

Smell TV

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FADE IN.

INT. INFOMERCIAL SET - STUDIO - DAY

The empty set is a modern kitchen with the most up to date technology. An open laptop sits on the counter. Multiple cameras surround.

DIRECTOR (O.C.)
Ready in 3... 2...

HUNTER BELLAM (40s, casual dad-look) walks in with towel in hand.

He opens the oven, sticks his face close, and takes in a big whiff.

HUNTER
Mmm, almost done.

He closes it, then adjusts the settings.

Suddenly, the laptop RINGS.

HUNTER
(to laptop)
Bella, answer video call.

FROM LAPTOP: JENNA BELLAM (20s daughter; young and beautiful) appears through video chat, from her tiny dorm room.

JENNA (O.S.)
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HUNTER
Hey bird, finally get back to your room?

JENNA (O.S.)
Yeah, finally... What are you making?

HUNTER
Good question! I'm actually making your mom's favorite--

JENNA
--oo, the double fudge brownies?

HUNTER
You got that right.

Jenna leans towards the camera.

JENNA (O.S.)
(wiffs)
Mmm, I can almost smell it.

HUNTER
Actually you can smell it!

Jenna looks confused.

HUNTER
Just wait...

Hunter walks off set.

He re-enters set from the other side of screen, but now dressed like a fancy car salesman.

HUNTER
I have the perfect product for you!

Hunter holds a hand-held CAMERA. On the camera is a small extension that looks like a microphone: THE SCENT-TRACKER.

HUNTER
I introduce to you, the brand new-

CUT TO:

JENNA'S ROOM

A gigantic flat-screen television appears in Jenna's room.

HUNTER (O.S.)
Smell TV!

She approaches the TV, it has a large "Smell TV" logo at the bottom. The TV turns on.

ON SCREEN: Back in studio, Smell TV infomercial appears.

HUNTER
Here, I'll show you how it works.

He grabs the brownie dish from the oven, and places it on the counter.

Hunter grabs the hand-held camera and moves it towards the fresh brownies. He moves the scent-tracker so close to the food, it almost touches it and then pushes a button.

A stream of scent flows out of Jenna's "Smell TV." She smells it and smiles.

JENNA

Mmmm
(sighs)
That's heaven..

INT. **STUDIO** - CONTINUOUS

HUNTER

And, you... yes, you! Can purchase
your very own Smell TV. With a one
time payment purchase, you will
receive a one-year membership to
Sme-

A phone number and subscription plan appear on screen. CALL
NOW

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. **FRED'S APARTMENT** - CONTINUOUS

The apartment is old, spotless, and oddly empty but still
feels homely. Candles are lit and the flames are barely
dancing from the open windows. On the couch lies FRED KNOX
(30s) watching the infomercial.

Fred grabs his PHONE.

HUNTER (O.S)

And with the new Smell TV+ you will
have access to renowned chefs from
all over! With this TV you can
smell food from anywhere in the
World.

Fred dials the phone number.

INT. STUDIO - CONTINUOUS

ON SCREEN: set phone RINGS.

HUNTER

Well, it sounds like we have a
first caller. Okay folks, you do
not want to miss out on this one.
(grabs phone)
But, I gotta answer this. We'll be
right back!

FADE OUT.

TITLE CARD: **SMELL TV**

EXT. **FRED'S APARTMENT** - DAY

A van bearing a large Smell TV logo on the side is parked out front. Two Smell TV employees pull a large box from out of the van.

INT. **FRED'S APARTMENT**

They replace Fred's old television with the new Smell TV.

Fred sits at the dining table reading an instruction manual.

EMPLOYEE 1 stands in-front of the screen with remote, registering the channels.

EMPLOYEE 1

Alright, you should have your basic cable package and Smell TV+ installed. The update might take a few more minutes though.

He hands Fred the remote.

EMPLOYEE 1

Good luck.

He leaves.

LATER

Fred sits on couch flipping through channels-

ON SCREEN: mostly cooking and nature discovery channels.

He stops on a famous chef's personal channel. The chef prepares an Italian pasta.

A strong scent flows out from the speakers of the TV.

Fred excitingly gets up and moves closer to the TV. The stream of scent hits his nose and in disgust, he changes the channel.

He stops on another baking channel. The HOST pulls cookies out of the oven.

HOST (O.S.)

I am going to let these things cool off! But we do have a quick message from our founder, Hunter Bellam.

She places the cookies on counter.

HOST (O.S)

And, during the break don't forget to keep the Smell TV active so you can smell these wonderful, chocolatey cookies.

The baking show goes to break.

Hunter Bellam appears on screen, in a fancy suit.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. OFFICE - STUDIO

HUNTER

Hello Smell TV members, new and old. If you do not know who I am, my name is Hunter Bellam, and I am the founder of Smell TV!

(beat)

I wanted to welcome you all in the best way possible. In doing-so, I brought together the World's best chefs and gave them their very own shows, on this app. Tomorrow at seven pm, eastern time, tune in to Channel One and meet all of the Chefs and join in as we talk about the capabilities and future of Smell TV. Enjoy!

INT. GROCERY STORE - MORNING

Fred shops for GROCERIES.

EXT. FRED'S APARTMENT - MOMENTS LATER

Smell TV van sits across the street facing Fred's apartment, he walks by but does not notice.

LATER

Fred is cooking when he hears a KNOCK on the door.

He approaches the door and looks through peephole- it's a Smell TV Employee.

Fred confusingly opens the door.

EMPLOYEE 2
Hey- Fred, right?

Fred nods.

Employee 2 hands him a paper pamphlet.

EMPLOYEE 2
Tonight, Chef Bellam would like you
to take part in tonight's
activities.

