THE RESIDENT HITS 100 EPISODES

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"100 episodes for our production,

The Resident.

How did we get here?

When thinking about that question THREE things come to mind. First, lets talk about THE FANS. We have an incredibly loyal fan base. It is a MASSIVE reason why we are here. Now, I did a deep dive into the psyche of our fans, and I have identified two fan responses that epitomize the love our fans have for this show. Okay. So...



Fan reaction number one: "I like the show. But, why does Matt wear such dark lipstick. He is such a good looking man BUT the heavy lipstick is a bit much." Fan reaction number two: "I just saw the opening scene. Mmmm... I guess there are no employees that have ever farmed before. There are 3 chicks in a cage on a kitchen table. No light to keep them warm. No water dish. Sure won't be long before they're dead!!!"-- Just two examples of the kind of attention to detail and LOVE we have from our fans.

How did we get here? At the top of this speech, I mentioned three things brought us here. Here's number two: **THE PEOPLE**. This all started with Amy Holden Jones. She created this. And then everyone, took that vision, and with a collaborative spirit, collectively, we all lifted this production up where the sum is greater than any one of our parts. For being here today we have to thank everyone at the studio and the network. We have to thank all of our showrunners, the producers, the writers, the actors, the directors, our loved ones, our family members, every single department on this production, every single member of this entire crew... anyone who has touched this project... whether you have been here since the pilot, you came on board starting this season, or you have day played here and there... literally hundreds and hundreds of people from the start of this show in 2017 till today... we don't get here without EVERYONE. We have hatched these damn chickens together! We gave this sucker light, we gave this sucker water, and we have survived and we have thrived to 100 episodes.

How did we get here? I have mentioned two out of three reasons. And now the third. **OVERCOMING OBSTACLES**. Take a look around at each other, and think of everything everyone has been through to get to this day. And this is not just about our WORK on this production, but everything in LIFE that we have experienced while doing this job. A global pandemic. A Disney merger. The obscene call times. The lack of sleep. The schedule changes. Your children may have born during this show. Maybe you had to move your life from a different city to Atlanta for this job. Maybe you had an injury and had to recover from it. Maybe you got married. Maybe you got divorced. Maybe you got married AND THEN you got divorced. Maybe you bought a house. Maybe you were in a car accident. Maybe you lost a loved one.

How did we get here? 100 episodes. Is just a number. But it is a moment to be marked, to reflect on... it is a moment to celebrate because with all the life going on around us... and all the life going on within us... we still showed up to work, and we delivered. Collectively, together... we have made 100 episodes that have impacted people around the world so much that they care enough to write about the lipstick on our lips and the chickens on the kitchen table.

The Resident... it symbolizes all the obstacles in our lives that we are willing to face, and overcome, when our purpose is greater than just ourselves. And we can carry that EXPERIENCE and that WISDOM with us, long after *The Resident* is off the air.