

**This Student Life – Series 2**

**EPISODE 21**

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**EPISODE 21, SCENE 1 – DONNA OVERDOSES**

*Donna in a single room in an NHS hospital*

**DONNA:**

I'm sorry, Ted.

**TED:**

Stop saying sorry Donna.

**DONNA:**

But I am sorry, Ted.

**TED:**

I mean, why did your psychology mumbo jumbo friends convince you you had depression? You're fine, Donna.

**DONNA:**

I'm sorry Ted.

**TED:**

You get an idea in your head, I know, I've read about these things. And then you diagnose yourself just to see what it's like inside other people's heads.

**DONNA:**

It's not like ...

**TED:**

Well I'm taking you out of that university. You can go and do something sensible instead. Like joining a sewing group, or a book club, or whatever you women like to do.

**DONNA:**

It's not the Open University, Ted.

**TED:**

Anyway, this is very embarrassing. And where did you get antidepressants from anyway?

**DONNA:**

Dr Davis.

**TED:**

Dr Davis. Well I'd have thought he'd have had more sense.

**DONNA:**

I don't want to be here any more, Ted.

**TED:**

Of course not. You'll be home soon, and without any of that Open University nonsense to worry about.

**DONNA:**

What do you mean?

**TED:**

Well you clearly can't keep studying, Donna.

**DONNA:**

I'm sorry Ted.

**TED:**

Look, I know, Donna. Stop saying sorry. It's just that, this is all very difficult for me.

## **EPISODE 21, SCENE 2 – SOPHIE TRIES TO CHANGE TUTOR**

*Sophie and Neesha are at work. Neesha is still not happy with Sophie.*

**SOPHIE:**

Are you busy, Neesh?

**NEESHA:**

No. I'm just sitting here relaxing. What do you think? I've got end of quarter results to collate. As have you.

**SOPHIE:**

Not for much longer.

**NEESHA:**

What's that supposed to mean?

**SOPHIE:**

I've asked for a transfer to R&D.

**NEESHA:**

When did this happen?

**SOPHIE:**

Oh, well, I went for a drink with Gary the other night and he suggested it.

**NEESHA:**

Gary? I thought you said you'd never ....

**SOPHIE:**

It was just a drink, Neesh. And it came up in conversation.

**NEESHA:**

Really? How convenient for you.

**SOPHIE:**

I'm just writing up my notes on tutors. I've visited four tutorials now. It's really interesting. Some people just want to sit and listen to everyone else's ideas. Anyway, I've found a good tutor and I'm making a request to transfer.

**NEESHA:**

But why?

**SOPHIE:**

Oh this one's much better than my one. My tutor just did these activities with us, whereas Dr Morris did like 2 hours of lectures and gave us hand-outs of all the slides.

**NEESHA:**

Well, I know which one I'd prefer.

**SOPHIE:**

Yes, that's what I thought. Someone well prepared.

**NEESHA:**

No, I mean, I like doing the discussion stuff. It makes it sink in.

**SOPHIE:**

Oh really? I like the hand-outs. Oh well, I suppose we all have our different learning styles don't we?

**NEESHA:**

Yeah.

**SOPHIE:**

So anyway, I've joined this Facebook group for the module, and there's this student conference and they are looking for presenters. I'm going to apply to do a presentation at it. It sounds like really good experience for the CV.

**NEESHA:**

Perhaps we could do something together.

**SOPHIE:**

No, I don't think so.

**NEESHA:**

Oh okay, why not?

**SOPHIE:**

No disrespect, Neesh, but you really aren't that well organised. And, I don't want anyone stealing my ideas.

**NEESHA:**

You think I'd steal *your* ideas. You are the most arrogant, stuck up ... (*Neesha gets up*) Look, I have to be somewhere.

*Neesha walks off slamming a bundle of paperwork down on the desk.*

**SOPHIE:**

What's wrong with her now, the moody cow?

## **EPISODE 21 SCENE 3 KATIE VISITS DONNA IN HOSPITAL**

*In Donna's hospital room later that day.*

**KATIE:**

Oh, Donna. I'm so sorry.

**DONNA:**

I feel such a fool, Katie.

**KATIE:**

I don't want you to die, Donna.

**DONNA:**

Well, just as well I'm really rubbish at it then.

**KATIE:**

Thank goodness you are. But you were lucky Donna. You could have had brain damage or your liver could have...

**DONNA:**

I know. I've had the talk.

**KATIE:**

Sorry. You don't need me to tell you and all. I just. I can't believe things got this bad.

**DONNA:**

*(sighs)* I feel so numb Katie. I don't know ...

**KATIE:**

Oh Donna. I know. Look, we'll make a plan. Get you some better meds. We'll get you in therapy. I'll see you every day.

**DONNA:**

Ted's organising all that.

**KATIE:**

Good.

**DONNA:**

He was very cross that I didn't tell him.

**KATIE:**

Yeah, well you can see it from his point of view.

**DONNA:**

I suppose so. But he is blaming my studying.

**KATIE:**

Really?

**DONNA:**

Yes. What he doesn't seem to realise is that the studying that keeps me going. I can't let him take it away from me. If it wasn't for the OU, I wouldn't have met you or Jack.

**KATIE:**

Look Donna, he's probably just panicking. Just go along with it. I'm sure he'll see that having a focus is good for you.

**DONNA:**

I don't think he will.

**KATIE:**

Oh Donna. Of course he will.

**DONNA:**

He hates me doing anything that makes me independent, and now this means that I've given him the excuse he needs to keep me locked up in the house.

**KATIE:**

It won't come to that Donna. Don't cry. You have to get better first.

**EPISODE 21, SCENE 4 - JACK'S COMPUTER BREAKS**

*In Jack's bedroom. No music. Banging keys on the computer keyboard.*

**JACK:**

No. No. This can't be happening.

**DAVE:**

What's wrong son?

**JACK:**

My computer won't start. I've pressed and pressed the on button and nothing.

**DAVE:**

Oh, well you can use mine if you want?

**JACK:**

No. I mean, that's nice but all my work's here. I've tried everything.

**DAVE:**

Listen mate, you probably just need to boot it.

**JACK:**

You mean reboot it.

**DAVE:**

Well if the first boot doesn't work, of course boot it again.

**JACK:**

You don't really know much about computers, do you?

**DAVE:**

What makes you say that? Anyway what you lost?

**JACK:**

Everything. All my essays. All my notes. My conference stuff.

**DAVE:**

The ones that have been marked? Surely you don't need those?

**JACK:**

I do. And I've got loads of other stuff there. I can't believe this has happened.

**DAVE:**

Look. Calm down. Okay? Think. It will be okay. It's got to be in there somewhere.

**JACK:**

No it won't. I've just called the PC shop and they say to bring it in but the likelihood of restoring the files is slim. I may as well just give up.

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