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1. Helping Others

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Characters

Jake

Crystal

Setting

Crystal's house

Props

Two school books

(The skit begins with CRYSTAL welcoming JAKE to her house. CRYSTAL then leads JAKE to a table where they are completing a reading assignment together for school when they discover famous words on service to others by famous people.)

CRYSTAL: Hey, Jake! Come on in and join me. *(Sarcastically)*

I was just about to start having so much fun!

JAKE: I hope you're serious, because I'm not sure my night could get much worse.

CRYSTAL: What are you talking about? Is everything OK with you and Jan?

JAKE: No, but how did you know that?

CRYSTAL: Well, let's just say I heard a few rumors at school today. It would be easy for me to tell you to not worry about it, but if you really care for her, it's always hard when things aren't going well.

JAKE: I don't think they're *going* at all anymore. I'm not sure if I will ever figure out you girls!

CRYSTAL: We're not *all* that difficult to figure out, Jake. Honest.

JAKE: Hmmmm, I'm not sure if I believe you on that. When my life is messed up, there's usually a girl right in the middle of the mess!

CRYSTAL: If it makes you feel any better, my life is going downhill right now, too. I just got a midterm report in biology and world cultures. I'm getting Ds in both

1 classes! I don't have a clue how I'm doing so bad. My
2 parents will ground me for at least a month when they
3 see that stupid thing.

4 JAKE: Ooooooh, two Ds, that's not cool.

5 CRYSTAL: Yeah, and now I have to spend all of tonight
6 reading world cultures. Thanks a lot, Mr. Wynan!

7 JAKE: I *cannot* believe Mr. Wynan is making us read all this
8 stuff on the same night as the hockey playoff game!
9 What is wrong with that man?

10 CRYSTAL: Well, I don't really mind missing the hockey
11 game, but my favorite fashion show is on tonight, and
12 I'd *definitely* rather be watching the dresses on the red
13 carpet than reading about community service in the
14 cultures around the world. Ugh! How boring is *this*
15 going to be?!

16 JAKE: Wynan thinks every one of us should be involved in
17 serving others or something. I mean, I know he's into all
18 that, but I do not have time to get involved in all the
19 service projects he starts.

20 CRYSTAL: I know. I swear, everyday in class he tries to
21 recruit someone to join some goodwill project he's
22 started. Maybe he needs to get a hobby.

23 JAKE: Actually, I think serving others *is* his hobby. Kinda
24 weird, huh?

25 CRYSTAL: It's not *my* idea of a hobby. Well, let's get started
26 reading. The first person on the list is Mother Teresa,
27 born in Albania. Who is Mother Teresa?

28 JAKE: You don't know?

29 CRYSTAL: No, should I?

30 JAKE: Yeah! Mother Teresa is the ultimate humanitarian,
31 the "Queen of Service to Others," so to speak. I'm not
32 surprised Wynan is having us read about her.

33 CRYSTAL: Well, how did you ever hear about her, if
34 "service" is not your thing?

35 JAKE: I've heard my mom talk about her, and my

1 grandmother, as a matter of fact. All I know is that she
2 was a nun who spent her whole life helping the sick and
3 poor. Little orphans, children with AIDS, you name it,
4 Mother Teresa seemed to be there helping.

5 **CRYSTAL:** It says here that she won the Nobel Peace Prize.

6 **JAKE:** Let me see, what page are you on?

7 **CRYSTAL:** Right here, page two sixty-six. (*JAKE turns to the*
8 *page in his book and reads for a few seconds.*) Wow, she really
9 was special, according to this book. Listen to this quote
10 they have from her, “In this life we cannot do great
11 things. We can only do small things with great love.”
12 (*The two friends are silent for a few seconds as they think about*
13 *Mother Teresa’s words.*)

14 **JAKE:** Hmmmm, simple words, but a great meaning. OK,
15 check her off the list. Who’s next?

16 **CRYSTAL:** Ummmm, let’s see. Looks like it’s Albert Einstein,
17 born in Switzerland. That’s strange. I thought he was a
18 genius math wizard, not someone to study when
19 learning about community service.

20 **JAKE:** Yeah, but even math geniuses must get tired of
21 working out all those problems sometimes. I know it
22 only takes about five minutes of physics to get *me* bored
23 and ready to do other things!

24 **CRYSTAL:** Tell me about it. I didn’t even take physics. I’m
25 definitely no Einstein! Hmmmm, it says here that
26 Einstein was very involved in helping others. In fact,
27 his famous quote here is, “Only a life lived in the service
28 of others is worth living.” (*The two friends sit and think*
29 *about the meaning of these words for a few seconds.*)

30 **JAKE:** Do you think we service others, Crystal?

31 **CRYSTAL:** I don’t know. Do you?

32 **JAKE:** Honestly, I’m not sure I do a whole lot besides play
33 football, baseball, and hockey. What about you?

34 **CRYSTAL:** Well, I help out at my church’s food kitchen once
35 a year ... it makes me feel good at Christmas time. But I

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