THE LOUD HOUSE

#337 - "Hunn-Cutt Gems"

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1 **INT. ROYAL WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL - CAFETERIA - DAY** 1

Liam stands beside a camera on a tripod. He cues Rusty, * wearing three birthday hats (one on each hair cone).

1 **LIAM** 1
And we're live in three, two...

He points at Rusty.

2 **RUSTY** 2
I'm Rusty Spokes, Royal Woods' favorite middle school newscaster, * coming to you live. Chef Pat is about to unveil a cake for our school mascot and birthday boy, * Crikey the Kangaroo. <BLOWS PARTY * HORN>

REVEAL Rusty stands beside Crikey as Chef Pat wheels in an elaborate cake. Rusty licks his lips.

3 **RUSTY** (CONT'D) 3
Is that buttercream frosting?!

4 Rusty dips his finger into the cake and takes a large taste 4
<YUM!>. Crikey <GROWLS> Rusty <LAUGHS SHEEPISHLY> as Crikey winds up and punches Rusty in the gut, sending him through the cake. <OOF!> Rusty takes off running O.S. as Crikey follows. Chef Pat awkwardly stares at camera. Liam whispers into an ear piece.

4 **LIAM** 4
Should I cut the feed? Pat's a statue!

CUT TO NEWSROOM: Lincoln and Clyde sit behind the news desk.

5 **CLYDE** 5
We have four more minutes to fill!

6 **LINCOLN** 6
Liam, you gotta stall!

BACK TO CAFETERIA - Liam fiddles nervously.

7 **LIAM** 7
I don't know, ya'll. I ain't got Rusty's kind of screen presence.

8 **LINCOLN/CLYDE (IN EAR PIECE)** 8
We need you!/ Get in front of the camera!

Liam nervously steps in, blocking Chef Pat's dead stare.

9 **LIAM** 9
Howdy! Filling in for a currently *
indisposed Rusty Spokes- *

10 **RUSTY (O.S.)** 10
It <OW> was <OW> only one bite
<OW!>

11 **LIAM** 11
I'm Liam Hunnicutt. And uh...

He gets an idea and pulls out his phone, displaying a photo of two conjoined potatoes.

12 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 12
This here's our newest addition to
the Hunnicutt Farm potato field.
(marveling at photo)
Just two best spuds making their
way in the world together. I'm Liam
Hunni--

13 **LINCOLN (IN EAR PIECE)** 13
You can't wrap! We still have three
and a half minutes!

Liam swipes on his phone. He pulls up a video of him brushing the tail of a mule. The tail keeps swatting him in the face.

14 **LIAM** 14
Here I am brushing the mats out of
our mule Daisy's tail.

Suddenly in the video, Daisy kicks him. <OOF!>

15 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 15
<CHUCKLES> That ain't her favorite *
activity! *
(he scrolls again)
Uh... oh! Here's Mee-Maw giving
Virginia a literal piggyback ride. *

Liam plays a video of Mee-Maw running around with Virginia on her back. *

17 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 17 *
Just another Thursday 'round the
farm.
(touches earpiece)
And I'm being told I still have a
minute... <GULP>

2 **INT. ROYAL WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL - NEWS ROOM - LATER** 2

Liam enters the studio, joining Lincoln and Clyde. Liam looks sheepish.

18 **LIAM** 18
Hey y'all. I'm sorry my segment *
weren't all that and a bag of oats. *

REVEAL Rusty, covered in cake with a fat lip and bandages.

19 **RUSTY** 19
It's okay, Dawg. We can't all have
this kind of charisma.

Suddenly Zach (obscured by a massive pile of mail he's carrying) waddles into the room. Stella directs him.

20 **STELLA** 20
Just a couple more steps and--

Zach trips over the rug and sends the mail toppling to the ground. He <SIGHS>.

21 **LINCOLN** 21
Whoa! What's all of this mail?

22 **RUSTY** 22
I bet it's our fans worrying about
me.
(reads letter)
Dear Liam? That's a weird way of
spelling "Rusty".

Stella snatches the letter back.

23 **STELLA** 23
No, it's all fan mail for Liam!
They love you and think farm life
is fascinating.

24 **LIAM** 24
Really?! Well, shucks. That's
mighty nice.

25 **LINCOLN** 25
Hey, maybe you should do a full
segment about the farm!

26 **LIAM** 26
That's swell of you, but I'm more
of a workhorse than a show pony.

27 **STELLA** 27
You should try it! Besides, Rusty needs time to recover.

28 **RUSTY** 28
I don't need time! I'll be fine as soon as this room stops spinning.

The rest of the news team turns to Liam.

29 **LIAM** 29
Well, alright. Maybe just once.

