

BARCLAYS BAN LOAN FOR TV AD STAR



Lee... wanted £1,500

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BARCLAYS Bank have refused a loan - to the star of their own TV ad!

Actor Lee Whitlock, who wanted £1,500, told them he was about to collect twice that for his part in the commercial.

But the bank turned him down... for fear he might not get paid!

On the telly, 20-year-old Lee plays a young lad who needs a month's

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rent to get digs. He opens an account with Barclays and pays off his landlady - impressionist Faith Brown.

But Lee grumbled yesterday: "If only it was like that in real life!"

"I thought there would be no problem, especially as I was all over the telly in their new ad."

"But they turned me down. I was told they

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The commercial was filmed by an agency, and Lee was hired by them, not by Barclays.

He wanted the £1,500 to kit out a nursery for the baby girlfriend Melissa expects next month.

Switching

Only six months before, the same bank loaned him £1,600 to buy a car and he paid it back in **THREE WEEKS**.

Lee said: "They were

quite happy to loan me some money before; so why not this time?"

Now Lee - who appeared in Shine On Harvey Moon and Spooner's Patch as a child star - is switching his account from Barclay's branch in Islington Green, North London to another bank.

"I'm very angry," he said.

A spokesman for Barclays said: "We can't comment on Mr Whitlock's circumstances, but operate a strict vetting system on loans so customers do not get into difficulties."