

Encapsulated Season 3 Episode 6

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CUE THEME MUSIC/OPENING LOGO FOR **AMERICA'S FUNNIEST VIDEOS**

INT. AFV STUDIO - DAY

The affable host, TOM BERGERON (64), strides in and waves to the lively studio audience. They're clapping excitedly, mimics and humans alike.

ANNOUNCER (VOICE ONLY)

Ladies and gentleman, welcome, to an EXCITING, first of its kind episode of America's FUNNIEST home videos! With your host, TOM BERGERON!

TOM BERGERON

Thank you, thank you, good to be back!

(the cheering settles down)

Welcome, welcome. Boy, the energy in the room is ELECTRIC tonight! What's going on? Did I miss some big event?

(they all laugh)

Hard to believe it's already been two months, isn't it? Time flies when you're being invaded!

(there's laughter and some playful booing)

Kidding of course. We love our new visitors, and what better way to welcome them than with their very own episode of AFV?

(the audience goes wild, then quiets down)

You know, we've had a lot of reactions to our unexpected visitors. I remember the night they first arrived, my wife said, 'Mom, Dad, give us some warning next time!'

(the audience laughs)

Oh shoot, you thought I meant ALIEN visitors.

(they laugh again)

And the GROWN-UPS aren't the only ones who've needed to adjust. Hit it, Tom!

Pan over to his mimic, who's smiling from inside a Capsule (the big glass box from MRMR). Both Toms give a thumbs-up. The videos start rolling.

BEGIN VIDEO SEQUENCE - THE AUDIENCE LAUGHS AT EACH ONE.

VIDEO 1: A baby is staring wide-eyed at his mimic. They're both shifting their heads curiously from side to side, and the baby never loses interest.

TOM'S VOICE: *Who needs a babysitter when the kids can just watch themselves?*

VIDEO 2: Another baby is quickly trying to crawl away from his mimic, who's crawling cluelessly behind him.

TOM'S VOICE: *No wait, we come in peace, I promise!*

VIDEO 3: A baby and her mimic are simultaneously building with blocks, completely absorbed in their project.

TOM'S VOICE: *If her alien ever leaves, just buy a mirror, she won't know the difference.*

VIDEO 4: A toddler is trying to keep his toy trucks away from his mimic, but his mimic wants to play with them, so the boy is quickly getting frustrated and whiny.

TOM'S VOICE: *See? They're just like regular kids!*

VIDEO 5: A toddler and her mimic are running in circles, giggling and repeating 'Mrr mrr mrr...'

TOM'S VOICE: *Careful - if this goes on too long, you won't be able to tell them apart!*

VIDEO 6: A wide-eyed baby is laying on the floor next to his mimic. He looks at the mimic, giggles, looks away, looks again, giggles, repeat. The mimic does the same.

TOM'S VOICE: *E.T. say peek-a-boo.*

BACK TO THE STUDIO.

Tom smiles and waits for the laughter to subside.

TOM

Now, while some of you are wondering, 'why are they here', most of you are probably thinking, 'how do I get them in my car??'

(the audience laughs)

Roll the video!

Cut to Tom's mimic with a grin and a thumbs-up.

PLAY VIDEO - THE AUDIENCE LAUGHS ALONG.

A man is struggling to get his mimic in the car, because the mimic insists on going in through the driver's door.

TOM'S VOICE: *If at first you don't succeed...*

No luck, the man leads his mimic to the passenger's door, opens it, and motions for him to get in. He walks back, and throws his hands up when the mimic follows him.

TOM'S VOICE: *And you STILL don't succeed...*

Finally, the man has an idea.

TOM'S VOICE: *Get creative!*

They both walk to the passenger's side. The man gets in, then crawls into the driver's seat. His mimic follows him onto the passenger's seat, the man quickly buckles him in.

BACK TO THE STUDIO

Tom waits for the noise to settle down.

TOM

You would think that with all the movies about aliens and UFOs, we'd be better prepared for all sorts of close encounters.

(the audience laughs)

It's not just getting them in cars, there are PLENTY of moments we couldn't have planned for. Good thing we got them on tape!

He smiles and gives the thumbs-up to his mimic.

