

Curb Your Enthusiasm
Season 7
Show 1 Outline

1. EXT. LARRY'S HOUSE –DAY (D1)

OVER STOCK, we hear LARRY and LORETTA mid-argument.

2. INT. LARRY'S HOUSE – LARRY'S BEDROOM – CONTINUOUS (D1)

We find them bickering over Larry's sleep-time footwear. She's tired of being awoken by brushing against Larry's cold feet, so she insists he wear socks at night. Larry counters that his feet need their freedom at night. "You're putting my feet in the same category as the genitals." LEON hears the ruckus and comes in, tells them he'll be more than happy to be the decider. He ends up siding with Loretta—she hasn't been feeling well lately and needs her rest, so Larry should man up and sleep with socks. Larry calls Leon and imbecile and leaves the room.

3. INT. LARRY'S HOUSE – STAIRWAY/FOYER – CONTINUOUS (D1)

Larry walks downstairs. Auntie Rae says she just heard from one of the neighbors that there's been another break in, the third one this month. Larry is more concerned that Auntie Rae is talking to the neighbors. "What are you doing talking to the neighbors? It sets a dangerous precedent. First you start talking, next thing you know they're calling and knocking." Talk turns to Loretta. She's had a biopsy and the results are due in two days. Auntie Rae ponders what life will be like if it's bad news. Larry takes it in.

4. INT. LARRY'S BEDROOM – LATER (N1)

Loretta snores away, as a sock-clad Larry stirs restlessly.

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5. INT. JEFF'S HOUSE – KITCHEN – DAY (D2)

Larry tells Jeff he wants out of the relationship. It's not just the socks; it's everything. And he needs to breakup soon because of the biopsy. If it's bad news, he'll never be able to get out and his life will be hell. Jeff agrees. "You can't walk out on someone who's sick." Larry, though, has problems breaking up. "I have no stomach for it." They discuss whether they'd rather be the initiator or receiver. Jeff would rather lower the boom any day. Not Larry. They discuss how breakup terms should be negotiated at the beginning of the relationship. SUSIE enters and invites Larry to a dinner party at their house tomorrow night. Larry asks about the late invite. Susie says someone dropped out. "Why wasn't I invited in the first place?" "Because anytime you show up, something happens." Larry asks who's coming, and Susie says it's none of his business. She feels the question is completely inappropriate. Larry asks why, but she's hard pressed to come up with a good answer. Larry asks Jeff, but he won't tell either.

6. INT. LARRY'S HOUSE – KITCHEN – LATER (D2)

Larry enters to find Auntie Rae talking to DOCTOR BALL. Larry probes him for information on Loretta, but doesn't get anything. "No idea?" "No idea." Auntie Rae exits, and as the doctor starts to explain what Larry needs to get from the pharmacy, he opens the fridge, pours himself some lemonade, and perhaps even chomps on an apple. Larry cannot hear a word the doctor is saying because he's too astonished by the fridge violation and, of course, feels compelled to mention it to the doctor. The doctor doesn't take it sitting down and leaves in a huff, running into FUNKHOUSER, who's just entered. Funkhouser asks Larry what's up with the doctor, and Larry tells him about the fridge violation. Funkhouser says it all depends on what he took. "A liquid is fine." Larry

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disagrees. “You cannot open the door unless there’s a prior agreement.” Funkhouser is there to return something of Larry’s. He asks how things are going with Loretta. Larry briefly explains, then asks about Funkhouser’s sister, who’s been in and out of mental hospitals and is currently staying with him. Funkhouser says they found the right drug for her and she’s doing a little better, but they’re watching her carefully. Larry asks if there’s anything he can do. Much to Larry’s surprise and dismay, Funkhouser says, “Yes. You can go and pay her a visit. I’m sure she’d love to see you.” Then he tells Larry that he should go over that day, as he won’t be there and Nan’s away. Larry asks if he’s going to Jeff’s dinner party. Funkhouser says no and is furious he wasn’t invited.

7. EXT. JEFF’S HOUSE/INT. LARRY’S CAR – LATER (D2)

Jeff gets into Larry’s car. Larry thanks him for coming to see Funkhouser’s sister with him. On the drive over, they discuss Funkhouser taking Larry up on his *is-there-anything-I-can-do* request. “Big bowl of wrong,” says Jeff. “That’s just something you say to be polite.” Larry brings up the doctor going into the fridge unauthorized. This is also Jeff’s doctor, and Jeff says he’s seen him go into his fridge too, but didn’t say anything. He makes house calls, and Jeff doesn’t want to offend him. Susie also loves the doctor. Then Jeff says, “In fact…” but quickly catches himself. Larry says, “In fact what?” “Nothing.”