3 **EXT. HUNNICUT FARMS - VARIOUS - MORNING** 3

- KITCHEN, POV PHONE: Liam films himself sitting down at the breakfast table.

30 **LIAM** 30
Welcome, y'all! I start every morn' with a farm to farm breakfast.

Mee-Maw enters, without her wig, struggling to carry a large bowl of grits with one hand. There's a steering wheel imprint on her cheek. She clumsily places the grits on the table. *

31 **MEE-MAW** 31
Hoo-whee - gotta stop taking naps in the tractor. My left arm's still asleep! *

She turns around, accidentally swinging her limp left arm into Liam's glass of orange juice, tipping it over. *

32 **MEE-MAW** (CONT'D) 32 *
Oh heck. *
(noticing camera) *
<SHRIEK!> Liam! You didn't tell me I was on the TV! And here I am with no wig! *

She quickly, with one hand, yanks the table cloth out, and covers her head with it. She smiles stiffly. She overacts: *

33 **MEE-MAW** (CONT'D) 33
Have some grits, Liam!

Mee-Maw goes to pass the grits to Liam when Virginia jumps up and shoves her face into the grits.

MEE-MAW (CONT'D) *
Virginia, you quit now! *

34 **LIAM** 34
It's a slop party, y'all!

Liam shoves his face into the grits too. *

MEE-MAW *
(to camera) *
We ain't usually like this. *

- POV PHONE: The phone rests on a fence. CLOSE ON Liam as he snaps on some goggles.

36 **LIAM** 36
After breakfast I like to take a
quick dip in the ol' mud hole. *

REVEAL, Liam dives into a mud hole. Behind him Virginia, in a swim cap, jumps in, joining him for synchronized swimming.

LIAM (CONT'D) *
Let's show 'em our moves, Virginia! *

- NURSERY PEN, POV PHONE: Liam talks quietly to the camera: *

37 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 37
And here's our youngest foal
learning to walk.

Liam turns the camera towards Mee-Maw, who struts on all fours, teaching an adorably wobbly baby horse to walk.

38 **MEE-MAW** 38
Come on, Sugar Cube. Do just like
your Mee-Maw!

The horse begins to strut like Mee-Maw. Liam faces the camera towards his face.

39 **LIAM** 39
And that's all the news that makes
the Hunni-cut. This is Liam,
signing off. Bye now! *

4 **INT. ROYAL WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL - HALLWAY - DAY** 4

As Liam walks towards his locker, students buzz excitedly.

40 **STUDENT WALLA** 40
Hey, Liam! Farm life is so
cool!/Sugar-Cube is adorable! *

A student points with both hands to Liam enthusiastically.

41 **POINTING STUDENT** 41
Have some grits, Liam! You the man!

Another student high-fives a confused Liam. He joins the gang by his locker. Rusty still ices his bandaged gut.

42 **CLYDE** 42
Congrats, buddy! You're a star! *

44 **RUSTY** 44 *
<SCOFFS> You've seen one farm *
you've seen them all. But do you remember when I won Royal Woods Middle School Reporter of the Year?

45 **ZACH** 45
Rusty, that's an award *you* made up. And gave to yourself.

A swarm of students rush up to the ANT.

46 **STUDENT #1** 46
So when's the next episode of the farm show going to air?

47 **STUDENT #2** 47
Yeah, we want more!

48 **RUSTY** 48
Too bad. That segment was a one-off. Liam doesn't like being on camera.

49 **STUDENT WALLA** 49
<DISAPPOINTED WALLA>

50 **LIAM** 50
Whoa, there. I don't want to disappoint anybody. If y'all like *
the farm so much, I guess I don't mind showing her off a bit more.

61 The students <CHEER> as the ANT (besides Rusty) light up. 61

5 **EXT. HUNNICUT FARMS/SCHOOL - VARIOUS - MONTAGE** 5

- FIELD, POV CAMERA: Liam effortlessly lassos a bucking bronco. He winks at the camera.

- SCHOOL HALLWAY: The ANT walks the hall, as students watch Liam's segment on their phones. Margot, wearing a Liam T-shirt, lassos Liam towards her to snap a selfie.

- SHEEP PEN, POV CAMERA: Liam, wearing a barber's apron, pulls out an electric shaver and approaches a sheep. Liam rapidly gives him a faux hawk. He blows on his shears. *

- CLASSROOM: Students swarm Liam. Andrew, dressed in a Virginia pig onesie, enters on all fours, <SNORTING>.

