

Big Papi Needs A Job

10 x 30'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Dog Groomer/Fenway Tour Guide

Now retired from baseball, David “Big Papi” Ortiz needs to find a new passion to fill his time. On the street with some Red Sox fans, he gets plenty of suggestions – and his first attempt is assisting a mobile dog groomer. Although little dogs can be cute, he quickly learns that cleaning them can be nasty business – and even more so when he moves on to a larger dog that needs a “special procedure.” Then, Big Papi returns to Fenway Park – but this time as a tour guide. He gives some very lucky visitors a behind-the-scenes tour and recounts some of his greatest moments there.

2. Musician/Manicurist

Still looking to find a job now that he’s retired from baseball, David “Big Papi” Ortiz pursues his passion for music. He visits the prestigious Berklee College of Music to join in on a class. While there he gets a lesson on the timbales, and then joins in with the class, even getting the opportunity to solo. Later, he tests his feminine side, learning how to give a manicure, and then having to actually do one on a passionate Red Sox fan. Hopefully she stays a fan after he’s done.

3. Food Truck Cook/Barber

David “Big Papi” Ortiz’s quest for a new career continues as he goes to work at a food truck specializing in Dominican favorites. After learning how to make their number one seller, he tries out the “Big Papi Sandwich.” After a taste test from customers, he’ll see if he has the appetite for a career as a cook. He then he visits a local barbershop to learn how to cut hair. He may make it through the lessons, but how will actual customers feel when they put their ‘do in the hands of the great slugger?

4. Zookeeper/Barista

Continuing his search for a new line of work after retirement, David “Big Papi” Ortiz goes to the Zoological Wildlife Foundation to become a trainee zookeeper. Coming face to face with a variety of animals, Big Papi learns how to care for and feed them. Although he loves his pets, his animal magnetism will be put to the test as he handles these exotic creatures. Papi then works the counter at a Boston coffee shop, learning how to make drinks and serving customers badly in need of caffeine. But will he succeed as a barista, or end up in hot water?

5. Firefighter Trainee/Sous Chef

Still on the job hunt, David “Big Papi” Ortiz spends the day with a group of professionals he’s always had a close bond with – the Boston Fire Department. Weighed down with the safety gear all firemen must wear, Papi learns some of the basics from these Boston heroes. Whether working a fire hose, breaking down doors, or operating a ladder, Big Papi gets a small window into what it’s like to be one of Boston’s Bravest. He then tries out working in the kitchen of a local steak restaurant. Going from station to station, chopping, cooking, making pasta, and cooking steak, he’ll see if he’s seasoned enough to face the customers.

6. Brewmaster/Coach/Mechanic

Continuing his search for new employment, David “Big Papi” Ortiz heads out to the Sam Adams Brewery to try and get a job as a brewmaster. The morning tastings might be fun, but the work gets harder as he sweats over the giant vats of beer-to-be. Ortiz then takes a swing at something he has much more experience with – being a batting coach. He knows how to hit a baseball, but does he know how to teach kids? Finally, Big Papi ends up at an auto body shop, servicing a variety of cars. A car lover himself, he loves getting his hands dirty – but will fixing up others’ rides throw him out of gear.

7. Cigar Roller/Lobster Fisherman

Hot on the trail of a new occupation, David “Big Papi” Ortiz looks for work in something he has a true passion for – cigars. Cigar rolling is difficult business, and he learns just how much work goes into making the sticks he loves so dearly. But will Papi manage the craft, or will his cigar-rolling dream go up in smoke? He then gives it his all as a lobster fisherman. After dealing with choppy waters and snapping lobsters, he’ll see if it’s all worthwhile when he finally gets to eat the fruits of his labor.

8. Bomb Squad Technical/Bartender

David “Big Papi” Ortiz’s job hunt gets intense as he gets training to be a bomb squad technician. He’ll learn how to size up a bomb, approach it with a robot, and even detonate one. But will it all blow up in his face? He then gets a chance to do something a little more relaxed, going behind the bar to make mixed drinks as a bartender. Mojitos are definitely more fun than bombs, but by the end will his confidence be shaken, or will his interest be stirred?

9. Horse Handicapper/Trainer

David “Big Papi” Ortiz heads off to the racetrack for his next job. But it’s not all fun and games – he’s there to learn what it takes to be a good handicapper. It’s a three part process, and he begins by meeting the horses. After that he heads over and meets the jockeys. Finally he actually gets to the race – and does his best to pick the winning horse. After he takes his winnings (or loses his shirt) he heads off to another job – fitness trainer. Papi is a strong man, but that doesn’t mean he’s prepared to pass his knowledge on to others. After some trainer training, he goes on to work with his own client, and hopefully manages to get the client in shape.

10. Sommelier/Salsa Dancer

David “Big Papi” Ortiz gets his drink on in an attempt to find new work. A great lover of wine, he tests if his palate is sensitive enough to become a sommelier. Learning the differences between varietals and being trained to tell a cabernet sauvignon from a merlot is only the beginning, though. He must then work with a kitchen and figure out which wines to serve with which food. For his next job, Papi lets his feet do the work, hitting the dance floor to become a salsa dancer. Although he has a great sense of rhythm, dancing is harder than it seems. Will he become a dance machine – or trip over his own feet?