

## = Everybody Hates Hugo =

" Everybody Hates Hugo " is the fourth episode of the second season of the American drama television series *Lost* , and the show 's 29th episode overall . The episode was written by Edward Kitsis and Adam Horowitz , and directed by Alan Taylor . It first aired in the United States on October 12 , 2005 , on ABC .

In this episode , flashbacks reveal why Hurley is hesitant at his new job of distributing food found in the newly discovered Swan station . Meanwhile , a few castaways become worried that the raft sent by them for rescue may have not gone as far as they hoped . Jack and Sayid explore the hatch , while Sawyer , Jin , and Michael find out that their captors are from the tail section of the plane .

## = = Plot = =

### = = = Flashbacks = = =

Following Hugo " Hurley " Reyes 's ( Jorge Garcia ) discovery of his winning lottery numbers . Hurley keeps his win a secret , and quits his job at a fast food restaurant along with his friend Johnny ( DJ Qualls ) . The pair enjoy themselves by pulling a prank on their former boss , and going to a record store where Hurley asks out his crush , Starla ( Marguerite Moreau ) . Hurley asks Johnny to promise that they will never change , and Johnny does so . Johnny pulls into a local gas station to buy some beer , but notices news crews talking to the attendant . When the clerk loudly points out Hurley as the buyer of the winning lottery ticket , Johnny 's stunned expression clearly reveals that , despite his promise , everything has changed .

### = = = On the island = = =

In the The Swan station , Hurley struggles with the task of food rationing . Charlie Pace ( Dominic Monaghan ) asks Hurley if the bunker contains food , specifically peanut butter for Claire Littleton ( Emilie de Ravin ) , but Hurley will not answer him . Hurley decides to enlist Rose Henderson @-@ Nadler ( L. Scott Caldwell ) to help him take inventory . At one point , Hurley has a strange dream , in which Jin @-@ Soo Kwon ( Daniel Dae Kim ) tells Hurley , in English , that " everything is going to change . " Hurley becomes less and less certain of his ability to ration the food in a manner that keeps everyone happy . He attempts to quit , but John Locke ( Terry O 'Quinn ) refuses to permit it . Hurley then prepares to blow up the pantry with dynamite , but Rose intervenes . He explains that the food , newfound wealth to the survivors , will change everything and everyone will come to hate him , just as things changed when everyone knew he won the lottery ; however Rose talks him out of his plan . Later , Hurley informs Jack Shephard ( Matthew Fox ) of his decision to give all the food away , arguing that the food stores do not amount to very much when divided among all the survivors . The food is distributed freely and the survivors enjoy a feast . Everyone appreciates Hurley 's decision , including Charlie , who gives his benefactor a hug of reconciliation .

James " Sawyer " Ford ( Josh Holloway ) , Michael Dawson ( Harold Perrineau ) and Jin learn that their captors are survivors from the tail section of Oceanic 815 and are taken to a DHARMA Initiative station , which they use for sanctuary . A woman named Libby ( Cynthia Watros ) says that there were 23 survivors from the tail section of the plane , although very few remain .

Meanwhile , the bottle of messages from the raft , on which Michael , Sawyer , Jin and Walt Lloyd were travelling , washes ashore . Claire and Shannon Rutherford ( Maggie Grace ) give it to Sun @-@ Hwa Kwon ( Yunjin Kim ) , Jin 's wife , and she opts to bury the bottle on the beach . In the hatch , Jack and Sayid Jarrah ( Naveen Andrews ) inspect the mysterious concrete barricade blocking what appears to be a corridor to another section of the bunker . They discover that the barrier is very thick and that the corridor is also blocked on the foundation level . Later , Jack and Kate Austen ( Evangeline Lilly ) share a moment of sexual tension when she exits the shower wearing only a towel .

= = Production = =

" Everybody Hates Hugo " was the first episode of the series directed by Alan Taylor . Taylor had previously directed episodes of The Sopranos and Sex and the City . The episode was written by Edward Kitsis and Adam Horowitz , the pair had previously written the episode " Born to Run " .

The character of Libby , played by Cynthia Watros , was introduced in this episode . Originally , Libby had been written to be in her late 40 's or early 50 's . Jennifer Jason Leigh was approached to play the part , but it went to Watros instead . When Watros auditioned for the part of Libby , she did not think that she would end up being cast . Once she was , Watros and her twin daughters immediately moved from Los Angeles to Hawaii . Bernard is also introduced in this episode . As Rose is black , the producers thought the audience would expect Rose 's husband to also be black , and made Bernard white to surprise the audience . They expected the audience to assume Mr. Eko ( Adewale Akinnuoye Agbaje ) , the only black man in the tail section survivors , was Bernard . L. Scott Caldwell , Rose 's portrayer , was unaware of their plans and had been picturing her own husband , a tall black man , when playing the scenes . When she found out Bernard was white she was surprised , but not shocked .

This was the first time in which Raj K. Bose , who played the shop clerk , was credited . Bose had been a background actor on the series , playing a crash survivor and a flight attendant . Bose was originally cast to play the role of Sanjay in the first season episode " Born to Run ( Lost ) " , but was forced to give up the role after he had to teach a marketing class at the University of Phoenix . Casting agent Margaret Doversola later asked Bose to audition for the part of the shop clerk and he got the part .

For the flashback scene at the gas station , the crew rented out a 7 @-@ 11 for a day . When Hurley drove in , the van was actually being pushed instead of driven to eliminate any sound from the vehicle . However , every time the van was pushed it would stall or the timing would be off . Once that problem had been solved , it started to rain , but eventually it stopped and the crew was able to get the shots before ending shooting at midnight . Hurley 's dream scene was shot in the Hawaii Film Studio , where the hatch had been constructed . After each take of Hurley eating food in the hatch , the old food would be replaced with newer food . Garcia did not actually eat all the food though , he would sometimes just chew it and then spit it out into a garbage can . The chicken head that Bose had to wear was extremely heavy , causing actor Daniel Dae Kim to have to hold it up while Bose delivered his lines .

= = Reception = =

According to the Nielsen ratings system , " Everybody Hates Hugo " was viewed by an average of 21 @. @ 7 million viewers . The episode achieved a 9 @. @ 4 / 22 in the key 18 ? 49 demographic , meaning that 9 @. @ 4 % of all 18- to 49 @-@ year @-@ olds watched the episode , along with 22 % of all 18- to 49 @-@ year @-@ olds watching television at the time of the broadcast . " Everybody Hates Hugo " was the most watched episode of the night for the fourth week in a row , and the second most watched episode of the week . It also performed better than the previous episode in the key 18 ? 49 demographic , and earned its second highest ever rating among teens 12 @-@ 17 .

Film Fodder 's Mac Slocum said that he was glad that the show " downshifted this week into a far more reasonable gear " . He felt that an upside to the downshifting was the " return to characters " , and thought that there was no better representation of character than Hurley . Keith McDuffee of TV Squad wrote that although he heard " that this episode would be mostly filler " , he did not " think that 's true " . He liked the fact that there was more revelations of Hurley 's background , and enjoyed the " awesome reveals from the other half of downed Oceanic 815 " . TelevisionWithoutPity.com graded the episode with a " B- " .