

BOXMAC EPISODE 23:
GIFT OF THE MAC GUYS

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Based on, If Any

Open on black and white imagery of macs on shelves. Different voices...

"This is my favorite YouTube channel ever..."

"You guys should do an episode where you test different condiments, spices herbs etc"

"ever think of reviewing all the hot peppers there are?"

"Nice videos enjoy your videos"

"I'm from Sweden where we don't really have BoxMac outside special assortment shops and I love this show."

Andie: "Mom, can I watch the latest BoxMac?"

EV: "A-Mac and cheese."

Dissolve to stars in the sky, except they're noodles.

VELVEETA SHELL
Kraft Deluxe?

KRAFT DELUXE
Yes, Velveeta?

VELVEETA SHELL
Well, we've got a little web series down there. People really love it but it's not all that popular still.

KRAFT DELUXE
I thought it was a hit on Reddit.

VELVEETA SHELL
That was kinda, one and done, Kraft.

KRAFT DELUXE
Well maybe they shouldn't be so concerned with hits and popularity. What they need is to rediscover what makes them friends in the first place. Should we send down homestyle?

VELVEETA SHELL
Homestyle mac? He's awful.

KRAFT DELUXE
Yes, but he brings families together. Send him in.

INT. JUNT'S KITCHEN - DAY

Open on the wide 5D shot of Jon's kitchen, as though it were a normal BoxMac episode, but there's no one there - it's just decorated for the holidays. Opening credits.

After a moment, Jon emerges to take out a cookie pan with small balls of mac across them.

JUNT

My delicious holiday Mac Cookies!

Canned laughter.

Jon makes his way to the living room couch where he's folding and packaging BoxMac shirts.

JUNT (CONT'D)

4XL? This country keeps getting bigger and bigger...

Canned laughter.

Frankie enters from camera right, holding a pen and sheet of paper.

FRANKIE

Boy, we have so much Christmas work to do, I can hardly keep up.

JUNT

Oh, that doesn't look so bad.

Frankie lets multiple appended papers flop down, revealing a bigger to do list.

JUNT (CONT'D)

(holding up a box of mac)
Oh. My "B."

Canned laughter.

FRANKIE

Shirt orders, new episodes of BoxMac AND Junt's Cart, fan contests, holiday specials, and we're hosting for friends later in the week...there's hardly gonna be time for Christmas presents!

JUNT

At least we have a FACEBOOK presence.

Canned laughter.

FRANKIE

Come on Jon, let's address the elephant in the room.

JUNT

Hey, watch it!

Canned laughter.

FRANKIE

I MEAN, are we going to exchange gifts this year?

Junt starts coughing, kind of uncontrollable. Canned laughter.

FRANKIE (CONT'D)

What does that mean? Oh, of course, you've already gotten mine...

JUNT

(genuine)

Hm? I don't know what you're talking about.

FRANKIE

Always playin' it close to the chest. You're on, Junt!

Frankie exits. Push in to Jon.

JUNT

Yikes, now he thinks I have a big surprise for him.

Jon coughs.

JUNT (CONT'D)

Ugh, these Christmas mac cookies are giving me the vapors!

OPENING THEME SONG - Soft Imagery of past shows, visiting Santa, hanging christmas decorations.

You might barely know me,

And I only kinda know you,

You were dumped by your only girlfriend,

And you don't know what to do!

I'll be your friend, but I'm awful busy,

I've got a job, and a wife, and a life!

It's okay that you're on the spectrum,

But my time is just a little tight!

BoxMac - BOXMAC!

Your parents cut you off...

BoxMac - BOXMAC!

You were fired from Stop & Shop!

Look I'm sorry I can't always respond right away,

I can't always just text you back,

But one thing, baby, you will always know...

Is which is the better boxed mac...

Boxed Mac...

INT. FRANKIE'S BASEMENT - DAY

Frankie puts away the skeleton from the Halloween show. He picks up his phone to call Grae.

(Frankie asks Grae what he should get Jon. Expect her to say something daffy and not be very helpful. Live conversation).

Frankie looks at the skeleton, with his arms all high.

FRANKIE

I've got it.

Frankie leaves with the skeleton.

INT. FLEA MARKET - DAY

Mini Junt's Cart episode. Jon concludes he should get Frankie a Santa Claus hat for the skeleton, but it's awfully expensive - he's going to have to trade his "hall of macs" for it.

INT. JUNT'S LIVING ROOM - DAY

Frankie and Jon sit under the Christmas tree.

FRANKIE

Mine first!

Jon tears the wrapping open and reveals a big stack of Rapid Macs.

JUNT

Oh. Oh jeez...Frankie, they're, they're beautifully, but...

FRANKIE

I know, they're a little rich for our blood, but, sacrifices need to be made for the perfect gift! Now let's see what's inside mine!

Frankie tears the gift open and reveals the Santa hat. He deflates...

JUNT

What's wrong?

FRANKIE

Oh Jon. This was meant for the Kraft Keeper puppet, wasn't it?

JUNT

Well of course it was. It's a Santa Claus hat. What else could it be for?

FRANKIE

(earnest)

I traded the Kraft Keeper for that stack of Rapid Macs.

Audience "awwww's."

JUNT

Sounds like a shady deal.

Canned laughter.

FRANKIE

Well it's still a great gift, I'm sure I could donate it to other skeleton puppets in need. Come on, let's try out these Rapids!

JUNT

Wait, Frankie!

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Frankie notices the macs are all gone.

FRANKIE

Wha - what happened to the hall of macs?

JUNT

I'm cheap, Frankie. I couldn't justify keeping all of our BoxMac if I was going to buy you a Santa Claus hat.

FRANKIE

(pause)

That makes no sense Jon!!

Canned laughter.

JUNT

Well you shouldn't have traded the Kraft Keeper for a stack of Rapids, I had plenty of Rapids as it was! And they don't even sponsor us!

Canned laughter.

Frankie and Junt about-face and huff.

FRANKIE

Wait...

JUNT

Did you really...

FRANKIE

(slowly turning)

Trade all of your BoxMac...?

JUNT

Give away your beautiful skeleton...?

FRANKIE AND JON

So I could have a Christmas gift?

Audience "awww."

They both sheepishly smile.

FRANKIE

(a little embarrassed)

Well we still need to make some mac. We've got Zach, EJ, and Nina coming over any minute.

JUNT

Hmm...we've got pasta. We've got cheese sauce, for the non-vegans. We've got bread crumbs.

FRANKIE

(apprehensive)

But we said we would never...I mean, we hate...!

JUNT

I know, but Frankie...nothing says home for the holidays like Ho Ho Homestyle Macaroni and Cheese...

INT. KITCHEN - LATER

A proper episode of BoxMac in which we all (Zach, Nina, EJ, Jon, and Frankie) try to cook homestyle mac.