

CHEF'S TABLE PARODY  
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INT. KITCHEN

Single shot of a kitchen with pots and pans strewn about.

DAVID(V.O)  
In traditional French culinary  
schools, the first day is dedicated  
to the idea that one good meal can  
change the world. Most chefs don't  
live long enough to make that meal.

A young man, wearing boxers that say "Exit Here", walks into  
frame. He scratches his butt and mumbles the lyrics to Van  
Halen's "Panama".

DAVID (V.O.)  
But you can get around that if you  
make grilled cheese like Ralph.

RALPH puts his hand on a frying pan.

RALPH  
Ow!

He turns to the camera and smiles.

RALPH (CONT'D)  
Heat is weird.

Vivaldi's "Four Seasons-Winter" begins to play.

Title Card: Chef's Table

SLOW-MOTION MONTAGE

- Close-up of Ralph taking a slice of bread out of a Wonder Bread bag
- Close-up of Ralph's hands struggling to open a Kraft Singles packet
- Slow pan of a plate of burnt toast
- Close-up of an "Entourage" poster
- Full body shot of Ralph cooking in the kitchen

INT. LIVING ROOM

Ralph is lying on his couch, playing video games and eating a grilled cheese.

RALPH (V.O)  
So yeah, one time my friend Randy was eating a grilled cheese and I like "I want that". So I made one.

INT. GROCERY STORE

Ralph places multiple packets of Kraft Singles under his arms.

RALPH (V.O)  
And I've been hungry pretty much every day since, so I just keep making them.

Ralph walks around the grocery store, picking up Wonder Bread, butter, etc.

RALPH (CONT'D)  
With grilled cheese, I like to keep it simple. But I can get pretty wild from time to time.

He picks up a six-pack of Corona.

RALPH (CONT'D)  
International flavors!

INT. COFFEE SHOP

Title Card: David Chang, Momofuku

DAVID  
A lot of people say you have to read the rules in order to break them, but it feels like Ralph hasn't even opened the book.

INT. GROCERY STORE

Ralph is holding asparagus.

RALPH  
Shut up! You can eat this?!

DAVID(V.O)  
 But that's what makes him so  
 brilliant. I mean, you step into  
 his apartment...

INT.LIVING ROOM

SLOW-MOTION MONTAGE

- Socks scattered across the floor
- Old straw wrappers on the table
- Hammock as a bed
- A large cardboard box that says "Box Cat"

DAVID(V.O)  
 And you're instantly swept up into  
 a space that is at once hyper-  
 personal, but can appeal to anyone  
 on the planet.

Ralph is still playing video games. He takes a bite of the  
 grilled cheese and burns his mouth.

RALPH  
 Ah ouchies, Daddy burnt his mouth.

INT.LIBRARY

Title Card: Florence Fabricant, The New York Times

FLORENCE  
 Even with his success, it hasn't  
 always been easy for Ralph. You  
 can't talk about Ralph if you don't  
 mention August 2nd.

INT. KITCHEN

Ralph slowly peels two piece of cheese and tries to juggle  
 them.

RALPH (V.O.)  
 My friend Brian was coming over to  
 play Smash, so I started to gather  
 ingredients because I knew he would  
 be mad hungry. I thought it was a  
 normal hang.

(MORE)

RALPH (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
But he didn't tell me that his  
friend Dale was coming as well.

Mozart's "Requiem" begins to play as the camera quickly cuts  
to shots of Ralph sweating in the kitchen.

FLORENCE (V.O)  
He was lost. I mean, getting the  
wrong headcount on a busy night can  
bankrupt even the most successful  
restaurants.

RALPH(V.O)  
I ran around the house trying to  
think of how to feed this other guy  
that was coming. Doubt was creeping  
in. How do you feed someone if you  
don't have food?

FLORENCE (V.O)  
But then the idea came.

Ralph opens a cookbook and begins to read. He then places a  
slice of bread between the pages and slams the book shut.

RALPH (V.O)  
I realized that if I flattened the  
bread, that the slices would look  
bigger and so it looked like more  
food.

INT. COFFEE SHOP

DAVID  
I mean, that's masterful. He used  
the human mind to trick the stomach  
into being full. Who does that?

INT. KITCHEN

Close-up shots of Ralph eating cheese slices.

RALPH(V.O)  
Dudes get hungry. All I did was  
make sure that dudes weren't  
hungry. I think about making other  
things, but then I get bored.

Shot of Ralph taunting cats with his "Box Cat".

RALPH (V.O) (CONT'D)  
I'm a simple man.

INT.LIBRARY

FLORENCE

But that's what makes him so  
brilliant. You look at his work...

Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" begins to play as we see...

A MONTAGE OF DIFFERENT GRILLED CHEESES

- Title Card: Tuesday
- Title Card: "The Suite Life of Zack and Cody" was on
- Title Card: One with my roommate Janet's weird multi-grain bread because I forgot to get more bread
- Title Card: 5 Second Rule
- Title Card: Thought I saw a spider

FLORENCE

And you see that he is undeniably a  
genius.

DAVID

I can't help but weep when I bite  
into his grilled cheese. He's a  
genius.

RALPH

I applied to be an Apple genius,  
but they said I asked too many  
questions about what Siri was  
really like...can't hide secrets  
from me.

INTERVIEWER

(off-camera)

Have you ever eaten anything else  
by Ralph?

DAVID

Yeah, it was horrible.

Blackout