

**The Great British Make-off - Part III:  
The Showstopper**  
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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. There is one prop in this part that should be provided: CONTESTANT 2's stuffed animal. 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. PERFECTO 3000 is standing next to CONTESTANT 1, underneath a sheet. On the station in front of CONTESTANT 2 sits a ratty messed-up looking stuffed animal. CONTESTANT 3 is deep in thought.*

*The HOST begins as the lights come up.*

HOST

And that... is... time! Here we are in the final round of today's Make-off, and it's still anyone's game...

*happens to look at CONTESTANT 2*

more or less, and it could all depend on this final challenge, where our contestants were asked to make, a person.

*starts to go to CONTESTANT 1, per usual*

Contestant number wu...

*stops, beat, looks over at CONTESTANT 2, then goes that way*

You know, why don't we just get this over with. Did you make anything?

CONTESTANT 2

*not looking up from their phone*

I found this.

*waves vaguely at stuffed animal*

HOST

I see. You *found* this. Well, I have to say it is an improvement on your previous rounds. It at least has a head, and a face, and a body, and limbs... I think. And it's not a post it note that says "farts."

CONTESTANT 2

*remembering something*

Oh yea.

*CONTESTANT 2 lifts up the stuffed animal and holds up the bottom of it, where there is a post it note that says "farts."*

Hehe.

HOST

Great. Just great.

CONTESTANT 2

Did I win?

HOST

Did you... what?!? Did you *win*? Of course you didn't win, you didn't even try!

CONTESTANT 2

*mind-blowing realization*

Oooohhhh. We were supposed to *try*?

HOST

*sputtering*

Wha... you... were you...

CONTESTANT 2

That was not explained to me. You're not very good at this are you?

HOST

*seething*

Contestant number one.

*turns and leaves CONTESTANT 2 to their phone*

It looks like you may have made something, and it looks a little bigger than a soufflé. Is it a tall soufflé? Please don't let it be another soufflé. Did you do the assignment?

CONTESTANT 1

I did. May I introduce to you...

*unveils PERFECTO 3000*

Perfecto three thousand!

PERFECTO

*very friendly, but in a really creepy way*

Hello there. It's very nice to meet you. In fact, I don't know that I've been more excited to meet anyone, ever.

HOST

Oh my!

CONTESTANT 1

Isn't it perfect?

HOST

Astounding! You made a person... I think.

CONTESTANT 1

Oh, no. Perfecto is better than a person. More than a person. Perfecto is perfection.

PERFECTO

I'm perfection. Would you like some soufflé?

HOST

*unsure*

No thanks. How is that possible?

PERFECTO

We have two soufflés here. You can have some.

HOST

No, sorry. I mean, how is perfection possible?

CONTESTANT 1

It's in the programming. Perfecto is incapable of making a mistake.

HOST

What about learning? Growing?

CONTESTANT 1

There's no need. Perfecto already knows anything worth knowing, and can do no wrong.

PERFECTO

Would you like some soufflé?

HOST

No thank you.

PERFECTO

I know that you will like it. I can't be wrong. I'm perfection.

CONTESTANT 1

Perfecto is programmed for perfection. Just like me!

CONTESTANT 1 & PERFECTO

*very creepily*

Soufflé?

HOST

*backing away*

No thanks. I'm... I'm good. Well, that just leaves...

*turns to CONTESTANT 3*

you.

*At this, CONTESTANT 3 is shaken out of their deep thoughts - but they're less nervous than before.*

CONTESTANT 3

Hi. Yes. I'm ready.

HOST

And what have you made for us?

CONTESTANT 3

Well, I'm not quite finished... but... well... me. I present myself.

HOST

Interesting.

CONTESTANT 3

You wanted a person. Well, that's me. I'm a person. I'm fine with not winning. Maybe I'd prefer it, actually.

HOST

Well, that's a shame - because you're our winner.

CONTESTANT 3

What?

CONTESTANT 2

Aww, man!

HOST

*to CONTESTANT 2*

Seriously?

CONTESTANT 3

I don't get it. How could I have won?

HOST

The challenge was to present a person. And you've done exactly that. In all your strength and weakness, you are definitely a person. Sure, you didn't craft an impeccable soufflé, but you shared something that brought you joy. Also, I'm not sure that soufflé is entirely natural.

CONTESTANT 1 & PERFECTO

*to the audience*

Soufflé?

*HOST and CONTESTANT 3 shiver*

CONTESTANT 3

But I broke the rules.

HOST

Yea, you did. You found yourself in a bind, and you broke the rules. Is it ok that you broke the rules? No. *But*, you owned it, and apologized. And you didn't just write "farts" on a post-it.

CONTESTANT 2

Hehe

HOST

And all of that leads to how you definitely nailed the third challenge. You presented yourself - a person.

*indicates CONTESTANT 1 & PERFECTO*

It isn't about being perfect. Buuuut, also, you really do need to try.

*looks at CONTESTANT 2*

So right where you are, seems about right. Unfinished, not quite made - but *in* the making! Well done.

*turns to the audience*

Tune in next time for another Make-off, and see what we'll make next!

CONTESTANT 1 & PERFECTO

Soufflé?

CONTESTANT 2

Farts!

HOST

*to CONTESTANT 2*

Seriously?

*Lights out*