

**The Great British Make-off - Part II:  
The Technical Challenge**  
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**Scripture Reference** — Acts 13:22b *NIV: God testified concerning him: “I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.”*

A sketch in three parts, for five non-gender-specific characters. The character PERFECTO 3000 doesn't appear until Part III. There are references to items that could all be mimed, or you could have stand-in props. It could be funny for everyone to potentially *try* different British accents, but that would depend largely on the players, and basically no Britons find it amusing. Which is fair.

**CHARACTERS:**

CONTESTANT 1 - a confident perfectionist

CONTESTANT 2 - a slacker

CONTESTANT 3 - an “everyperson”, a little insecure

HOST - human and accessible, but still a showperson

PERFECTO 3000 - an eerily friendly android

*LIGHTS UP on CONTESTANTS 1,2, and 3, each behind their own respective tables, or, their “stations”. CONTESTANTS 1 & 2 are slightly downstage of CONTESTANT 3, who is in the middle. The HOST begins as the lights come up.*

HOST

3...2...1 - that's time! Hands up!

*The CONTESTANTS basically recreate what they did before. CONTESTANT 2 is on their phone already.*

And now on to our second part of today's Make-off: the technical challenge. Here our contestants were given a specific assignment, and could only use the provided tools and ingredients. In this case: a tiramisu creme brûlée, with raspberry confit (*pronounced cone-FEE*) and spun sugar tower with a minimum height of...

*checks notes*

three feet. As for the allowed tools and ingredients, we gave you: rice krispies, condensed milk, and a wooden spoon! Let's see what they made!

Contestant number one.

CONTESTANT 1

Well I have, a *perfect* soufflé.

HOST

*beat*

Seriously?

CONTESTANT 1

Isn't it perfect?

HOST

You know, it is. It really is - but... wait, is that the same soufflé as before?

CONTESTANT 1

Not at all. I still have that one, right here.

HOST

You made... you made an exact replica of that soufflé?

CONTESTANT 1

Why mess with perfection?

HOST

Well, maybe because that wasn't the assignment.

CONTESTANT 1

Oh well. Isn't it perfect?

HOST

Yes, it *is* a perfect soufflé. It's two perfect soufflés, actually, which is just unheard of. How did you even...?

*uneasy*

They look like clones!

CONTESTANT 3

Creepy.

CONTESTANT 1

Thank you.

HOST

*still uneasy*

You're... welcome?

*shakes it off*

Well, I don't know how you'll do in the scoring. Perfect as those completely identical soufflés are, it wasn't the assigned technical challenge. So... yea. Moving on! Contestant number two, let's see what you've made.

*HOST walks over to CONTESTANT 2, who is still on their phone. HOST looks down at their station.*

It looks like you have a post-it note. And on it, you've written the word, "farts."

*CONTESTANT 2 looks up at HOST for a second just to chuckle.*

CONTESTANT 2

Hehe

*Then back to their phone.*

*HOST stares at CONTESTANT 2, beat, the post-it, beat, CONTESTANT 2, beat*

HOST

Contestant number three! What did *you* make?

CONTESTANT 3

*nervously*

Oh. Ok. Well, umm. I had some real trouble with this one.

HOST

Let's just see what you made.

*CONTESTANT 3 uncovers their dish.*

HOST

*surprised*

Rice Krispy treats.

CONTESTANT 3

Yea.

HOST

Ok. Hmm. I have questions.

CONTESTANT 3

*still nervous*

Ok.

HOST

*How...* did you make these without marshmallows?

CONTESTANT 3

*gulp*

Well. I... um... I didn't.

HOST

You didn't what?

CONTESTANT 3

*timidly at first*

I didn't make them without marshmallows.

*then explosively apologetic*

I used marshmallows! I'm sorry, I know I wasn't supposed to, but I couldn't make the thing that we were supposed to make, and I wasn't even sure what that was, and I didn't know what to do so I just made the first thing that came to my mind, and I saw the rice krispies, and I just happened to have some marshmallows with me...

HOST

You just happened to have marshmallows?

CONTESTANT 3

Yea, doesn't everyone?

HOST

No, I don't think so.

CONTESTANT 3

Ok, well — I do. Or did. So I made these since I figured it was better that I *try* to make something. So... here they are.

HOST

You even made them into little hearts.

CONTESTANT 3

Maybe I should've cut them into letters and spelled "farts."

CONTESTANT 2

Hehe

HOST

*not amused*

Well, you obviously know that you broke the rules. Still, this proved to be a tough challenge for you all. Perhaps it will all come down to the final round: The Showstopper! For this final challenge, you must make and present, a person!

CONTESTANT 3

What?

*Lights out*