

This Student Life – Series 2

EPISODE 23

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EPISODE 23, SCENE 1 – CHERYL COMES TO KATIE'S RESCUE

Katie is at home. She is on the phone.

KATIE:

Okay, so you don't need anybody at present will you take my details? ... Do you want them now? ... Okay, I'll send them to you. Thank you.

Sound of a door opening.

CHERYL:

Hiya, how are you?

KATIE:

Jobless.

CHERYL:

Well I might have some good news for you.

KATIE:

Really?

CHERYL:

I had a word with my friend in HR today, and she said that they're looking for an accounts assistant. I mentioned that you were studying an Economics degree and she said you should apply.

KATIE:

Oh, I couldn't do anything like that?

CHERYL:

No? A proper job with a pension and all ...

KATIE:

I guess you have a point. But they wouldn't be interested in me. I'm not actually qualified.

CHERYL:

Oh, you should see some of the people they've had in. No really, it's a fairly junior post. They also have a creche. I asked about that, and if you got the job you could put Jade in day care. Come on, let's log on to the intranet and look at the person spec.

KATIE:

Oh Cher

CHERYL:

No crying. It will make me start, and that will ruin my mascara. It's not whether we will get through this Katie, it's how. Mmmm. Okay log on, I'll open a bottle of red.

EPISODE 23, SCENE 2 – DONNA IS ANNOYED LOUISE ISN'T PARTICIPATING

In the kitchen, unpacking the dishwasher. Louise is sitting at the table.

DONNA:

Well, why do you bother turning up if you aren't going to do anything?

LOUISE:

It's not like that, Mum. I might do something at the conference. I just don't know what.

DONNA:

But it's not fair on the others.

LOUISE:

Well, why not? I add my ideas. It doesn't mean I have to do anything. I've got a lot on, Mum.

DONNA:

Yeah, like going out with all your old friends.

LOUISE:

Not all my old friends.

DONNA:

Sorry, you're right. The ones who aren't mothers, or have jobs to go to.

LOUISE:

That's a bit harsh, Mother.

DONNA:

Sorry. No you're right. Only, when *are* you getting your studies done, Louise? You're always out.

LOUISE:

I'm home more now though, Mum since ... and I have been coming along.

DONNA:

I know, to look out for me. I get it.

LOUISE:

No, it's not like that.

DONNA:

Don't worry, Louise. I won't do it again, and you don't have to look after me.

LOUISE:

No. I mean, it's not. Well, I like the sessions, you know. They're fun. Well, more fun than my forum anyway.

DONNA:

Mmmm, at least you are doing some work.

LOUISE:

I am, Mum. I am. I'll be getting TMA 04 back this week, and I'm just starting the new block so only a week behind, kind of.

DONNA:

Kind of...?

LOUISE:

Well. I'm concentrating on the important bits, Mum. A "selective" strategy. But it's getting me through and as you say the level 1 grades don't really matter, so I'm just missing out the non-essentials.

DONNA:

You can't do that? I mean, they're important skills. Those things are what will get you the grades later on.

LOUISE:

If there is a later on. We'll see, Mum. Anyway, it's all okay now, and that's the main thing. Right, I'm off to Caitlin's, so I'll catch you later.

EPISODE 23, SCENE 3 – SOPHIE GETS BACK HER TMA AND WANTS TO APPEAL

In Sophie and Neesha's office

NEESHA:

I am sorry that things didn't work out with Gary and that transfer, Sophs. Anyway, it's good to see you concentrating on work a bit more.

SOPHIE:

Yeah. Speaking of studying, do you know that they haven't changed my tutor and I've got a much lower score. He's got it in for me now.

NEESHA:

Who? Your tutor? Well, how can he have it in for you?

SOPHIE:

Because I wanted to swap him.

NEESHA:

You really think that they know these things?

SOPHIE:

Of course they do. They know everything. He's going to keep marking me down now, and I don't know what to do.

NEESHA:

Well, you should have spent more time on your TMA and less time going to all those tutorials.

SOPHIE:

I'm calling the Student Support Team. They'll know what to do.

NEESHA:

Okay, sure. I'll go and do the tea.

Fade out/fade in

NEESHA:

So?

SOPHIE:

No, she doesn't know anything about it, and there has to be a proper reason to change tutors and there's a marking guide and all the tutors are randomly checked, so he has to mark me fairly. But I can appeal.

NEESHA:

Oh, great. But there's no need to now, is there?

SOPHIE:

I dunno. At first when she mentioned it I thought definitely, but she said I should read the feedback again with a clear head and try and see where I went wrong. And then I should ask the tutor to explain it to me if it wasn't clear or if I didn't understand it. So I think I might do that.

NEESHA:

Okay. You're so quick to judge.

SOPHIE:

Right. Anyway, are you talking to your Mum now.

NEESHA:

No. I can't believe she did that. I don't know why she insists on setting up these dinners. It's getting embarrassing.

SOPHIE:

She means well, Neesha. She just wants you to settle down.

NEESHA:

I am 19 years old. I am not settling down. It's all right for you. You're old.

SOPHIE:

I am not. 24 is not old.

NEESHA:

Yeah, well it is for me.

EPISODE 23, SCENE 4 – KATIE GETS A NEW JOB

Katie and Cheryl are in a wine bar.

KATIE:

Cheers.

CHERYL:

Yes, cheers. See I told you. Everything happens for a reason.

KATIE:

Well I can't believe they offered me the job, but I don't think I've ever been this happy. It feels like things might just be okay, Cher.

CHERYL:

You see. And it's all because you have a pension. Your men were right. Now you have the security to grow old and wrinkly and still afford to pay the central heating.

KATIE:

Cher, I wish you'd take it seriously.

CHERYL:

Oh but I am. Anyway, now we can get the bus in together and do lunch. How cool is that!

KATIE:

I know. I am worried about putting Jade in nursery though.

CHERYL:

She'll be fine. Look, you've spent nearly 2 years looking after her. That's what really matters. And she's ready for it Katie. And it's only 9 floors away from where you'll be working.

KATIE:

Well, she certainly is hard work, oh, apart from when she's sleeping. Look at her, she's like a little angel.

CHERYL:

Yeah, she's really sweet. And I probably don't tell you this enough, but you are a brilliant Mum.

KATIE:

You think so? Well, at the very least it will be nice to be a grown up. You know..

CHERYL:

Yeah, in proper heels and earrings.

KATIE:

Oooh, don't remind me. She loves anything shiny – takes after you. No, it's going to be okay. I feel really good about it.

CHERYL:

Me too. Now, all we need is to find you a decent fellow. And we could do with another bottle of champers. Hey, what do you make of those two over there?

KATIE:

Do not call those two over. I am not in the market.

CHERYL:

Oh, I forgot, you belong to Neil now, don't you?

KATIE:

I don't 'belong' to anybody Cher. And, I don't want to. I want to enjoy this new job. And I'm happy celebrating with my best friend.

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