BEGIN VIDEO SEQUENCE/AUDIENCE LAUGHTER.

VIDEO 1: A woman is trying to open her garage door, but every time she presses the button, the mimic presses it, and it closes again. The woman is quickly losing patience.

TOM'S VOICE: *On second thought, I'll take the bus to work.*

VIDEO 2: It's security footage of Chase shopping at the grocery store, trying to stop his mimic from putting extra chips in the cart.

TOM'S VOICE: *At least he's not at Costco...*

VIDEO 3: In an office building, a group of workers are crammed in on the elevator with their mimics. They don't notice that one of the mimics isn't fully inside.

TOM'S VOICE: Here, let me hold the door.

The elevator door closes on the mimic and jams. The humans immediately realize he's stuck and unlodge him.

VIDEO 4: A large woman steps into the full-body scanner at the airport TSA checkpoint. Her mimic also steps in, and in such a tight space, there's barely room to move around! Several agents have to forcibly extract the mimic.

TOM'S VOICE: TSA - They're stuck again!

VIDEO 5: There's a man working in his garage, along with his mimic. The man is hammering nails into wood, and the mimic is miming him, but with no hammer.

The man notices the mimic, feels bad for leaving him out, and gives him the hammer. The mimic takes it, but doesn't do anything with it. The man takes the hammer back and resumes hammering, and the mimic copies him.

Again, the guy feels bad and gives him the hammer, but naturally the mimic won't use it. Neither of them seem particularly bothered, in fact, the man is very relaxed, and they comically repeat the exchange a few times.

TOM'S VOICE: You know, now's as good a time as any to buy that second toolkit you've always wanted.

BACK TO THE STUDIO.

The audience found the last video especially entertaining. Tom waits for the laughing and murmuring to quiet down.

TOM

Coming up: pets, prank, and what might be the world's first mimic vigilante.

(the audience 'oohs' in anticipation)

We'll be back, right after this break.

Zoom out to the cheering audience, play theme music, then gradually fade out.

SWITCH TO COMMERCIAL.

In a dance studio, MAKSIM CHMERKOVSKIY (39) is struggling to teach his mimic the quickstep. Finally, he gives up and mutters profanities to himself (which are bleeped out).

ANNOUNCER (VOICE ONLY)
They've danced with ACTORS, SPORTS LEGENDS,
CELEBRITIES, and even TUCKER CARLSON.

Switch to SHARNA BURGESS (34) in a studio, tripping over her mimic while they dance. She bursts out laughing.

ANNOUNCER (VOICE ONLY)
But now they face their greatest challenge YET!

Switch to CHERYL BURKE (36) driving with her mimic, while on the phone with the producers.

CHERYL
Wait, are you serious??

Switch to an interview with a confident DEREK HOUGH (34). Intercut with footage of him training with his mimic, tango-ing smoothly and in sync.

DEREK
It's definitely been a creative challenge, but
also a rewarding one. I think we're ready.

Switch to the judges. BRUNO (63) is being flamboyant.

BRUNO
You were MAGNETIC, you gave me CHILLS! You were-

He stops - the studio audience is laughing hysterically. Bruno chuckles and turns around. The judge's mimics are seated in a raised glass booth behind them.

Bruno purposely flails his arms, his mimic copies him, and they all continue laughing.

ANNOUNCER (VOICE ONLY)
Dancing with THEMSELVES! Premiering next week!

BACK TO AFV STUDIO. CUE THEME MUSIC.

Tom and his mimic smile and wave at the cheering audience. As before, he waits for the noise to settle down.

TOM

Welcome back to the first ever mimic-themed episode of AFV!

(cheering)

You know, their arrival really puts things in perspective, makes you step back and think about the big questions. Like: what would a mimic's favorite song be?

(laughter)

How about: Anything YOU can do, I can do exactly the same way?

(laughter)

Or maybe: Every Breath You Take... We'll be watching you.

(laughter)

For these next duos, the best song might be: Sweet Copy of Mine.

Mimic Tom smiles and gives the thumbs-up.

BEGIN VIDEO SEQUENCE/AUDIENCE LAUGHTER.

VIDEO 1: A man and his mimic are at the bowling alley. They're both standing in front of the same lane, each with their own ball, preparing for their throws.

