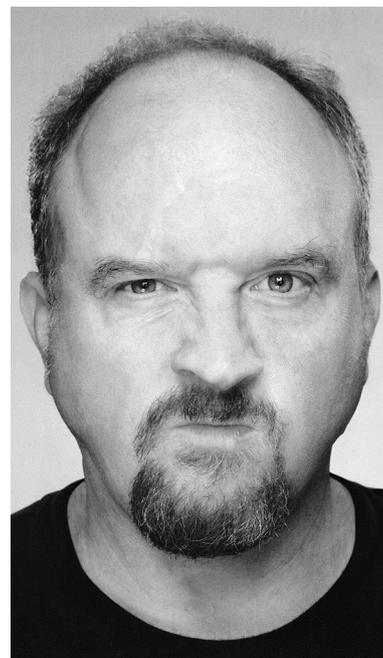

Tekst 3

Louis C.K. wasn't prepared for his Emmy nomination

By Joe Flint

- 1 Like the character in his comedy show *Louie*, Louis C.K. was ready for bad news when the Emmy Award nominations were announced Thursday morning.
- 2 "I was expecting to be disappointed," said C.K., who was nominated for lead actor in a comedy series. *Louie* has become a cult hit for cable TV network FX. A dark show starring C.K. as a somewhat depressed comedian struggling to make sense of the world around him, *Louie* is not the type of comedy that the sometimes conservative Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Emmy voters typically embrace. Besides being peppered with language that is raw even for cable, *Louie* is unafraid to address taboo topics in the raunchiest of ways. His character often finds himself in awkward situations with results that swing seamlessly between the comic and the tragic.
- 3 C.K. attributes his success among critics and viewers to the network's creative freedom – an atmosphere that encourages him to explore his inner demons and put it all on the screen. "It takes a huge amount of courage on their part, that's why I'm glad to pay them back with this," C.K. said of the network.
- 4 In typical C.K. mode, the comedian doesn't give himself much of a chance of winning on Emmy night, which is slated for Sept. 18. "I'm pretty outclassed there," he said of his fellow acting nominees, which include Steve Carell of *The Office* and Alec Baldwin of *30 Rock*. But even if he doesn't get a statue, C.K. figures he and network FX have already won. "We don't expect to get serious consideration. Still, that doesn't matter. We've proven that if you spend a hundredth of the money the big networks do, you can land at the same place."

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- “I was expecting to be disappointed” (paragraph 2)
- 1p 4 Why did Louis C.K. say this?
- A He feared the character in his show had turned out to be an embarrassing person.
 - B He knew his show had been given bad reviews in many of the mainstream papers.
 - C He realised that the show he had created caused a lot of public indignation.
 - D He thought his show would be considered too outspoken to be nominated for an award.
- 1p 5 What is the main point made in paragraph 3?
- A Despite his problems, Louis C.K. has created a commercial success.
 - B Network FX gave Louis C.K. the artistic independence needed to succeed.
 - C The average viewer dislikes being told by critics which shows to like.
 - D Unlike many of its rivals, network FX is a financially sound company.
- “C.K. figures he and network FX have already won” (alinea 4)
- 1p 6 In welke zin uit alinea 3 of 4 wordt duidelijk waarom Louis C.K. dit vindt? Citeer de eerste twee woorden van die zin.