

[Lesson 52] Episode 7_4: Anything You Can Do (負けられない人々)

Lynette: Hey, Jordana!

Jordana: Hey Lynette! How are you? You look a little tired. Is everything okay?

Lynette: Actually, I'm getting ready for a dinner party tomorrow night. Six people.

Jordana: Sounds fun.

Lynette: Big fun. Say, you wouldn't have any of your kids **ADD** medication that you could spare just to **get me over the hump**?

Jordana: Tina, don't push your sister! Gosh, Lynette. I'm really **running low**. I need all the energy I can get. My sister, Elaine, and her kids are flying in town for a week.

Lynette: Yeah? That's exciting. I wish my sister would visit more often.

Jordana: Yeah, sisters are great.

Lynette: Yeah. Just three or four pills. I'm really **hitting a wall** here.

Jordana: Yeah, the 'come down' can be a real bitch. I wish I could help.

Lynette: I'm not going to forget about this, Jordana.

Jordana: What's that supposed to mean?

Lynette: It means come **Girl Scout cookies time**, **don't bother** bringing little Tina. Because we won't be home!

Andrew: What's all this about?

Rex: You both know that your mother and I have been unhappy for quite a while. And after a lot of **soul searching**, we've decided it would be better if we got divorced.

Bree: But whatever problems your father and I may have, it doesn't change the fact that we love you very, very much.

Andrew: I've got a question.

Bree: Go ahead, sweetheart. Ask whatever you want.

Andrew: Can I live with Dad? I mean, c'mon, Mom. Let's face it. We **drive each other crazy**.

Bree: Is... is that what you would prefer, Danielle? To live with your father?

Danielle: I don't really care, **as long as** I have my own bathroom.

Bree: Um... all this wine is giving me a headache.

Kendra: Six weeks in the **suburban jungle**, and this is all you got?

Mike: There are over three hundred families in this **subdivision**. It will take time to check them all out.

Kendra: Dad said the last time he saw you, you were ready to quit.

Mike: Well, I changed my mind.

Kendra: This is a **gigantic** waste of your time and my father's money.

Mike: You afraid of the old man **burning through your inheritance**?

Kendra: That's not funny. Mike, here's the thing.

Mike: What?

Kendra: Dad can't **chase ghosts** alone. If you stop, he'll have to accept it's over. Let me have my father back.

Mike: If I quit, he'll just hire somebody else.

Kendra: Not if you tell him there's nothing here to find.

Mike: Oh, I can't do that.

Kendra: What happens when your girlfriend finds out you're not just this sweet, neighborly plumber? You're lying to her, Mike.

Susan: Oh, here it is.

Lynette: Great. This will keep the crab dip warm. It **took forever** to shell the little buggers, but it'll be **worth it**.

Susan: You shelled your own crabs? Okay, I don't want to **butt in**, but aren't you doing too much? Because you look exhausted.

Lynette: Oh, I'm fine. I just need some coffee. Thank you.

Susan: Oh my god, look at this **embroidery**.

Lynette: Dana. Where did this come from?

Susan: Paul Young's garage sale.

Lynette: Dana. Wow! Dana was a baby.

(16:08 – 20:03)

1. Questions

* Answer following questions. (質問に答えましょう)

- 1) What was Lynette asking from Jordana? (リネットはジョーダナに何を頼んでいましたか?)
- 2) What did Andrew want to do? (アンドリューは何がしたかったですか?)
- 3) Is Mike really a plumber? (マイクは本当に配管工ですか?)
- 4) According to Susan, what did Lynette look like?
(スーザンによると、リネットはどのように見えますか?)
- 5) What did they find out about Dana? (彼らはダナについて何を発見しましたか?)

2. Say It!

* Read the following script aloud with emotion. (人物になりきってセリフを読んでみましょう。)

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3. Let's Summarize!

* Summarize Today's part of the episode in your own words. (本日学習したストーリーを要約してみよう。)

4. Let's Discuss!

* Pick one topic from below and talk about it with your tutor.

(以下から興味あるトピックを1つ選んでトークしましょう。)

- 1) What do you know about ADD or Attention Deficit Disorder?
(ADD(注意欠陥障害)について何か知っていますか?)
- 2) What are some common causes of divorce in Japan?
(日本でよくある離婚の原因には何がありますか?)
- 3) Who is the best person to live with: a mother or a father? Why do you say so?
(父と母、一緒に住むのに最適なのはどちらですか? あなたの答えの理由は何ですか?)

[Words & Phrases]

- ADD (Attention-Deficit Disorder) / 注意欠陥障害
- get over the hump / (病状などが)峠を越す、危機[難関]を脱する
- run low / 蓄えが少なくなる
- hit a wall / 壁[障壁、困難]にぶち当たる、行き詰まりを見せる
- Girl Scouts cookie time / ガールスカウトが資金集めにクッキーを売る季節
- Don't bother doing ~ / わざわざ~するには及ばない、~しなくて結構です
- soul searching / 自己分析、内省、省察
- drive ~ crazy / ~(人)の頭をおかしくさせる[いらだたせる]
- as long as / ~さえすれば、~する[である]限り
- suburban jungle / 郊外の無法地帯
- subdivision / 細分、小分け、一部、分譲地
- gigantic / 非常に大きな、巨人のような、膨大な
- burn through one's inheritance / ~の遺産を消費する
- chase ghosts / わずかな痕跡[面影、可能性]を追いかける
- take forever / 延々と時間がかかる
- worth it / 価値がある
- butt in / (他人のことに)干渉する[横やりを入れる、口出しする]
- embroidery / 刺繍

Thank you and have a great day!