

This Student Life – Series 2

EPISODE 8

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EPISODE 8, SCENE 1 – IN THE PUB

Wetherspoons pub.

DAVE:

Okay. So, one pint of Sheepdip, and what will you be drinking?

JACK:

Um. Stella?

DAVE:

I asked what you were drinking, not who you're sleeping with tonight. (*To barman*) Make that 2. Pints. Please.

JACK:

Thanks.

DAVE:

My pleasure, young man. Now, come and sit down and tell me all about things. You were telling me about your Mum.

JACK:

Was I?

DAVE:

Well, no you weren't. But what's the story, Harry?

JACK:

Jack, and there is no story.

DAVE:

So why'd she kick you out, then?

JACK:

She didn't. Her boyfriend did.

DAVE:

She don't live with your Dad, then? Do you see him?

JACK:

I don't know him. All I know is she met him in the Glastonbury Festival in '93.

DAVE:

Oh, 1993 eh? Was that the year the Levellers played there?

JACK:

Oh, I don't know about that. Why? Were you there?

DAVE:

(laughs nervously)

Me? Nah, nah What would I be doing at a music festival? I was too young then mate. Let's have another pint and you can tell me about your course. Neil used to rabbit on for hours about his. Not that it did him much good.

Dave fetches another round – fade out/fade in

DAVE:

Right. There we are. I'll make a man of you son, I mean, Jack.

JACK:

Are you okay?

DAVE:

Course I'm okay. Why wouldn't I be? So, what you studying?

JACK:

It's called Living Political Ideas and it's about how politics is everywhere.

DAVE:

Oh, what like Big Brother, you mean? They're right there.

JACK:

Well, not really like that. But, at the moment I'm doing a chapter on voting and why people don't vote.

DAVE:

'cos they're too bloody apathetic, that's why!

JACK:

Well a lot of political scientists think that too, Dave. But Inglehart says that whilst most people may not be voting in the numbers they once did, they are politically active in other ways.

DAVE:

Joe Hart, what's he know about it, he's just a goalkeeper?

JACK:

Not Joe Hart, Inglehart, he's a political scientist.

DAVE:

Right. It's great that you're doing this degree. I can see I've a lot to catch up on.

JACK:

Too right. His world values survey began in the early '80s and they are just doing the latest wave of research this year.

DAVE:

What?

JACK:

Inglehart.

DAVE:

Oh yeah. Of course. Only I forgot his name there for a minute...

Fade

EPISODE 8, SCENE 2 – AFTER THE TUTORIAL

In the lounge at Donna's house.

LOUISE:

So...?

DONNA:

Oh it went really well. Everyone's really nice, and it was good to go through the TMA. I've got to write a blog.

LOUISE:

A blog? Man, mum, I thought psychology was like a science.

DONNA:

Oh it is really, love. It's just another way that we're learning to write in our own words you see. Michael said that if we can explain things to other people we learn better.

LOUISE:

Yeah, I can see how that makes sense.

DONNA:

So I'm going to need to talk to you quite a lot!

LOUISE:

Oh great. Yours sounds really interesting mum. I think I might borrow your books instead of mine.

DONNA:

Let's just focus on our own work for now. Don't you have your second TMA due soon?

LOUISE:

Oh don't remind me. I haven't even looked at it. Not after the last one.

DONNA:

And what was so bad about the last one?

LOUISE:

Well, I only got like 72 per cent.

DONNA:

72 per cent, that's amazing. And what was the feedback?

LOUISE:

What feedback?

DONNA:

Well, what did the tutor say?

LOUISE:

Nothing. I haven't spoken to her yet.

DONNA:

Oh, you need to look at the feedback on your assignment and also on the summary sheet. It's the best way to improve. Here, go and get them and I'll show you how to go through it all.

LOUISE:

Oh, okay mum. Listen, I need to phone the kids first though. It's their first day back at school.

DONNA:

Oh yes, of course, love. I'll have a chat to them after you. You know, just to find out what things are really like there, what with this new woman and all.

EPISODE 8, SCENE 3 – SKYPE CALL: KATIE AND NEIL

On Skype. Music in the background.

KATIE:

Hello. Neil?

NEIL:

Katie. Oh hey, how are you? Um. I'm sorry I haven't been better at staying in touch. And, sorry for not telling you I was leaving.

KATIE:

It's OK. I did wonder what had happened, but I called your home phone and your friend told me.

NEIL:

Yeah, well. These things happen. Anyway, I'm better off out of it.

KATIE:

Well, you've got to do what's right for you. Hey, Neil?

NEIL:

You aren't like still mad at me, are you?

KATIE:

Me? No... Oh because of.. No. Hey that's cool. Let's not talk about it. No, there's another conference on see.

NEIL:

Oh, yeah. I had an email on that from that Karen.

KATIE:

So?

NEIL:

Well, so what?

KATIE:

Are you taking part?

NEIL:

Me? Oh look, I'm not studying, I'm in Qatar. I'm, like, a professional builder, and well, I'm a failure. And it's 3 hours in the wrong time zone ...

KATIE:

Oh right, well, that's lots of reasons, Neil. Hey, Jade's just waking up. I've gotta go.

NEIL:

Katie, can I call you again? You know, like just to catch up? About the conference, I mean.

KATIE:

Yeah sure. That'd be nice. You've got my details anyway. Neil, there was something.

NEIL:

Sorry, Katie. I've got to... (*Skype call terminates*)

KATIE:

Don't go, Neil. Coming Jade.

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