



This Student Life

Buy one, Buy the other one too

SCENE 1

Dave:

D, you fancy a pint, Neil?

Neil:

You buying?

Dave:

Okay, I'm buying.

Neil:

Let me just check my OU email.

Dave:

Right oh.

Neil:

Bloody 'ell!

Dave:

What?

Neil:

It's a message from Donna. Her husband was rushed into hospital.

Dave:

What's she done? Knifed him, to leave the way clear for you to be her toyboy?

Neil:

No, it's something to do with his heart. Poor sod! He's not in a good way, by the sounds of it. And, now we can't have our study group.

Dave:

Selfish sod! Having a heart attack and ruining your study group. Some people, eh?

Neil:

I didn't mean it like that.

Dave:

Course you didn't. Can we go down the pub now?

Neil:

Yeah. The rest of this can wait.

SCENE 2

Katie is shopping with Cheryl

Katie:
My feet are killing me. D'you fancy a coffee, Cher?

Cheryl:
Yeah, I could murder one. How about this place?

SCENE 3

Neil and Dave are in the pub

Dave:
... and, you know what with a bit of training, I reckon Ben could make it. He's got great awareness when he's got the ball. Are you listening?

Neil:
Er, yeah. What were you saying?

Dave:
I was talking about Ben. You haven't listened to a word I've said, have you?

Neil:
Course I have? About what?

Dave:
Ben.

Neil:
Ben who?

Dave:
Jeez, Neil. Pay attention. If I'm paying for the beer, you might at least show a bit of interest when I'm talking.

Neil:
Sorry, Dave. I was thinking about Donna.

Dave:
Really?

Neil:
It's not like that!

Dave:
Well what is it like then?

Neil:
I was just thinking I am definitely getting involved in this conference. Look at her husband, you never know what's round the corner.

Dave:
True enough. I had a mate, forty-five years old, fit as a fiddle, slipped off a ladder, paralysed from the neck down now.

SCENE 4

Katie:
... and this is a really nice top. I couldn't decide between the pink one and the white one, so I bought them both.

Cheryl:

That is lovely, Katie. You need to get out so you've got somewhere to wear them?

Katie:

Oh, don't start on about that again Cher. I used to go out mainly with you. But now you have to babysit if I go out anywhere.

Cheryl:

I could ask Sylvie to babysit.

Katie:

You must be joking! I wouldn't trust Sylvie with a hamster, let alone a baby.

Cheryl:

I'm worried that you're stuck indoors all day and night. You need to get out.

Katie:

I've got a tutorial on Saturday. You're not gonna let me down, are you?

Cheryl:

No, I'm not going to let you down. But, honestly, a tutorial, it's not exactly a night on the razz, is it?

Katie:

I've got a small baby to look after, Cher. I can't have nights on the razz any more. Anyway, I think the tutorial might be fun. Donna was raving about the last one, and the online one was good. It'll be nice to meet people in person though.

Cheryl:

What happens at these tutorials?

Katie:

We talk about the materials in the course. The tutor gets us into small groups and we try to work out what the materials mean. And we get tips for our assignments. But mostly, the part I like, is that we get to meet other people.

Cheryl:

What are they like, then, these student types?

Katie:

Well, from the online tutorial, they just seemed like ordinary people, Cher. Oh, Jade's stirring ...

SCENE 5

Ted: (*sounding poorly*)

Donna. Donna. Can I have a cup of tea, please?

Donna:

Okay, Ted, but I have to get this assignment done, I'm late and I never did anything on it.

Ted:

I've just come out of hospital, Donna.

Donna:

I know, Ted, but the doctor did say you should carry on as normal.

Ted:

That's easy for him to say.

Donna:

I'll get you a cup of tea, love. You're going to be fine.

Ted:

I've got to have a serious heart operation, Donna.

Donna:

It's day surgery, Ted. I know it's serious, but the doctor seemed to think that it was fairly routine.

Ted:

Fairly routine? They stop my heart from beating. I mean, it might be routine for him, but it's not for me.

SCENE 6

Katie and Cheryl arrive back at Katie's flat. Katie puts down lots of packages and picks up her mail.

Cheryl:

What's that?

Katie:

I don't know. It's from the loan company.

Katie rips open the letter and reads

Katie:

That can't be right!

Cheryl:

What?

Katie:

There must be a mistake. According to this the repayments are £250 per month.

Cheryl:

How much did you borrow?

Katie:

I had to pay off those credit cards and I had an extra £500.

Cheryl:

Which you've just spent?

Katie:

I'm entitled to buy some clothes every now and then!

Cheryl:

Hmm, can I have a look.

Katie:

I'm never gonna be able to pay that off. I only get £350 a fortnight, and I have to pay 425 quid a month of that on rent. I'm not gonna have anything to live on.

Cheryl:

The rate of interest is 1.6 per cent daily. That's huge Katie. If you don't pay they're just gonna charge you more interest. Oh, crumbs, what are you gonna do?

SCENE 7

Donna is at her computer.

Donna:

Oh, I'm two weeks late with this. I wonder whether there's any help online. Let's just type DD101 Assignment 3 and see what comes up, there must be something. Oh, what's this? The Assignment Booklet, I've already got that. Free essays, really? There are a lot of them on here. I could look at some of the old one's just to get an idea.

Ted:

Donna! I'm not feeling too well.

Donna:

Okay, Ted. I'm coming. What's this, it's this year's assignment. This looks really good.

Ted:

Donna! I'm feeling a bit hot.

Donna:

£25 to download. Okay. Let's sign up. It can't do any harm.

Ted:

Donna!

Donna:

Okay Ted, I'm coming. There. Downloaded.

Ted:

Donna! I think I'm having another attack.

Donna:

Put my name on it and there's my essay. Upload it, done. Good. Okay Ted, I'm coming.