- GRAPE FIELD, POV CAMERA: Mee-Maw in 80s workout gear, steps into a wooden tub of grapes. She dances, crushing the grapes. Virginia, in a workout headband, hops in and joins her. *
Beside them is a stack of Hunnicutt-brand jam jars. *

- GYM CLASS: Girl Jordan runs up to Liam with a carton of Hunnicutt Farms eggs and a sharpie. Liam signs the egg carton. Girl Jordan hugs Liam and runs off, REVEALING a line of waiting students, wearing Liam wigs and holding eggs.

6 **INT. ROYAL WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL - DAY** 6

Liam, wearing sunglasses, confidently struts the hallway. He points both hands at two students watching a video.

51 **LIAM** 51
Have some grits! Am I right?!

Liam is oblivious as the students shrug and continue watching their phones. He approaches the ANT by their lockers.

52 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 52
So, for the next "Life with Liam"- that's what I'm calling the show now- I'm gonna film Virginia's annual mud slide down Hunnicutt Hill.

The gang all looks at each other nervously.

53 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 53
Y'all look more nervous than a sow at a barbecue. What's going on?

54 **CLYDE** 54
We have some bad news.

55 **RUSTY** 55
Turns out your show is *old* news.

Liam pulls off his sunglasses.

56 **LIAM** 56
What do you mean? Everyone's watching it. Look!

He gestures to the students, glued to their phones.

57 **STELLA** 57
No, they're watching this.

Stella holds out her phone and plays a video. It's of Chef Pat holding a side of beef hanging in the walk-in freezer as Crikey throws punches at it. *

58 **STELLA** (CONT'D) 58
Everyone's obsessed with Crikey and Chef Pat's new videos now. They call themselves the Beef Boxers. *

59 **RUSTY** 59
Sorry, Dawg. Fame is fickle. Except for the Rust-Man. He's timeless. *

60 **LIAM** 60
But I was just getting started!

61 **ZACH** 61
You had a good run!

The gang walks off. Liam hangs back, pulling out his phone. He watches the video of Crikey and Chef Pat again. Liam gets a determined look. **MP** *

7 **EXT. HUNNICUT FARMS - STABLE - DAY** 7

CAMERA POV: Liam stands in front of the barn doors with a mic.

62 **LIAM** 62
Welcome to another installment of Life with Liam. Today we're taking a tour of the stables-

Liam nudges open the barn doors. Suddenly a group of horses gallop out. Liam <GASPS>.

63 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 63
OH NO STAMPEDE!!!

Liam takes a rope, swings it to the top of the door, and swings to safety in the hay loft.

64 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 64
And cut!

Virginia lowers him down. The horses immediately halt, and calmly trot back to Liam.

65 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 65
Great job, everyone. Those acting lessons are paying for themselves. Carol Anne, did you catch that all on the goat-pro?

REVEAL Carol Anne the goat with a camera on her head. She <BLEATS>.

8 **EXT. HUNNICUTT FARMS - PUMPKIN PATCH - DAY** 8

Liam enters the patch followed by Carol Anne, wearing the camera again. He addresses the camera:

66 **LIAM** 66
Y'all are in luck, cuz it's harvesting time! *

He notices something O.S. and <GASPS>. *

67 **LIAM (O.S.)** (CONT'D) 67
Sakes alive! It's a giant mutated pumpkin! *

REVEAL: a giant mutated pumpkin with a carved face charges towards him!

68 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 68
It's after me!

Liam runs off screen. The pumpkin chases him.

69 **LIAM (O.S.)** (CONT'D) 69
And cut!

After a beat the pumpkin tips over REVEALING a turkey underneath. It <GOBBLES>. Liam reenters the scene and feeds him turkey feed.

70 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 70
Good job, Clarence. Consider yourself pardoned this Thanksgiving. *

9 **EXT. HUNNICUTT FARMS - GOAT PEN - DAY** 9

Carol-Anne films as Liam holds a bundle wrapped in a blanket.

71 **LIAM** 71
Take a gander at this!

Liam lifts the blanket to reveal a convincing pig/chicken hybrid. (A pig wearing strapped on beak and wings).

72 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 72
That's what happens when a momma pig craves chicken feed while she's pregnant. *

The pig starts trying to eat the beak. Liam lightly tugs it out of its mouth and tries to hold it in place.

73 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 73
Once the school sees all this, Crikey will be old news!

10 **INT. ROYAL WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL - HALLWAY - DAY** 10

Liam walks down the hallway towards his locker. Students chatter excitedly as Liam approaches the ANT.

74 **STUDENT WALLA** 74
Could you believe that stampede?/I wonder if that pig chicken will lay eggs!

75 **LINCOLN** 75
You did it again, Liam!

76 **ZACH** 76
Yeah, the Beef Boxers are dunzo. *
Everyone's talking about your zombie pumpkin now!

77 **RUSTY** 77
(muttering)
I don't know about everybody.

