Doing the Most with Phoebe Robinson — Segment Intros — Sept. 2019

Episode Scenario: Phoebe is getting her first tattoo with Cardi B.

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EXT. - CITY STREET

Phoebe is happily strolling along a New York City street.

Some of y'all might know that I grew up in Cleveland, home of the Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame, which somehow still doesn't have an entire wing dedicated to U2...?

(SFX: U2's "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For," while an animation of Phoebe walks around the Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame.)

But, when I was still hustlin' in comedy, I came up in New York City, just a few miles away from where Cardi B grew up. Before she was a Grammy Award-winning rapper, she held it down in the Bronx, working as a stripper and exotic dancer until she got discovered on Vine, starred in *Love & Hip Hop*, and eventually landed her own record deal.

Whenever I was in the Bronx (SFX: thumping bass) I'd feel an energy pass through me, like I was Sirius Black and a Dementor was sucking my soul out and replacing it with dope vibes and more self-love than I knew what to do with. I was near Cardi B, but I didn't know it yet.

(CUT TO: Animation of Phoebe walking through the Bronx, searching with a magnifying glass and a spyglass for Cardi B, with audio of Cardi B's "OKURRR" echoing through the streets, etc.).

I looked for her everywhere! I was like Juni from Spy Kids, putting on his extra as hell, accordion-ass glasses, scouring high and low for this superstar who was giving me *all* the feels.

Then, in the summer of 2017, everything changed. I heard "Bodak Yellow" along with the rest of the world, and I knew that I'd found who I was looking for.

(CUT TO: Footage from "Bodak Yellow" music video plays as V.O. from Phoebe continues.)

Cardi B is more open than Glenn Close on her Instagram stories when she's had a couple glasses of Chard. She's more authentic than Anthropologie on Black Friday, when they finally sell their T-shirts for \$3 because they know they'll still make a profit from it. And she's realer than me, and I'm pretty real. I'll talk about the diarrhea I had on the set of my first feature-film, Ibiza — stream it, bitch! — to anyone who will listen.

So when I had the opportunity to meet Cardi B, I knew I couldn't pass it up. And I knew I wanted us to do something that would leave a mark. Funny *and* punny? Don't act like you're surprised!

Episode Scenario: Phoebe is learning to swim with Michael Phelps.

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INT. - PHOEBE'S CHILDHOOD BEDROOM

A young Phoebe is lying on her bed, flipping through magazines and listening to music.

When I was seven, I was holdin' it down in Cleveland, discovering the blessing from God, AKA Erykah Badu's iconic top hats, that is U2, and daydreaming about marrying Bono at Auntie Anne's in the Mall of America.

(CUT TO: Phoebe grabbing a pretzel at Auntie Anne's and slipping it on her ring finger.) Meanwhile, when Michael Phelps was seven ... he was learning to swim.

(CUT TO: Michael swimming actual laps around Phoebe, while she is still laying on her bed.)

Eight years later, he'd become the youngest dude to qualify for the Olympics in 68 years. He was fifteen! When I was fifteen, I was snaggin' that iPod (RED) and jamming ... you guessed it, U2, but also Beyonce! Don't act like I don't have layers!

As most of you know, Michael Phelps would go on to become the most decorated Olympian in history. He has won 28 Olympic medals — 23 of those are gold, y'all — and is regarded as the greatest swimmer of all time.

(CUT TO: Phoebe watching Michael Phelps on TV, surrounded by bags of chips.)

You know what it takes to win 28 Olympic medals? Hustlin' harder than Fox News hosts looking for bullshit to drag Obama for, and settling on his tan suit, because their ignorance knows no bounds. He had to work harder than Jeff Goldblum and Laura Dern had to work in *Jurassic Park* to not steal the show from the literal *T. rexes*, even though Daddy G. Bloom totally made that movie his show.

And I'll bet he's spent more time in the water than I've spent telling white people to keep their hands off my hair.

(CUT TO: Animation of Phoebe crossing her arms and glaring at a white girl grabbing a fistful of her hair on the playground.)

Finally, all his swimming practice will come in handy, because I'm about to introduce him to the biggest challenge he's ever faced: teaching me, a 36-year-old woman, how to swim.