

This Student Life – Series 2

EPISODE 24

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EPISODE 24, SCENE 1 – DONNA GETS READY TO GO TO THE CONFERENCE

At Donna and Ted's home.

DONNA:

Okay Ted, you're sure you'll be alright?

TED:

You're away for a couple of days at a conference. I'm sure I'll cope. Will you?

DONNA:

Oh, of course, this is just what I need. I'm really looking forward to it. Thanks for letting me go.

TED:

Right, now are you sure you don't want me to come and stay overnight?

DONNA:

I'm fine Ted. I want to be with my friends.

TED:

I can book a hotel down the road, and then if you need me I can come and get you.

DONNA:

Honestly, Ted. I'll be fine. I'm much better now. Really.

TED:

Well, only if you're sure. And if you do need me I can come and get you – it only takes 90 minutes to get to Milton Keynes, although I've got a lot of meetings this week.

DONNA:

Ted, you just concentrate on your work.

TED:

Well, if you're sure you'll be okay. You did pack your pills?

DONNA:

Yes, of course.

TED:

And, what is it you're doing exactly? Just in case I get asked.

DONNA:

Well, it's not really your thing Ted. I mean, there's ... *(pause)* Well, it's not really my idea.

TED:

What do you mean?

DONNA:

Well, the whole presentation is about gender roles, and how different countries have different approaches.

TED:

Ah I see... so you've got involved with a bunch of radical feminists, have you? They fill your head with this nonsense and look where it leads.

DONNA:

Actually no. It's all Jack's idea.

TED:

Jack?

DONNA:

He's ever so sweet. He's only 20 and is doing politics, and I've been helping out the group but everyone's too shy to present it with him.

TED:

Well. Good job nobody at the Golf Club will see it. I don't know what John would say. My wife. a radical feminist. whatever next?

DONNA:

I'm sure nobody from the Golf Club will watch it, though it is on the internet.

TED:

You mean anybody could watch it? Good Lord, Donna.

DONNA:

It's unlikely anybody will watch something called the Student Connections conference by accident, is it?

TED:

Yeah, okay. I suppose so. Well, good luck. You did remember to pack your pills didn't you?

EPISODE 24, SCENE 2 – JACK'S DAD IS NOT DAVE

In the flat, football on the TV.

JACK:

Okay Dave, well I'll see you in a week.

DAVE:

Yeah, have a good time at the conference, Jack.

JACK:

I will. And are you going to watch our presentation?

DAVE:

Oh I would but I'm working.

JACK:

You can watch it on catch up.

DAVE:

Oh right, yeah sure. Well text me the details. So long as it doesn't clash with the footie.

JACK:

Will do. Have a good week then.

DAVE:

Oh Jack, I meant to tell you, I've tracked down your dad.

JACK:

You what?

DAVE:

I've found him.

JACK:

You've done what?

DAVE:

I got this Private Dick to look into it and it's not me.

JACK:

Well of course it's not you. But what did you do that for? I don't want to know him. In fact I don't want anything to do with him. And I think I made that perfectly clear. Now, if you don't mind

DAVE:

Oh. I thought you'd be relieved, I mean, pleased. I used a trial on this website and it took me forever.

JACK:

Look. I don't want to sound ungrateful or anything, but it's none of your business. And I don't want to know.

DAVE:

But I thought you'd be pleased.

JACK:

Yeah? Well I'm not. I'm going to miss my train. I'll see you.

DAVE:

Yeah, good luck and all. Hey, break a leg...

Door closes

EPISODE 24, SCENE 3 – SOPHIE GETS READY TO GO TO THE CONFERENCE

In the office

SOPHIE:

Okay, well I'm all packed. I've got my presentation saved on 3 memory sticks, and I've got all the notes on index cards.

NEESHA:

Great. You'll be amazing Sophie.

SOPHIE:

Do you think so?

NEESHA:

You what? Yeah. Of course you will be.

SOPHIE:

I don't think I can do this Neesha. Seriously. They're all like proper academics and I've got this stupid idea. Everyone else is in groups and I'm on my own.

NEESHA:

Ah, you'll be fine.

SOPHIE:

No. I don't think I will be.

NEESHA:

It's just nerves, Sophs. Come on, you're so massively confident. What about when you told my tutor he was wrong about that identity thing. And when you put that article up on the forum, it got that massive debate going.

SOPHIE:

Well, you know the other day, at yours. Well your auntie, the one with all the earrings. She was saying that sometimes it's better to listen and not be so ... what did she say? Opinionated.

NEESHA:

Oh, she's just saying that, Sophs. Don't take any notice.

SOPHIE:

No, but it's got me thinking. As I've been doing more of the reading, I don't think there is just one right answer anymore.

NEESHA:

Well no, of course there isn't. It depends from where you're looking at things.

SOPHIE:

Yeah. Well I know that now. But what if someone's looking at things in a way I haven't thought about, and asks me questions that I don't know how to answer.

NEESHA:

Then you just say you don't know. There's nothing wrong about that. No-one knows everything.

SOPHIE:

You think that will wash?

NEESHA:

Sophs, you'll be fine. Everyone's going to be nice, especially to students. No-one's out to get you. OK. Plus you know loads of people from those online sessions. And I'll stick up for you if it comes to that. Okay? Now go. The sooner you leave the sooner you arrive.

SOPHIE:

Listen Neesh. I was a right cow to you, and I just wanted to say sorry. I don't want to lose my best friend.

NEESHA:

It's fine, Sophs. Honestly. I over-reacted. You go and enjoy the campus and I'll hold the fort here. If Gary asks about you, what do you want me to say?

SOPHIE:

That he's too hands on, and I'm tired of him messing me around, and I don't want to work with him.

NEESHA:

Hands on?

SOPHIE:

Yes, hands on me mostly! I'll see you next week.

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