Fred grabs pamphlet.

EMPLOYEE 2
Seven o'clock.
(smiles)
It'll be cool, I promise.

He leaves.

INT. STUDIO - LATER

Instead of a kitchen set, the studio resembles a cook-off competition show, with Hunter as host.

HUNTER
Welcome, to
(cues audience)
Smell TV!

Smell TV+ introduction credits roll. In-studio crowd
APPLAUDS.

Lights in the studio go crazy but then focus on Hunter.

HUNTER
We promised you an unforgettable
night and trust me when I say it,
we plan to uphold that promise!

HUNTER
Behind me are seven of the most
famous chefs from around the World.

Camera PULLS out to reveal the chefs.

HUNTER
(walks over to first chef)
Starting here, on the left.

He approaches a small Asian woman, CYNTHIA WAN (50s).

HUNTER
All the way from Jeonju, South
Korea. With over thirty years of
experience and twenty-six published
recipe books.. Mrs. Cynthia Wan!

Crowd erupts in APPLAUSE as Cynthia thanks crowd and smiles
at camera.

HUNTER
Thank you Cynthia.
(shakes her hand)

Hunter walks over to the next chef. SARA KINDLE (20s, very
southern, "Georgia peach" like).

HUNTER
Chef Sara Kindle. A recent winner
of Chef's Kitchen and owner of the
infamous Kindle's Bakery in Dallas,
Texas... Give it up!
(notions to crowd)
Thanks Sara!

Hunter advances to next, Italian chef HINTON CATTO (30s).

FRED'S APARTMENT

Fred checks to see if his food is ready- it's not.

He walks back into the living room.

ON SCREEN: Hunter introduces more chefs.

Fred grabs a nearby vacuum cleaner and begins vacuuming.

INT. STUDIO

HUNTER
Tonight, our chefs will have a face
off! From Russia to Brazil, our
chefs have prepared foods from
regions all over the World.

DOLLY along the faces of the chefs.

HUNTER

Not only will I be judging each
Chef's meal, but so will you!

(beat)

Welcome to the very first ever
interactive cooking game show,
where you..

(points at camera)

Can play too!

FRED'S APARTMENT

Fred stands in front of the TV with vacuum hose in hand, but
it's turned OFF.

INT. STUDIO

Cynthia Wan has a noodle dish in front of her, it's loaded
with every different color of vegetable imaginable.

XCU Hunter moves the Smell TV camera closer. The scent flows
through the scent-tracker...

FRED'S APARTMENT

...and out through Fred's TV speakers.

Fred smells the WHIFF of scent.

As if he's tasting wine, he waits a few seconds, letting the
scent linger in his nostrils, and decides he kinda likes it.

INT. STUDIO

Hunter walks to the next chef.

In-front of Sara Kindle is a beautiful southern dish; fried
chicken, mashed-potatoes, collard greens, and cornbread.

FRED'S APARTMENT

The smell of the collard greens makes Fred gag in disgust.

Oven BEEPS.

Fred rushes into the kitchen. He removes the food from the
oven.

INT. STUDIO

Hinton Catto prepared a dessert with fruit, topped with whipped cream.

FRED'S APARTMENT

Fred grabs a dining table chair and walks it into the living room.

He puts the chair right in-front of the TV, sits, and watches, up close.

INT. STUDIO

Hunter approaches the next chef.

He gives the chef a wink, then directly into the camera lens.

The chef retrieves a surgical face mask. He gives one to Hunter and then grabs another for himself.

HUNTER

Don't worry, in the next experiment, we want you- and only you, to be the judge.

(puts on facemask)

We thought it would be neat if we let our members experience this next meal first.

Then they put on a pair of goggles.

Each chef follows, first face mask, goggles, then gloves.

FRED'S APARTMENT

Fred's confused but also interested; he moves closer to the screen.

ON SCREEN: Hunter moves the Smell TV camera towards a plate which is covered with a white towel.

INT. STUDIO

He removes the towel. Underneath is a GLASS CUP, halfway full of a clear liquid substance.

HUNTER

He is going to love this one.

The chef drops a pill in the liquid.

A chemical reaction starts and fills the cup with blue smoke.

As the cup overflows, the studio begins filling with blue smoke.

FRED'S APARTMENT

The smoke quickly fills Fred's apartment. As he gets a whiff, he begins choking and gagging.

He slowly gets up and grabs a nearby pillow to cover his face. He begins panicking.

He tries turning the TV off but that does not work.

ON SCREEN: Hunter and the chefs stare into the camera, without a single blink.

HUNTER (O.S.)
(smirking)
Stage two complete.

The chefs start to applaud, along with the in-studio crowd.

Fred struggles to grab the vacuum cleaner.

He turns it on and tries using the nozzle to suck up the smoke but it hardly works.

He faints and falls to the floor.

HUNTER (O.S.)
And... there he goes.
(the audience CHEERS)

Fred body stops twitching as the blue smoke stops coming out of the TV.

LATER

Two Smell TV Employees enter wearing face masks, goggles, and gloves. One carries an empty body bag.

They turn off the vacuum cleaner and then wrestle Fred's body into the bag.

They drag him by the feet out of the apartment.

EXT. FRED'S APARTMENT

They open a back doors of the van and toss Fred's limp body inside, right beside his old TV.

They grab the TV and carry it back inside.

INT. FRED'S APARTMENT

They re-enter the foggy apartment carrying each end of the old TV.

Hunter (O.S.)
-and again, I want to thank you for
subscribing to Smell TV! See you
next time!

They unplug the Smell TV, and take it with them.

FADE OUT.

THE END