

BEING LOGAN



TELEVISION SERIES OUTLINE (mini-bible)

INTRODUCTION

Being Logan is a television series about Logan Smith, a young British lad whose love for science and invention is the only thing that keeps him going as he adjusts to a new life in America. Logan may look like the stereotypical science geek, but he does not fit that mould. He is not socially awkward, not shy, and not afraid of standing up for himself. And, although he loves science and inventing weird and wonderful gadgets, his life is usually taken over by his big crazy family who seems to only want one thing: to make his life hell. The television series revolves around the drama and comedy surrounding Logan at home and at school.

THE SETTING

The series begins after the Smith family have just moved from London to Chicago where Logan is starting middle school. Besides the drama at home, Logan must deal with life in a new school and new characters. Most of the action in the series happens at school and at Logan's home. To make matters worse Logan's school and home life become even more intertwined when, in addition to his brother and sister, his mother not only joins the school as an administrator but also befriends his science teacher.

CHARACTERS

The series is driven by a cast of vibrant, well-rounded, colourful, larger-than-life characters that form a big part of Logan's home and school life.

AT HOME

At home, the series revolves around Logan's struggle to keep his sanity and to keep his mind focused on what he loves – science – despite his family's antics, antics that range from ridiculous to dangerous. Here are the main characters in Logan's family.

Grandparents: Logan's maternal grandparents are both retired. His grandad was an aircraft engineer, and his grandmother was a history professor. Besides their practical role to look after the twins (Logan's 5-year old twin siblings), and, later in the series, to look after Logan's dog Boomer, their main role in the series is to spoil Logan and his siblings and to act as moral enforcers and peace-keepers.

Parents: Logan's mum is happy to be back in her hometown of Chicago. To Logan (and his brother and sister's) dismay she secretly lands a job in the office at their new school. She is a vibrant, loud character who loves being the centre of attention as well as gossip. She also has a penchant for drama. She plays the role of the embarrassing mum, especially at school where (later in the series) she befriends Logan's science teacher. Unlike his mother, Logan's dad is not thrilled to be in Chicago. He becomes the family's complainer-in-chief, complaining non-stop about missing his home city of London, missing everything that is quintessentially British and hating everything American. He is also the typical embarrassing dad who loves to sing in the shower and make (at least according to Logan and his siblings) unwitty dad-jokes

Siblings: Logan's 4 siblings give him different types of pain and misery. When he is not having fun at Logan's expense, his older brother, Harry, mostly ignores him. At home, he tries to pull silly pranks to make Logan. He seems jealous of Logan's scientific talent and annoyed by Logan's

indifference to his attempts at embarrassing him. Logan's sister Sam (Samantha) is a typical teenager who only dreams of fame and fortune and of becoming a celebrity. Sam is inept and naïve to the point of hilarity. She mostly ignores Logan at school but displays some affection for him, especially at home. To Logan's annoyance, later in the series, Sam strikes an unlikely friendship with Logan's best friend, Ali. Logan's twin siblings, Perry and Paige, are naughty little rascals who are almost always up to mischief whether of their own making or when they are bribed by Logan's brother Harry.

Pets: Boomer, the Labrador; Winston, the gerbil

Quirky Neighbour: Ms Rooftops is Logan's quirky neighbour who does not say much but is usually on her old binoculars, spying into Logan's backyard. As the series progress, Logan succeeds in engaging her in conversation and tries to help her as she has no family and no one else to look after her.

AT SCHOOL

Science Teacher: Logan's science teacher, Mr Mumford, is an eccentric character who is unlike any other teacher. Not only is he a science geek that dreams up whacky science ideas, but he also brings them to life thanks to his huge inheritance which left him a 'not-so-secret' secret billionaire. Logan couldn't have asked for a better teacher.

Best Friend: Logan strikes an unlikely friendship with the feisty Ali with whom he shares the passion for science and a dislike for bullies. Because of her feistiness, Ali gets Logan in trouble more than she gets him out.

School Bully: Griffin is the bully in Logan's class. But faced with Ali's feistiness and Logan's scientific smarts, he has a hard time bullying the two. But that does not deter him from trying.

Minor Characters:

Headteacher Mr Murphy (always suspicious of Logan and Ali, and doesn't necessarily like Mr Mumford except for his huge 'private' donations to the school)

Pam, the leader of the popular girls in Logan's class

Ali's family – mum, dad, and brother

Griffin's family (Mum, and grandad)

SERIES ONE: EPISODES OVERVIEW

Episode 1: *Welcome to my Hell* - It's Logan's first day at his new school. He finds out his mum works at the school, meets Mr Mumford and Ali for the first time and runs into Griffin on his way home.

Episode 2: *Fire and Detention* - Logan's first experiment goes horribly wrong, and he almost burns down the school. He gets his first, and hopefully last taste of detention.

Episode 3: *Winston, Not Churchill* - The twins get Churchill, the gerbil, as a present. And Logan discovers how difficult it is to keep one little gerbil alive even for just one day.

Episode 4: *Play Date* - Logan's mother and Griffin's mother organises a 'play date' for the boys, but Logan is having none of it. He hides at Ali's house where a new exciting science idea is born.

Episode 5: *Cheney Boomer* - Logan has the best birthday surprise – a dog named Boomer. Logan discovers he must house-train Boomer quickly or risk him being sent back to the shelter.

Episode 6: *Cat Rescue* - Ms Rooftops appears at the Smiths' front door asking for help to rescue her cat. The rescue does not go as planned and Logan must innovate and invent to save the day.

Episode 7: *Tele-pranked* - Sam is pranked by Logan's dad, but she decides to take it out on Logan.

Episode 8: *Yorkies Dilemma* - Somebody stole Logan's dad's favourite chocolate bars from England and Logan gets all the blame for a crime he probably didn't commit or did he?