

LOVE AT FIRST NIGHT EPISODE 7 GARY'S BACK

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The scene is **INTERCUT** between **INTERIOR/EXTERIOR** of candid interviews with various major and minor characters. They will be interview style like on The Office.

INT. INTERVIEWS

The unseen **INTERVIEWER** talks to several characters.

*\*The **Interviewer** will appear off camera for the duration of this episode.*

INTERVIEWER

We're doing a documentary on social media phenomenon who has emerged in the last few months. We are just interviewing friends and followers of @GuruGary. We found everyone from his followers list like yourself.

**REVEAL** they are talking to **DENNIS** (Spencer's rest room sage).

DENNIS

Oh yeah man, that dude is a trip online. I like to think of myself as a thought leader, but I choose not to monetize my knowledge, and I don't buy what he's sellin. He's on some corny shit mostly.

INTERVIEWER

And why do you say that!

We are now talking to **ALEX**

ALEX

Because I know Gary, he's a motherfuckin leech. We use to be best friends, but that shit wasn't healthy and a bitch isn't trying to go backwards in life.

We cut to **VICTORIA** (Spencer's ex-boss)

VICTORIA

(Getting Emotional)  
Well, I just got laid off and the only thing getting me through is Guru Gary. He just speaks about the abuse he suffered from his boyfriend and it really just makes me feel so full--

We quick cut to IAN on the heels of Victoria

IAN

--Of shit! Full of shit is what he is, I don't even know why ya'll listen to him. He's a shoplifting ass dramatic hood rat. He never listens when people try to steer him away from that bullshit.

We cut to BREE

BREE

He's supposedly a "spiritual guide" or (Air Quotes) "thought leader"... so basically he's unemployed, but yeah I follow him. Boredom does what it does. He's got good filters, I'll give him that.

INTERVIEWER

What is he providing that keeps you coming back to his content?

We CUT to MS. STILLLS

MS.STILLS

I find Guru Gary to be so wise beyond his years. He once did IG Live aura readings and it was scary how right he was about folks. There was this big bitch who said she was in love with her cousin and Guru Gary looked at the camera and said yellow. Don't you know she started crying her eyes out!

INTERVIEWER

What did he mean by yellow?

MS.STILLS

How the hell should I know, but I could see that girl was moved to tears. She's probably happily married to her cousin somewhere in Iowa right now. They got corn there I think, maybe that's what it was.

Cut to MARK

MARK

Yeah I've heard of Guru Gary...I think. Wait whose Guru Gary again?

CUT TO:

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

We are in front of the door of an average New York apartment. From the HANDHELD CAMERA POV we see a hand KNOCK on the door.

A brief scrambling can be heard behind the door, but no answer.

The hand knocks hard again ONE, TWO, THREE...

GARY (O.C.)

I'm coming god damn it just wait a minute!

The door swings open to **REVEAL: GARY**, wearing stylish, but cheap sunglasses and draped in a red terry cloth robe radiating Hollywood by way of Joanne the Scammer as he flashes a phoney smile and beckons the guests to come in.

INTERVIEWER

We're from Slay TV, they said you were expecting us.

Gary swaggers through the apartment, an average space adorned with awards and a hodgepodge of status symbols, but they're all selfies of Gary with various numbers beneath them:

"2,000 likes" on one picture,

"1500 likes in 24 hours" on another,

"At his mantle i.e. The top of his TV set there is another photo of him looking off into the distance."

Gary points to the photo on his mantle, beaming as he describes.

GARY

This is the day I met Angela Bassett.

(MORE)

GARY (CONT'D)

Well not so much met as I'm pretty sure I saw her walking a cat on a leash. She knew I was there though.

CUT TO:

INT. GARY'S LIVING ROOM

Gary drapes across the couch like an old Hollywood actress, all class and seduction, think Ginger Rogers in terry cloth instead of satin.

INTERVIEWER

Can you tell us about your sudden rise to internet stardom.

GARY

My story is like anyone's, except mine is more interesting and tragic. I had been in a bad relationship and he got crazy, but I had an epiphany that day! I'm better than this, all of it! The words of my first famous post just came to me like in a dream.

INTERVIEWER

That would be "Niggas ain't shit?"

GARY

Excuse you, it's "Broke ass niggas ain't shit!" Please don't misquote me. I will sue.

INTERVIEWER

Well that requires money and --

GARY

I beg your pardon?

INTERVIEWER

Nothing -- let's continue.

GARY

Anyways, after I posted that the likes and comments were pouring in and it felt like I had to do it again. Before I knew it I was online royalty.