8. INT. FUNKHOUSER’S HOUSE – LIVING ROOM – LATER (D2)

We’re about twenty minutes in. The SISTER is revealing some big Funkhouser family secrets, particularly about Marty. “He got caught masturbating in a tree when he was fifteen.” She’s also peppering the conversation with some sharp anti-Semitic comments.

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Larry asks if there's anything to drink. No...Fruit? No. A snack of some kind. No snacks.

After a little more chit-chat, Larry excuses himself.

A8. INT. FUNKHOUSER'S HOUSE – KITCHEN – CONTINUOUS (D2)

As Larry passes through the kitchen, he glances at the fridge, considers his conversation with the doctor for a moment, then helps himself to a snack.

DISSOLVE TO:

B8. INT. FUNKHOUSER'S HOUSE – KITCHEN – LATER (D2)

Larry finishes eating and heads back...

C8. INT. FUNKHOUSER'S HOUSE – LIVING ROOM – CONTINUOUS (D2)

...but Jeff and Sis aren't there. Larry begins to look around the house.

D8. INT. FUNKHOUSER'S HOUSE – HALLWAY – CONTINUOUS (D2)

He walks upstairs and hears something O.S. that vaguely sounds like a couple having sex.

With each step, the noise intensifies, until...“Fuck me! Fuck me, fat man!”

9. EXT. LARRY'S CAR – MOMENTS LATER (D2)

Larry's incredulous. Wants to know how it happened. Jeff says it was all her fault. She initiated it. “But she's crazy. You had sex with a crazy woman!” Jeff says her being crazy isn't relevant. On the contrary. “You want crazy. Crazy's good.”

10. INT. LARRY'S HOUSE – LATER (D2)

Larry enters and is greeted by Leon and Auntie Rae, who want to know if Larry got the medicine for Loretta. Larry explains that he couldn't pay attention to the doctor's instructions because he was too focused on the fridge. “That's fucked up, Larry,” says Leon, who has a more laissez-faire fridge policy. They go at it until Larry realizes he has to get ready for the party.

11. INT. JEFF'S HOUSE – FOYER – LATER (N2)

As soon as Larry enters, he's pulled aside by Jeff. "Why did you tell Funkhouser about the party?" Larry admits to making a mistake, but says it never would've happened if Jeff had told him who was going in the first place. Jeff says, "You never ask people if they're going to a party." Then Jeff explains that Funkhouser called up to complain, so Susie invited him and his sister. "And she's here! That fucking lunatic is here!" Then Larry notices the doctor. "What's Doctor Ball doing here?" Jeff says he was invited to Ball's house and is just returning the invite. Larry says that when he asked him who was coming, he should've mentioned Ball. If he had, Larry might not have yelled at the doctor about the fridge. Larry once again rails about how crazy it is for hosts not to tell invitees about the other invites!

12. INT. JEFF'S HOUSE – LIVING ROOM – CONTINUOUS (N2)

As they join the others, Larry sees Dr. Ball with a MAN. Jeff tells him that Ball's gay. Larry's surprised, and says hello to Ball, who hasn't forgotten the fridge incident. Larry says, "I didn't know you were gay." Ball's put off by the line. Larry explains that he doesn't care that Ball's gay, he's just surprised, but there's no mollifying Ball. They're interrupted by Funkhouser, who can't thank Larry enough for visiting his sister. "She hasn't been the same since you left. She's like a different person." Larry refuses to take credit for it and calls Jeff over. Jeff says the key to dealing with nuts is to treat them like they're normal. "They really appreciate that." Dinner is served.

13. INT. JEFF'S HOUSE – DINING ROOM – LATER (N2)

As they chatter away, we see Sis batting her eyes at Jeff, who has to acknowledge her without Susie noticing. Sis waves. Jeff waves back. Sis blows a kiss. Jeff blows back, but

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with no hand. Sis, though, wants him to use his hand. Jeff checks out Susie and then does a quick hand blow. Then Sis mentions how Larry used the fridge without asking. This gets everyone's attention, including Funkhouser and especially Dr. Ball, who accuses Larry of being a hypocrite. Larry goes into full denial, but Sis holds her ground, even mentioning the exact amount of every item taken. Larry posits that Sis has emotional problems and is not to be believed. When Sis turns her head, Larry makes the crazy sign. Sis asks Jeff if Larry's lying. Jeff says he doesn't know because he wasn't in the kitchen. "That's 'cause you were in bed with me." This causes the requisite uproar. Now Jeff is in full denial mode. Both Larry and Jeff drop the niceties and blatantly accuse Sis of being crazy. Sis excuses herself. The discussion continues. They convince Funkhouser and Susie that Sis is off her rocker. Funkhouser is determined to send her back to the nuthouse. Then Larry's cell phone rings. Auntie Rae wants him to come home with the medicine.

