

**This Student Life – Series 2**

**EPISODE 20**

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**EPISODE 20, SCENE 1 – ACTIVATE SESSION**

*On OU Live*

**DAVE MIDDLETON:**

Okay, so let's make a start then. Karen, would you like to run through where we're at?

**KAREN:**

Sure, so we have Jack, Donna (who's not here), Louise and Katie working on the gender presentation. Would you like me to get you all up and running in your break-out room?

**KATIE:**

Yeah great.

**LOUISE:**

Well, I haven't had a chance to do very much, but yeah, sure.

**DAVE:**

Okay, so I'll put you in Room 1, and just let us know if you need a hand.

**KAREN:**

Okay. Then we have the Politics and Voting group – Sam, Harry and Rebecca I'll put you in Room 2. I know Harriet and Sal met up in the week, and they're okay but not here tonight.

**DAVE:**

Okay, so let's all have a think about forming some other groups, and it's great to see more new faces here. Sophie, would you like to say hi?

**SOPHIE:**

Oh hi. Well I've just started my module, it's the introduction to the social sciences, and I thought that because I'd started Uni this was what I did, so I've come along to do a presentation.

**DAVE:**

Okay great. And did you have any ideas what you wanted to do it on?

**SOPHIE:**

Yes. I want to do something about how people learn and what sort of approaches work well depending on your personality.

**DAVE:**

Oh that's a good idea – and something that people will find really useful to apply to their own studies. So do you want to do it on your own or in a group?

**SOPHIE:**

Oh. On my own I think.

**DAVE:**

That's fine. Well, I'll tell you what, why don't you hang around then in the main room with us and help with some of the other ideas we're working on and then we can make a plan! And, just remember everybody the conference isn't just about presenting. There are lots of ways you can be involved. We're looking for people to be like our social media supremos for example. And, of course, you can

just come along and support your colleagues as well. So, there's no pressure here.

**SOPHIE:**

Okay, great.

**DAVE:**

Karen, it looks pretty busy on the chat. What's going on then?

**KAREN:**

Oh, just catching up really.

**DAVE:**

A conversation about your shoes hardly constitutes catching up, but, you know, anyway ...

## **EPISODE 20, SCENE 2 – CHERYL COOKS KATIE DINNER**

*Cher opening ready meals and microwaving them in the kitchen at home.*

**KATIE:**

Oh Cher, this is really nice of you.

**CHERYL:**

Look. You cook for me all the time. It's the least I can do. These meal deals are quite good though aren't they, 'specially with the bottle of wine included.

**KATIE:**

Yeah, and I just didn't have time to eat, what with the Activate session.

**CHERYL:**

I don't know why you're doing that on top of everything else, Katie. You must be mad.

**KATIE:**

Oh I really enjoy it. I'm working on a gender relations presentation. It's so nice to just be able to do something I'm just interested in rather than just working towards an assignment.

**CHERYL:**

Well, I just think that some people take you for a ride. You know, like that Neil and all.

**KATIE:**

Oh, we've made up.

**CHERYL:**

You haven't? With Neil? But he's... you know Katie, money isn't everything. He's just a builder at the end of the day, even if he is earning a packet out there.

**KATIE:**

Oh it's not that Cher. He's just, he just gets me. Like, he knows how I react to things. And he's sweet. And he sends me messages. And he sent me a Valentine's Card. I can't remember the last time I had one of those.

**CHERYL:**

Yeah? Well he's not here, is he? And words don't mean anything. You should know that. Anyway, I thought it was high time we planned a night out. Sylvie's been moaning she hasn't seen you in ages.

**KATIE:**

Yes, and I think that Sylvie will remember why I can't go out with the pair of you and what happened

when she babysat last time.

**CHERYL:**

Oh that was like... she didn't know the straighteners would burn Jade's hair... it's an honest mistake Katie.

**KATIE:**

Yeah well, dinner in suits me just fine. Sylvie can always come round here you know.

**CHERYL:**

Ah but it's not the same really is it. Sylvie isn't the dinner party type.

**KATIE:**

None of us are getting any younger, Cher. I've only got 26 years of work left before I could retire.

**CHERYL:**

Retire?

**KATIE:**

Yeah, and I've got no pension.

**CHERYL:**

Oh Katie. Man. This is meant to be a chilled evening. I know. We'll ask your tutor about that some time. Look. I'm just trying to cheer you up. So let's leave impending death in poverty for another day, huh? Anyway, I'm sure you'll figure out a plan.

## **EPISODE 20, SCENE 3 – JACK IS ANNOYED WITH LOUISE**

*In the lounge in the flat with the football on*

**DAVE:**

So, Harry, you're really not bothered then who your father is?

**JACK:**

No. I mean, why would I be? He's just some loser my Mum knew when she was a hippy. Nope. I'm just fine with things as they are.

**DAVE:**

Well my dad was a big old loser, but that didn't put me off going down the boozier with him. Especially if he was going to pay.

**JACK:**

Yeah, well different strokes and all.

**DAVE:**

Anyway, so, how's the old conference coming along?

**JACK:**

Oh, yeah, it's okay. Although there is this one girl.

**DAVE:**

I knew it. Good boy, so what's her name?

**JACK:**

Louise.

**DAVE:**

Louise eh, and ...

**JACK:**

Well she's like really annoying.

**DAVE:**

They all are mate, at that age.

**JACK:**

Huh? She's like 30.

**DAVE:**

Ah. A Cougar is it... is that what they're called?

**JACK:**

Um. No. She's like just... Every week she's on about not being sure if she wants to do something. Then some weeks she turns up and some weeks she doesn't.

**DAVE:**

Yeah, that's just them being all temperamental. What does she want to do then?

**JACK:**

Nothing. She's only there because her Mum is. Well actually she hasn't been.

**DAVE:**

I knew it. I thought, no it can't be possible that he's not into girls. Or men... Look, everyone's got their own thing, but a mother and daughter... isn't that a bit...

**JACK:**

They're in my group. For the conference.

**DAVE:**

Oh for the conference. That's what they call it these days, is it? Well of course. Yes I knew that was what you meant.

**JACK:**

Anyway, I'm getting really sick of it. Either she's going to do something or she isn't. It's just messing us around.

**DAVE:**

Quite right. A man's gotta be a man. Unless he don't want to be of course. Which is equally fine. So what are you going to do?

**JACK:**

Nothing. Just not rely on her, I suppose. The problem is the organisers keep telling everyone there's no pressure to actually do anything. Which is fine for them to say, they're not stuck in a group with someone who's not delivering.

**DAVE:**

Right, Jack, I'm give you some advice here. You've got a put your foot down with a firm hand. You should take control. That's what men do.

**JACK:**

That's kind of the point though. It's not what men ought to do.

**EPISODE 20, SCENE 4**

*Donna is in the bedroom. She is happy.*

**DONNA:**

Oh, I'm so tired. I know there's some sleeping pills in here somewhere. Ah, here we are. Sleeping pills. A full bottle. Good. If I just take one, that should do it.

*Sound of water being poured into a glass.*

I just need a good sleep and everything will be alright. Okay, still wide awake. Perhaps one more. Okay, two. Oh well, they're obviously not very strong. Why aren't they working? (*giggles*) Why not just take the lot. There. That should do it. I'll just sit down on the bed. I'm feeling quite sleepy. I feel so much better ...

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