taco trauma. Whatever you do, do NOT eat those tacos.

(MORE)

MAN IN SUIT (CONT'D)

Those little green specs in the salsa are jalapeno peppers- they are SUPER spicy! I know you love tacos, but, dragons, save yourselves....

STOP!!!!!!!!!!

(Heartbroken) Too late....

The DRAGONS begin about to crunch down on one of BOY'S new tacos.

The DRAGONS complete their bite and taste the tacos.

The DRAGONS react to the spicy salsa. A steam whistle sound is heard.

A sound of sparking is heard.

A different terrible rumbling sound is heard.

Oh no...

Oh dear....

Curse that spicy salsa. Take cover!!!

All three sounds are put together ending with an explosive conclusion. The DRAGONS in an absolute "hot mouth" frenzy belch out fire everywhere. MAN IN SUIT, LEROY, and BOY run for cover. Fire alarms and sirens are heard. The DRAGONS incinerate the home. As each dragon finishes letting forth fire, he/she runs out of the house. As the smoke clears, MAN IN SUIT pops his head up and out of hiding.

It's Ok. Everything's OK.

A moment goes by, BOY and LEROY slowly appear on stage looking worse for wear and stunned at the sight of the wreckage.

It's not as bad as it looks.

Something falls off the house. Or the sound of something falls.... Or the sound of sizzling is heard.

I've seen a lot worse on home design flipping shows. We'll just get out the crazy glue later and everything will be better. Now let's concentrate on the last and final mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating secret about dragons....

BOY

No.

MAN IN SUIT

What was that?

BOY

No.

MAN IN SUIT

I beg your pardon.

BOY

NO!!!!!!!

BOY collapses on the ground upset and defeated like in the first scene.

MAN IN SUIT

Ok now. I'm sensing some hostility from you. Is this because the taco party stopped?

BOY

No.

Turning towards LEROY.

MAN IN SUIT

Did you do something to him?

LEROY gives an exasperated "I didn't do it" physical reaction.

Ok then. I know what will perk up your spirits: learning the last mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating...

BOY

No.

MAN IN SUIT

Why not?

BOY gestures around to the wrecked house.

So your house is burnt to a crisp, we all can see that. But wait until...

BOY throws a fits on the charred ground.

BOY

No. No. No. No!

MAN IN SUIT

Well, it doesn't look like I can get through this little communication road block with you now, does it? You leave me no other choice...

MAN IN SUIT turns and slowly and methodically walk to the front door. He turns back and speaks before exiting.

I said it before and I'll say it again, "Always believe that with a little drive and determination, amazing things can happen."

MAN IN SUIT exits through the front door. LEROY watches. He turns and looks back at BOY, then the door MAN IN SUIT went through, then BOY again, then the door.

LEROY walks over to BOY to comfort him. He implores him to get up.

BOY

This is hopeless.

The door bell rings. LEROY and BOY look at each other. LEROY looks at him imploringly.

No.

The doorbell rings again. LEROY looks at him imploringly

No.

The doorbell rings again. LEROY looks at BOY imploringly again and then gives him a gentle nudge.

Ok. Ok.

BOY walks to the door. Begins to open it. Music. The door flies open and enter RED DRAGON, WHITE DRAGON, BLUE DRAGON, and YELLOW DRAGON. They have hard hats on and tool belts. They begin to fix up and restore the house. Some dragons might hammer while others paint.

BOY and LEROY look on with astonishment. Eventually BOY and LEROY get caught up in the fixing activities. Once the house is restored, MAN IN SUIT appears at the door.

MAN IN SUIT

Pretty cool, huh?

BOY enthusiastically nods and then runs to MAN IN SUIT to give him a hug.

If you hadn't given up and just let me share with you the last mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating secret then you would have known that dragons love rebuilding things.

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The dragons beam proudly. MAN IN SUIT throws his arm around BOY's shoulders and walks with him in a quasi-father son moment.

Again, no one knows why. Maybe they're good Samaritans. Maybe they feel bad for wrecking your house in the first place. Maybe they are just in it....

He reaches in his jacket pocket and pulls out a taco.

For the taco breaks.

MAN IN SUIT tosses the taco to the group of dragons who grab and nibble at it.

I gotta admit you had me worried there, kid. But then I remembered, it always takes you a little time to answer the door. Am I ever glad you answered it and didn't just mope on the floor. Think of the mess you'd still be in if you had just given up.

Music from the direction of the television plays.

Well, that's the music to the credits for this installment of my 24 part documentary series. (Turning to the dragons.) Dragons, time to say goodbye.

RED DRAGON comes forward. Physically says goodbye to LEROY and BOY and exits into the TV.

WHITE DRAGON comes forward. Physically says goodbye to LEROY and BOY and exits into the TV.

YELLOW DRAGON comes forward. Physically says goodbye to LEROY and BOY and exits into the TV.

BLUE DRAGON comes forward. Physically says goodbye to LEROY and BOY and exits into the TV.

MAN IN SUIT steps in front of the TV.

MAN IN SUIT (CONT'D)

So I too must return to the unknown we came from. But remember kid, we've confided in you. You now know some of the earth's most mind blowing, earth shattering, titillating secrets and something tells me you'll never forget.

BOY and LEROY shake their heads no.

Until next time.

MAN IN SUIT nods/salutes farewell and steps back into the TV. Thunder and lightening. The lights flash. BOY stands for a moment and takes in all that just happened. Suddenly inspiration strikes him and he runs to his homework. He begins to work on his homework again.

The sound of another door opening and MOM returning to the house is heard.

MOM (V.O.)

Hi honey, I'm back. Did you ...? Wait a minute, I thought you were taking a break from your homework.

BOY puts his finger out for MOM to wait a minute. Very shortly after, he stops, looks at the paper, and beams with pride.

Did you solve it?

BOY happily shakes his head.

That's wonderful! Say why don't we celebrate with dinner. I hope you're hungry. I picked up tacos.

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BOY and LEROY look in shock towards each other.



BOY looks in the direction of MOM'S voice and BOY exclaims...

Lights out.

End of Play

