

MY LUCKY DAY

I had been trying to get on *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire* for over a year without much luck. Yes, luck is the key word here. I have no problems calling up on the ten or so days a month that the toll-free number is open and correctly answering the three multiple choice questions that they pose to me. And then they offer me a choice from five tape days and I always try to pick the one that I decide would have the least number of people choosing. Because that's the point where luck comes in. To move on to the next stage, the show's computer will randomly draw forty names from all the people who picked the same tape date. And my name has never been picked after over a year of trying.

Well that finally changed. On one lucky day I received my call-back.

I'm not on the show yet. I still have to call them back at a specific date and time and enter a unique PIN that they gave me. Then I will be given five more questions which I have to get correct. And then they'll randomly pick ten names from all those who answered those questions correctly and they will be the ten who will be on the show.

I still have a long way to go and will probably miss the first of my five questions. But I'm still ecstatic that I got as far as I did.

But what does all this have to do with videogames? In a word, nothing.

However, within an hour after I received that phone call on my lucky day, I received an email from a friend which said that I could order a PlayStation 2 directly from www.playstation.com. I followed her advice and ordered the PlayStation 2 and received it three days later. No preorder lists. No waiting lines. I told another friend about the website shortly after I placed my order.

By the time he got to it they were out of stock. That was two weeks ago and they're still out of stock.

Naturally I'm hoping my luck extends to the day when I have to call *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire* back. But if it doesn't I'm still content with my prize from my last lucky day. Sure, it's not a million dollars, but that's life.

And then again, what are PlayStation 2s going on eBay these days?