CUT TO:

INT. INTERVIEWS

BREE

I think he has like fifty thousand followers, I'm not sure exactly because I'm an adult with a life, bills, no job and chronic elbow pain, but I'd say that was right.

INT. GARY'S LIVING ROOM

GARY

I have eighty thousand followers thank you and only five thousand are Russian bot weave accounts, so I'm doing pretty good.

INT. INTERVIEWS

CARLOS

If I had to describe Guru Gary in one word it'd be modest.

The camera pulls out to reveal Ian staring at Carlos as if he had two heads.

INT. GARY'S APARTMENT

Gary now wearing poom poom shorts and a crop top is doing what he thinks are seductive squats. He's counting and holding up his phone as he records for his Snapchat.

GARY

One, two, three, four... Hey Gary's Gremlins, Ya'll just caught me in the middle of exercising and I can feel this self-care lifting me up already!

He puts the phone down and turns to the Interview camera

GARY (CONT'D)

We have to keep the content coming and engage or your base can forget about you. Curate the life you want!

INTERVIEWER

Were you going to finish working out?

GARY

Oh I'm done. Oh before I forget!

Gary grabs a small spray bottle and gives a spritz to his face, he looks like he's been sweating. He picks up the phone and breaths as if having run a marathon

GARY (CONT'D)

Hey Gremlins! Just wanted to check in after my work out, and your king is tired, but my spirit is full. I love you all, I'll post some full frontal video of my progres on my Fans 4 Fonzies page which you can subscribe to for a monthly fee of twenty bucks or annual at the discount price of 110 dollars. Spread love like jelly.

He puts the phone back down and dries his face with a small towel, and normal breathing resumes and he looks at the camera and smiles.

GARY (CONT'D)

My audience likes to see the story of my day play out. You've got to close the loop on narrative, but still leave them wanting more or they won't come back to me.

INT. INTERVIEWS

Nico looks around wide eyed and squirrely

NICO

Hey is this gonna be on Ellen?

INTERVIEWER

No, we don't work for Ellen, we're from Slay TV.

NICO

I wouldn't say that.

INTERVIEWER

(confused) Okay? Are you familiar with Guru Gary?

NICO

Am I familiar with him, come on Steven!

INTERVIEWER  
My name isn't Steven?

NICO  
(Pointing) What about them?

INTERVIEWER  
No.

<p>NICO (Pointing all over) Them, or him? Is he Steven.</p>	<p>INTERVIEWER No, nobody's name is Steven here.</p>
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NICO  
(Pointing) What about her?

Nico points Off Camera, and the Camera POV swings to see Nico pointing at a houseplant.

The camera turns back to Nico who has a crooked smile and stares into the camera without blinking for TOO LONG.

INT. GARY'S BEDROOM

He leads the Camera in looking back flirtatiously and kitty crawls onto the bed and makes sure he keeps some thigh exposed.

INTERVIEWER  
Can you tell us about the short  
film you're working on?

GARY  
It's my baby, it is a dramatization  
of my true story and how I was  
seduced by my abuser and abandoned  
by my friends. I've got some clips  
if you want to see.

CUT TO:

INT. EMPTY ROOM

Five people are standing around in a room with scripts in their hands. Around their necks are NAME Placards that read: **ALEX, SPENCER, JAYDEN, IAN, and ORLANDO.**

They look nothing like our main cast at all and read their lines poorly.

Gary is off screen.



GARY (O.C.)  
(Yells) Action!

FAKE SPENCER  
Oh No! I'm uptight and can't keep  
my man happy. Jayden I hate you.

FAKE JAYDEN  
Oh Spencer I love you if only I  
wasn't emotionally damaged.

Fake Spencer runs away and Fake Jayden does shoulder shrug  
and runs after him.

FAKE ALEX  
Oh no! I'm co-dependent and think  
being bitchy is a personality.  
Orlando won't you blow my back out?

FAKE IAN  
Oh no Alex! You can't date Orlando  
otherwise my jealousy will  
literally kill me.

Fake Ian grabs his chest and dies. Orlando and Fake Alex  
awkwardly air kiss and then the kissing turns into Orlando  
choking Alex.

FAKE ALEX  
Oh no! Orlando is hurting me, if  
only Gary were here!

From off screen FAKE GARY, a large chiseled good looking man  
with a name placard that says GARY comes running out to the  
stage.

FAKE GARY  
I Gary am here even though you  
don't deserve it.