TOM'S VOICE: I'm pretty sure this isn't regulation...

The two of them, in near perfect unison, lunge forward and roll the balls down the lane. The balls roll together, inches apart, but without colliding.

It's a strike! The man and his mimic high-five each other, and the onlookers cheer them on.

VIDEO 2: A woman and her mimic are at the concession stand at a movie theater. While they both stare at their phones, the employee and his mimic are pouring two drinks, then scooping up two bags of popcorn.

TOM'S VOICE: I still can't tell which ones are the aliens...

VIDEO 3: A landing signal officer is on the tarmac at an airport, waving the paddles to direct the plane. His mimic is also waving his own set of paddles and following his human's lead. The guy doesn't mind one bit.

TOM'S VOICE: Before you know it, they'll be unionized!

VIDEO 4: An older man and his mimic are mowing the lawn side by side, covering twice as much area. Same as the landing signal officer, the man doesn't show any sign of impatience or annoyance with his mimic.

TOM'S VOICE: This might be the greatest advancement in doing yard-work since the invention of the child.

VIDEO 5: A group of middle-aged women and their mimics are doing yoga in the park. It's comical seeing them stretch and bend as one, especially since the humans look serious, while the mimics are just grinning.

TOM'S VOICE: We flew ninety million lightyears for this??

BACK TO THE STUDIO.

TOM

Now, before the break, I'd said that we have a video of a mimic vigilante, proving that they're more than just copycats. Take a look!

BEGIN VIDEO. THE AUDIENCE DOESN'T LAUGH RIGHT AWAY, SINCE TOM IS PROVIDING EXPOSITION.

The video is black and white surveillance footage from a convenience store. While customers and their mimics shop, the camera zooms in on one mimic by himself.

TOM'S VOICE: This is Adam. His human double unfortunately passed away last month.

THERE'S AN EMPATHETIC 'AHHH' FROM THE AUDIENCE.

The video shows Adam wandering the store, filling up his basket with items, and politely trying to make small talk with customers.

TOM'S VOICE: Adam enjoys shopping here. He's a regular at the store, just like his human was.

But, he'll soon become more than just a customer...

Suddenly, an armed robber enters the store and threatens the owner at gunpoint.

The owner nervously opens the cash register and hands him stacks of bills.

But in the background, Adam seems oblivious. He walks over to the checkout counter, unaware of the hold-up.

The robber turns his gun to Adam; Adam murmurs and tries shaking the guy's hand. The robber shoots at Adam's foot, which doesn't hurt one bit.

While Adam is inadvertently distracting him, the owner jumps over the counter. With the help of a nearby human, they successfully disarm and tackle the robber.

Adam, meanwhile, happily proceeds to set his items on the counter as if nothing had happened.

BACK TO THE STUDIO.

The audience LOVED the video, and the cheering lasts for 20-30 seconds. Focus on Adam, who's smiling and waving in the front row. Tom steps over to shake his hand, while the crowd continues to cheer.

Finally, they settle down. Tom returns to the stage.

TOM
(to Adam)

You guys are free to take over anytime. I think we'll probably be better off that way.

ADAM
Mrr mrr mrr mrr mrr!

The audience laughs and applauds.

TOM
But we humans definitely don't want to keep you to ourselves. And as these next videos prove, we're not the only ones who are adjusting to having you around.

BEGIN VIDEOS/AUDIENCE LAUGHTER.

VIDEO 1: A dog is puzzled. His owner AND his owner's mimic are calling to him. He keeps looking at his owner, then at the mimic, then back at his owner again, not wanting to disappoint either of them.

TOM'S VOICE: See Spot's owner, see him again.

VIDEO 2: A cat is watching suspiciously from the corner. Same as with the dog, she's confused by the sight of two identical owners cooking breakfast.

TOM'S VOICE: Just when she thought it couldn't get worse...

Suddenly, the other owner walks in with HER mimic. While the humans/mimics casually greet each other, the cat jumps a foot in the air out of panic.

VIDEO 3: A woman is filming the neighborhood from her living room window. She sees a man jog past and wave, but without his mimic.

TOM'S VOICE: You know what they always say: laziness is the mother of invention.