Liam leans cooly against his locker.

78 **LIAM** 78
The farm never fails to deliver.

79 **CLYDE** 79
And it's a good thing too, because everyone wants to see what's going to happen next.

80 **LIAM** 80
Happen next? <NERVOUS CHUCKLE> Not a problem, because there's never a dull day on Hunnicutt Farms! We're just gettin' started.

Liam quickly poses for a selfie with a student fan.

11 **EXT. HUNNICUTT FARMS - FIELD - DAWN** 11

A rooster CALLS as the sun rises. The silhouette of Liam, holding tools, sneaks towards a tractor at the top of a hill.

12 **EXT. HUNNICUTT FARMS - FIELD - MORNING** 12

Liam, standing by the tractor, addresses Carol Anne (with camera), Virginia, and his horse, Barb.

81 **LIAM** 81
Alright, folks, this runaway tractor segment is gonna make me a legend.
(off animal looks)
And all the supporting cast too. *

As he speaks, the CAMERA PANS to the different elements of the plan he mentions.

82 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 82
I'll get the tractor to start rolling down the hill, over that ramp, and towards the pond. But right before it hits the water, I'll signal Virginia to throw me the lasso. Then I'll mount Barb and we'll speed off and lasso the tractor before it crashes.

BACK TO Liam:

83 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 83
Everyone got it? *
(off animal sounds)
Great. Let's roll!

Carol Anne starts the camera.

84 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 84
Welcome back, Kangaroos, to another segment of Life with Liam. Today I'm showing you the family tractor.

Liam "leans" casually on the tractor, trying to push it down the hill. <SMALL PUSH EFFORT> It won't budge.

85 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 85
Anyone else's allergies acting up?

Liam <FAKE SNEEZES>, launching himself HARD into the tractor, pushing it down the hill out of control. Liam grins until the chaos spooks Virginia who runs off SQUEALING with the lasso.

86 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 86
<HUH?> Virginia, wait!

87 **MEE-MAW (O.S.)** 87
What in tarnation?

Liam turns and <GASPS> when he sees Mee-Maw's head pop out from the top of the tractor, bent at a 90 degree angle. She <SCREAMS!>

88 **LIAM** 88
Great gizzards! Mee-Maw must have slept in the tractor again! I gotta save her! **LP** *

Liam mounts Barb and they gallop after the tractor as it gains speed going down the hill.

89 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 89
Come on, Barb. Ride like your hide depends on it! <HYAH!>

The tractor nears the ramp. Liam, on Barb, rides up next to it.

90 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 90
Mee-Maw, You need to jump. I'll catch you!

Mee-Maw shakes her head no - but turns to see the ramp.

91 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 91
Hurry! *

The tractor hits the ramp, and at the last second, Mee-Maw dramatically jumps over to Liam. He catches her with one hand and swings her to ride on Barb behind him. They come to a graceful halt, just as the tractor crashes into the pond and sinks. Relieved, Liam dismounts with a shaken Mee-Maw.

92 **LIAM** (CONT'D) 92
Are you alright, Mee-Maw?

93 **MEE-MAW** 93
What the heck happened? *

94 **LIAM** 94
I was trying to shoot another segment for the show, but things got a little out of control.

Just then Carol Anne, with the camera still rolling, walks over. Liam takes the camera.

95 **MEE-MAW** 95
Well, I was almost a goner there, *
and you'll be doing extra chores
for two years... but I guess you
got yourself one heck of a segment!

Liam looks at the camera, torn.

13 **INT. ROYAL WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL - NEWS ROOM - DAY** 13

Liam enters the studio. The gang eagerly rushes over to him. *

96 **STELLA** 96
Finally! Your fans are waiting for *
you! *

97 **ZACH** 97
I don't know how you're gonna top a
half pig half chicken though.

Liam hands Lincoln his phone, and the gang gathers to watch. Slowly their faces fall.

98 **CLYDE** 98
Uh, is something else going to
happen?

CLOSE ON PHONE: The video is just Virginia eating some slop.

99 **LIAM** 99
Nope. Truth is, this is what life
is actually like on the farm. It
may get the views, it may not. But
I ain't part of that rat race no
more - though I am still part of *
the actual rat race we host on the *
farm.

100 **RUSTY** 100
This is worse than dead air, Dawg.
Good thing my bandages are off, so
I can save the day! *

Rusty grabs his mic and dances out the door <DANCE EFFORTS> right into Crikey holding an ice cream cone, making him drop it. Crikey <FUMES>

101 **RUSTY** (CONT'D) 101
Oh no. <YELP!>

Rusty runs for it as Crikey follows.

102 **RUSTY (O.S.)** (CONT'D) 102
Please, not the gut again!

THE END.