

JEOPARDY FOR ALZHEIMER'S

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INT. AN EMPTY STAGE - DAY

Lights flash as the camera zooms in to the stage. The theme music for "Jeopardy" is playing.

ANNOUNCER: It's time now for Jeopardy for Alzheimer's!

Three elderly men, all confused and disoriented, are escorted on to the stage and left at the contestants' podiums.

ANNOUNCER: And here's your host, SMART ALEX.

Alex comes on to the stage and approaches his podium.

ALEX: Alright, players. Welcome to Jeopardy for Alzheimer's. Let's get started right away with the Jeopardy round. Here are the categories.

He turns and the camera focuses on the board behind him as he announces the categories.

ALEX: They are: Roman Painters of the Second Century, Where on Earth?, Yugoslavian Film, What do I do? and Children's Literature. Roy, will you select first? And remember, your response must be in the form of a question.

ROY (confused): Yes?

ALEX: What? Children's Literature?

ROY: What was the question?

ALEX: The answer, Roy, is "This classic children's book by P.D. Eastman features a baby bird searching for his mother".

ROY: Where do I live?

ALEX: No. I'm sorry. Anyone else?

One of the other contestants, LLOYD, has turned and begun walking off the stage. A female attendant escorts him back to his podium. FRANK, the third contestant, peers at the woman curiously.

FRANK: Are you my mother?

ALEX: Correct! Frank, select again.

FRANK (looking about, confused): What do I do?

ALEX: What do I do? Alright. Under that category, here is your answer: "I study radioactive decay and the properties of the nucleus of an atom."

FRANK: What day is it?

ALEX: No, I'm sorry. That is incorrect. Roy or Lloyd? No? The correct response is "What is a nuclear physicist?" Frank, it's still your turn.

FRANK: Where on Earth am I?

ALEX: You've selected Where on Earth? Your clue is "This small Indiana city is on Lake Michigan, adjacent to Chicago."

LLOYD (buzzing in): What is this light?

ALEX: No, I'm afraid -

FRANK (staring into the audience): Gary? Is that you, Gary?

ALEX: That's right! Gary, Indiana. Frank, you now have a 200 point lead, as we head into Double Jeopardy. Since I don't want to take a break and come over and chat with you, let's get right to it and show the audience our new categories.

He turns and the camera focuses on the board behind him.

ALEX: They are: Who, What, Where, When and Y. Go

ahead, Frank.

FRANK: Why?

ALEX: Alright. And contestants, remember that all responses in this category will begin with the letter Y. Here is your clue: "This peninsula in Mexico features the resort community of Cancun."

LLOYD (finding a hair in his mouth): Yuck!

ALEX (turning aside): Judges? Will we accept that? No? I'm sorry, Lloyd. It's the Yucatan Peninsula. Frank, back to you.

FRANK: Who? Me?

ALEX: Who? Here is your clue: "This 1978 album by The Who features the songs Trick of the Light and The Music Must Change."

ROY (peering quizzically at Alex): Who are you?

ALEX: Correct! That takes you out of the hole. Select again.

ROY: Who?

ALEX: Okay. Who for 400 points. "This Scottish engineer developed the steam engine, improving on Newcomen's invention."

ROY: Is it Friday?

ALEX: Faraday? No, you're thinking of the physicist who discovered the induction of electric currents and made the first dynamo. Lloyd or Frank?

FRANK: What?

ALEX: Yes! James Watt. And that makes you our new Jeopardy champion! Congratulations, Frank.

FRANK: What?

ALEX (waving at the audience): That's it for today. Thank

you for watching.

Alex heads off the stage. The three contestants begin to mill about aimlessly until someone comes to escort them off the stage.

ANNOUNCER: And, of course, all our parting contestants
 will receive the exciting memory game,
 Concentration.

The Jeopardy theme music plays as the camera recedes from the empty stage.

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