After a few seconds, the man's mimic passes by, and he's walking the dog! The woman recording the video starts laughing hysterically.

VIDEO 4: A man and his mimic are out fishing on the lake, both sitting patiently with fishing rods.

TOM'S VOICE: I'm not sure this guy thought through what will happen if his mimic catches something...

They sit for a few more seconds, then suddenly, the mimic gets pulled into the water. The human is startled, and he jumps in to save him.

VIDEO 5: A woman is walking to her bedroom, while her cat follows next to her.

TOM'S VOICE: Unfortunately, not all animals have a well-developed sense of mimic permanence.

The woman opens the bedroom door. Her mimic is smiling and standing there. The cat jumps back in fright and runs into the other room.

BACK TO THE STUDIO.

Tom smiles and waits until the noise dies down.

TOM

While most of us are still adjusting to having our doubles follow us around, one group has a head start: twins. And some of them have been milking the alien arrival for all it's worth.

BEGIN VIDEOS/AUDIENCE LAUGHTER.

VIDEO 1: A bus driver and his 'mimic' are at a stop, picking up passengers. They're both sitting up front, and they smile and wave while passengers file in.

TOM'S VOICE: What they don't realize is, that's not the driver's mimic. It's his identical twin.

Once everyone is on, the brothers swap places. The one who seems human loudly asks his 'mimic' to drive.

The passengers all start panicking, thinking that a mimic is driving the bus. But he drives smoothly, turns around, and assures them he's human too. The brothers laugh and high-five, and the passengers laugh with relief.

VIDEO 2: There's surveillance footage of a woman and her 'mimic' at the salon. The video freezes. A green circle is drawn around one of them.

TOM'S VOICE: They think that SHE is the mimic.

The video unfreezes. The woman whom they think is a mimic suddenly stands up from her chair.

'MIMIC' SISTER

I'll be right back.

She walks to the bathroom. The stylists stop and stare, then turn to the other woman in disbelief.

'HUMAN' SISTER

Mrr mrr mrr mrr.

Baffled, they chalk it up to a misunderstanding.

The video jumps ahead. Both women are in the chairs again.
TOM'S VOICE: Now we go to five minutes later...

This time, the other woman gets up to use the bathroom, and the one they thought was human grins cluelessly.

The stylists are even more confused now. The woman who's now pretending to be a mimic turns to them.

NEW 'MIMIC' SISTER
Humans, am I right?

One of the stylists jumps back in shock, then they all burst out laughing once they realize it was a prank.

VIDEO 3: A man and his twin are at a diner. One of them is pretending to be a mimic.

TOM'S VOICE: I'll have the double take, please.

The waitress brings over their food.

WAITRESS
There you are, hon.

'HUMAN' BROTHER
Thanks. Could I get a refill please?

WAITRESS
(grabs his cup)
Sure thing.

'MIMIC' BROTHER
And can I get a side of ketchup?

The waitress jumps and spills the drink. The men laugh and apologize, then help her clean up the mess. She quickly recovers and takes it in good fun.

VIDEO 4: There's a group of scientists and researchers holding a press conference. There are several mimics with their humans sitting at the table. The video freezes, and a green circle is drawn around one of the men.

TOM'S VOICE: Some of the brightest alien researchers in the country have no clue that HE is not an alien.

Unfreeze the video. One of the other scientists asks the men a question.

SCIENTIST

What do you suspect their purpose is?

SCIENTIST'S MIMIC

Mrr mrr mrr mrr mrr mrr mrr?

'HUMAN' BROTHER

I imagine they want to learn from us and observe our way of life.

'MIMIC' BROTHER

I'm sorry, Dave, I can't tell you that.

All the scientists gasp and recoil in terror. The two men burst out laughing, and everyone else laughs once they realize it's a joke.

BACK TO THE STUDIO.

Tom talks over the cheering audience.

TOM

Don't go away - we'll be right back!

Zoom out to show him and the audience. Cue theme music.

ANNOUNCER (VOICE ONLY)

Tonight's episode of AFV is sponsored in part by MRMR: Mimic Resolutions with Mindful Results.

Focus on Tom's mimic, waving and smiling from his box.