Fake Gary slaps the SHIT out of Fake Orlando and the other  
actor is dizzied.

FAKE ORLANDO  
God damn man! You weren't suppose  
to hit me that hard. I'm not even  
getting paid for this gig.

The camera pans to the real Gary watching intently and  
clapping as a tear streaks his face.

GARY  
Keep hitting him!

We hear the tussling off screen, but stay on Gary, he's watching eyes affixed on the stage.

BACK TO:

INT. INTERVIEWS

Spencer and Jayden are standing together.

SPENCER

I can't believe he's trying to ruin our reputations this way! It's unbelievable!

INTERVIEWER

So I take it you didn't know about the film?

Spencer's face is frozen in disbelief. Jayden looks at him for a long and awkward beat.

JAYDEN

We didn't know about it.

INT. GARY'S APARTMENT - BATHROOM

Gary is in the bathtub covered in suds and drinking a bottle of Moscato from a crazy straw.

INTERVIEWER

What do you think is next for Guru Gary in all this then.

GARY

Well I'm thinking of reaching out to Iyanla and double teaming some in need of guidance souls. Then on to Oprah and of course she'll adopt me as her son and I'll have all the access to Paula Deen that I want.

INTERVIEWER

You want to spend time with Paula Deen even after her racist antics?

GARY

Eww! Ain't nobody talking about spending time with her, I just want her to drown me in butter and bacon until stop her.

Gary leans into the Camera

GARY (CONT'D)  
(Whispering) I wouldn't stop her.

CUT TO:

GARY'S LIVING ROOM

Gary is wearing shades and a new provocative outfit and has his head wrapped in a towel. He sips a glass of red wine.

INTERVIEWER  
Something we never see is your life outside of your social media presence. Is there anyone special you are sharing your success with or your difficult times that maybe we don't see?

GARY  
(Deflecting) There are no difficult times, just difficult perspectives and I'm open to all of my followers as they are to me!

INTERVIEWER  
Are you happy?

GARY  
I'm definitely making some money, I get free stuff for being an influencer and people know me now. I'm somebody now.

INTERVIEWER  
Yes, but dos that make you happy?

Gary takes his shades off and a flicker of uncertainty.

GARY  
I'd never had anyone hit me before Orlando. I hadn't even ever been in a fight. I talk shit and do dumb shit and somehow it always turned out alright. It didn't and when he hit me I was stunned because I thought

INTERVIEWER  
Are you lonely?

Gary looks into the camera no facade, a dear in the headlights.

GARY

After the issue with Orlando,  
nobody reached out to me and it  
hurt. It's better not to put  
yourself in a position to be hurt  
like that.

INTERVIEWER

Did you reach out to them?

Gary shakes his head no

GARY

I couldn't risk the "I told you so"  
speeches or maybe they wouldn't  
pick up.

INTERVIEWER

We spoke to your friends about this  
and their responses might surprise  
you, if you want to take a look at  
some of the footage.

Gary nods his head yes

INT. INTERVIEWS

IAN

I'll be the first to say Gary is  
the Patron Saint of Mess and  
Playing in faces, but I heard what  
happened to him. Don't get me wrong  
he's still a parasite and on some  
karmic level I thought he deserved  
it. I felt bad about thinking that.  
Nobody deserves that. Not that.

INTERVIEWER

Why didn't you reach out to him?

IAN

I had my own medical issues going  
on and he never wanted to hear  
anything I said before. Why rub  
salt in a wound?

CUT TO:

INT. INTERVIEWS

SPENCER

It's cliché at this point, but they say hurt people hurt people.

JAYDEN

I was swept up in Orlando more than once. What Gary did was still fucked up, but it wasn't all him.

SPENCER

That law of attraction is real!

JAYDEN

Okay baby talking about the law of attraction!

Jayden tries to kiss Spencer.

SPENCER

(Laughing) Get your crystals away from me!

CUT TO:

INT. INTERVIEWS

ALEX

Gary's a fucked up individual, but I know as good as anybody how necessary second chances can be. I don't know if we'll ever be cool again, but part of me hopes so. Who am I gonna talk shit with about the other old folks in the nursing home 70 years from now?

INT. GARY'S APARTMENT

Gary is stunned by the sincerity of seeing his former friends sympathy for him.

INTERVIEWER

What do you think of that footage?

GARY

I'll answer your other question now.

INTERVIEWER

Which one?

GARY

I'm happy now. I wasn't before. I  
am now.

We hang on Gary smiling sincerely and without pretense.

INTERVIEWER

I think we got it.

FADE TO BLACK.