14. INT. LARRY'S HOUSE – FOYER/INT. LARRY'S CAR – LATER (N2)

Larry enters, hands Auntie Rae the medicine, and turns to go. Larry says he's starving and would like to get something to eat. Auntie Rae says he should come in to see Loretta. Larry says that when he's hungry, he's not pleasant to be around. Larry starts to drive away, then remembers something and takes out his cell and dials.

INTERCUT WITH:

A14. INT. LARRY'S HOUSE – SAME TIME (N2)

Auntie Rae answers. Larry asks her to ask Loretta for the name of the restaurant they went to last month. Auntie Rae doesn't want to bother her. "Is she up?" "Yes." "Can she talk?" Larry doesn't understand how saying the name of the restaurant will have any

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deleterious effect on Loretta. Again, Auntie Rae says she doesn't want to bother her with that bullshit. Larry says to put her on the phone, but she refuses.

END INTERCUT

15. INT. RESTAURANT – LATER (N2)

Larry tells the HOST that he'd like some food to go, but the host is confused. "You already have a reservation," and points out a table where CHERYL and WANDA are sitting. Larry approaches them and gives Cheryl some grief about using his name to make a reservation. Larry says hello to Wanda. She says, "Just 'cause you're with some black woman, don't think that makes you the darling of black people now." Larry asks Cheryl about the no-fly underwear guy. She's not seeing him anymore. She asks him about Loretta. He lies and says things are okay. She invites him to join them, and he does. It's too dark to read the menu, so Larry and Cheryl decide to go outside.

16. EXT. RESTAURANT – MOMENTS LATER (N2)

On the street, Larry confesses how much he misses her and his problems with Loretta. She says she misses him, but it wasn't working for her. "You never left the house. Our relationship was much better when you were on 'Seinfeld' and working every day." Larry says he'll get another job. She says what about Loretta. Larry says he going home to end it before the biopsy comes in. "What?" Cheryl asks, not quite believing her ears. Larry picks up on this. "Oh nothing." Then his cell phone rings.

INTERCUT WITH:

A16. INT. LARRY'S HOUSE – SAME TIME (N2)

It's Loretta, telling him that the doctor is on his way over—needs to talk to her. She

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thinks it's about the biopsy.

END INTERCUT

16. EXT. RESTAURANT – CONTINUOUS (N2)

Larry rushes off.

17. INT. LARRY'S CAR – MOMENTS LATER (N2)

Larry pulls up at a light on San Vicente and sees Dr. Ball sitting in the car next to him. Realizing he has to break up with Loretta before the doctor arrives, he floors it, leaving Ball in the dust. Perhaps some SHOTS here of Larry driving like a maniac. He pulls into his driveway and, much to his horror, discovers crazy Sis in his headlights.

A17. EXT. LARRY'S HOUSE – DRIVEWAY – CONTINUOUS (N2)

Larry gets out of the car and Sis, in her nightie, attacks Larry for lying at the dinner. As Larry desperately tries to get away, O.S. we hear a HOUSE ALARM. ACROSS THE STREET, they see a MAN run out of the neighbor's house and into a car that speeds away. Larry has just witnessed a robbery. All of a sudden, Funkhouser and a COP materialize. "There you are," Funkhouser says to Sis, "I've been looking all over for you." The cop asks Larry if he saw the robber, because he needs a statement. Larry says he has to go, but Sis also saw the robbery and she can give a statement. Funkhouser says she can't give a statement. "She's non compos mentis." Just then, the doctor shows up and heads for the house. Larry says, "I have to go!" But the cop stops him. "You have to give a statement." As Larry watches the doctor enter the house, we

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18. INT. LARRY'S HOUSE – UPSTAIRS LANDING – LATER (N2)

Larry's face tells the story. The news isn't good. "She can beat this," the doctor says, "but she's going to need a lot of help from you guys." Loretta orders Larry to get some things from the grocery store—perhaps the doctor tacks on a few items—and as Larry trudges down the stairs, we

FADE OUT.