ANNOUNCER (VOICE ONLY)

Introducing The Capsule, an innovative, safe, sound-proof way to keep an eye on your mimic while creating space for R&R. Order YOURS at www.MRMR.com, promo code: AFV.

There's a fast-spoken bit about restrictions, liability, and shipping/handling costs. Back to the studio audience, with the theme music still playing, then fade out.

SWITCH TO COMMERCIAL

There's an interview with a handsome BACHELOR (27) walking through a grassy field with his mimic.

BACHELOR (VOICE ONLY)

Would I ever fall for an alien...?

Cut to him being interviewed with his mimic. He turns to his mimic and laughs.

BACHELOR

Yeah. Why not?

BACHELOR'S MIMIC

Mrr. Mrr mrr?

Cut to one of the rose ceremonies: the bachelor/mimic are standing in front of two identical groups of women.

ANNOUNCER (VOICE ONLY)

Prepare for the most unexpected, outrageous season of The Bachelor yet! Double the drama!

Cut to the women arguing while their mimics watch quietly.

ANNOUNCER (VOICE ONLY)

Double the passion!

Cut to an interview with one of the women.

WOMAN

I made out with... his mimic.

Cut to a woman emerging from the limo.

ANNOUNCER (VOICE ONLY)

And a SHOCKING first impression!

The woman's mimic isn't with her. She grins coyly, while the Bachelor stares in confusion (his mimic just smiles).

ANNOUNCER (VOICE ONLY)

The Bachelors! Premieres tomorrow at 7!

BACK TO AFV STUDIO. CUE THEME MUSIC.

The crowd cheers excitedly for a bit, while Tom slowly reins them in.

TOM

Welcome back everyone to our exciting
mimic-themed AFV special!

(more applause, then it dies down)

I've been impressed by how durable, tough, and
seemingly indestructible they are. Kids, that is.

(laughter)

Although their mimics are giving them a run for
their money. Take a look!

BEGIN VIDEOS/AUDIENCE LAUGHTER.

VIDEO 1: A boy is jumping on the trampoline with his mimic.
TOM'S VOICE: Sometimes, spring comes early.

The mimic is mostly in sync with the boy, but then the boy
goes too close to the edge. He's okay, but the mimic jumps
into the springs and gets stuck.

VIDEO 2: A girl is running briskly down the sidewalk, while
her mimic runs next to her.

TOM'S VOICE: Check the spelling: it's E.T., not E.R.

Suddenly, the mimic trips over a fire hydrant and falls
face first. The girl keeps running obliviously.

VIDEO 3: A boy's mimic is alone in his room, walking
repeatedly into the door.

**TOM'S VOICE: Turns out, it's not just animals who don't
have a sense of mimic permanence.**

Suddenly the human boy excitedly swings the door open and
it accidentally knocks his mimic over.

VIDEO 4: A boy is teaching his mimic how to ride a bike,
which isn't going well. The mimic keeps crashing into him
and tipping over. But the boy is patient and keeps trying,
unfortunately with no success.

TOM'S VOICE: Mimic troubles? Let's see if dad can help.

The video jumps ahead a bit. The boy's dad is attaching training wheels to the mimic's bike.

TOM'S VOICE: *That should do it.*

Finally, the mimic can handle the bike! The boy excitedly pedals out of the driveway, with the mimic close behind.

Then, up ahead, he has to stop before crossing the road, and the mimic immediately crashes into him.

TOM'S VOICE: *Then again, maybe not.*

VIDEO 5: A group of kids are playing soccer. The goalie is watching the game intensely, while her mimic is squatting next to her in the goalie box.

TOM'S VOICE: *Sometimes, you get in the zone, and that lack of mimic permanence rears its ugly head.*

Suddenly, one of the kids kicks the ball towards the goal. The goalie quickly dives to block it and inadvertently tackles her mimic.

VIDEO 6: A girl mimic is alone in her room. She's waiting for her human, looking out the open window, and walking repeatedly into the chest in front of the window sill.

TOM'S VOICE: *Wait for it... Wait for it...*

There's a humming noise. A roomba vacuum glides along and slowly comes into the frame. The mimic doesn't notice.

However, once the roomba reaches her, she steps up on it, then onto the chest, then onto the windowsill, then walks aimlessly out the window.

BACK TO THE STUDIO.

Tom smiles and waits for the laughter to subside.

TOM

And now it's time to vote for tonight's winner.
Our three nominees are:

(pauses for effect)

Hammer time! By Cal Lambert and his mimic from
Oakdale, Minnesota!

Focus on Cal and his mimic in the audience, both of them clapping excitedly with the crowd.

Replay a shortened clip from the original video, where Cal patiently exchanges the hammer with his mimic.

BACK TO TOM.

TOM

Mimic to the Rescue! With Adam from New Haven,
Connecticut!

Focus on Adam, smiling and waving. The audience cheers extra loudly for him.

Replay a shortened clip from the original video, where he stops the convenience store robbery.

TOM

And Salon Switcheroo! By Pearl and Kiki Rudin,
from Portland, Oregon!

Focus on the twin sisters with their mimics. The audience claps and cheers as the spotlight focuses on them.

Replay a shortened clip from the original video, where the salon employees freak out, then realize it was a prank.

BACK TO TOM.

TOM

Audience members, you may cast your votes on your
keypads... Now.

Everybody enters their favorite on keypads connected to their seats.

TOM

And while the votes are being tallied... I'm sure none of us will ever forget where we were when they first arrived, just two short months ago. Neither will the people in these videos.

He gives the thumbs-up to his mimic, who smiles back.

BEGIN VIDEO MONTAGE/LAUGHTER, BUT NO COMMENTARY FROM TOM.
THE SONG '*POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE*' IS PLAYING.

VIDEO 1: A family is walking on the beach at sunset, then they see their mimics appear, and run in terror.

VIDEO 2: A nurse at a hospital stares in awe: there are dozens of mimics streaming into the lobby.

VIDEO 3: At the wedding reception from episode 1, everyone is taken aback as their mimics crowd the reception hall.

VIDEO 4: A taxi driver pulls over for a passenger, realizes that it's himself, and quickly drives away.

VIDEO 5: A woman is in bed. Her mimic walks in and lies next to her. It takes her a bit because she assumes it's her boyfriend. But then she rolls over, sees that it's herself, and jumps out of bed.

VIDEO 6: A guy is recording a crowd of mimics walking down the street at night, marvelling at it. Until he sees one that looks exactly like him, headed straight towards him, and he runs away in terror.

VIDEO 7: There's a graduation ceremony that's interrupted by hundreds of mimics. All the parents and students panic as the room fills up with doubles.

VIDEO 8: A guy answers the door, expecting a pizza, and jumps nearly a foot in the air when he sees himself.

VIDEO 9: A woman in a hotel lobby is reading a newspaper, when her mimic walks in, sits across from her, and also reads a newspaper. It takes a bit, but when she finally puts the paper down, she notices the mimic and screams.

VIDEO 10: A man is playing the grand piano at the mall. His mimic comes up, sits next to him on the bench, and plays along. He's so focused that he doesn't stop playing, and the two of them finish the duet.

The compilation of videos is edited so that the background music ends exactly when the man stops playing. He turns to his mimic and falls off the bench in shock.

BACK TO THE STUDIO

TOM

Alright, the votes are in. Our second place,
\$3000 winner is... Hammer time!

Everyone cheers, Cal and his mimic stand up proudly.

TOM

And the winner of tonight's \$10,000 is..

(pause)

Mimic to the Rescue! Adam, come on down!

Adam claps and stays seated. It doesn't register that they're clapping for him, nor that he should go on stage.

But with some prompting, he figures it out, and happily goes to Tom. The crowd keeps cheering.

TOM

Congratulations, Adam! Unfortunately, Luca, the shop owner who sent the tape in, wasn't able to make it tonight. But we'll be donating the money to the store. How does that sound?

ADAM

Mrr mrr mrr mrr mrr mrr!

TOM

I had a feeling you'd say that!

(they all laugh)

Remember to send in your home videos, especially if they have your mimics! If you get it on tape, you could get it in cash!

(cheering)

Join us next time! Good night, everybody!

Cue theme music, zoom out. Tom shakes hands with Adam and the audience applauds/cheers.

FADE OUT.