

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time Audition Sides

Judy

Scenes:

Judy, Roger, Christopher

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Judy., Mrs. Shears, Christopher

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Judy, Siobhan, Christopher

Judy, Actor Two, Christopher

JUDY. I don't care whether you thought it was funny or not.

ROGER. Judy look. I'm sorry OK.

JUDY. Well perhaps you should have thought about that before you made me look like a complete idiot.

CHRISTOPHER. You weren't in so I waited for you.

JUDY. Christopher.

CHRISTOPHER. What?

JUDY. Christopher. *(She goes to hug him but he pushes her away hard.)*

ROGER. What the hell is going on?

JUDY. I'm so sorry Christopher. *(She spreads her fingers, Christopher spreads his fingers, and their hands touch.)*

ROGER. I suppose this means Ed's here.

JUDY. Where's your father Christopher?

CHRISTOPHER. I think he's in Swindon.

ROGER. Thank God for that.

JUDY. But how did you get here?

CHRISTOPHER. I came on the train.

JUDY. Oh my God Christopher. I didn't ... I didn't think I'd ever Why are you here on your own? Christopher, you're soaking. Roger, don't just stand there.

ROGER. Are you going to come in or are you going to stand out here all night?

CHRISTOPHER. I'm going to live with you because Father killed Wellington with a garden fork.

ROGER. Jumping Jack Christ.

JUDY. Roger, please. Come on Christopher. Let's go inside and get you dried off.

ROGER. Come on then soldier. You'll catch your death out here.

JUDY. You follow Roger.

CHRISTOPHER. *(Gives Toby to Roger.)* He's hungry. Have you got any food I can give him and some water?

Judy, Actor Two, Christopher

ROGER. (*Gives Christopher a radio and three children's books.*) Here we are. You wanted a radio. *100 Number Puzzles*. It's from the library. This one is called *The Origins of the Universe*. And this one is *Nuclear Power*.

CHRISTOPHER. They're for children.

ROGER. Well, it's nice to know my contribution is appreciated.

JUDY. Christopher I made you a chart. Because you've got to eat love. This is a SlimFast and it's strawberry flavored.

ROGER. SlimFast?

JUDY. Be quiet Roger. Christopher if you drink 200 millilitres then I'm going to put a bronze star on your chart.

ROGER. I don't believe this.

JUDY. Roger for God's sake, please. If you drink 400 millilitres you get a silver star.

ROGER. Ha!

JUDY. And if you drink 600 millilitres you get a gold star.

ROGER. A gold star. Well that's very original I have to say. You think you're so clever, don't you? Don't you ever, ever think about other people for one second, eh? Well I bet you're really pleased with yourself now aren't you?

Actor One, Christopher, Judy

MRS. SHEARS. Well look who it is.

CHRISTOPHER. Where are we going?

MRS. SHEARS. What a nerve. Strutting round here as though nothing ever happened.

JUDY. Ignore her Christopher.

MRS. SHEARS. So he's finally dumped you too has he?

CHRISTOPHER. What is Mrs. Shears doing?

MRS. SHEARS. You had it coming. Don't try and pretend that you didn't. Because you fucking did.

CHRISTOPHER. Where are we going?

JUDY. We're going to the school.

Judy, Christopher

JUDY. Are you OK Christopher?

CHRISTOPHER. I'm tired.

JUDY. I know love. I can get you a blanket?

CHRISTOPHER. No, don't. I've got a sleeping bag in my backpack.

JUDY. Will you let me help you get your clothes off? I can get you a clean T-shirt. You could get yourself into bed. (*Goes to Roger.*) T-shirt, pass me a T-shirt. (*Back to Christopher. She changes him.*) You're very brave.

CHRISTOPHER. Yes.

JUDY. You never wrote to me.

CHRISTOPHER. I know.

JUDY. Why didn't you write to me, Christopher? I wrote you all those letters. I kept thinking something dreadful had happened or you'd moved away and I'd never find out where you were.

CHRISTOPHER. Father said you were dead.

JUDY. What?

CHRISTOPHER. He said you went into hospital because you had something wrong with your heart. And then you had a heart attack and died.

JUDY. Oh my God. (*Starts to howl.*)

CHRISTOPHER. Why are you doing that?

JUDY. Oh Christopher, I'm sorry.

CHRISTOPHER. What for?

JUDY. Bastard. The bastard. Christopher, let me hold your hand. Just for once. Just for me. Will you? I won't hold it hard.

CHRISTOPHER. I don't like people holding my hand.

JUDY. No. OK. That's OK.

Siobhan, Judy, Christopher

SIOBHAN. So you're Christopher's mother.

JUDY. That's right. And you're ...

SIOBHAN. I'm Siobhan. It's nice to meet you too.

JUDY. Yeah. Yes. Yes. It's nice to meet you too.

SIOBHAN. Hello Christopher.

CHRISTOPHER. Hello.

SIOBHAN. Are you OK?

CHRISTOPHER. I'm tired.

JUDY. He's a bit upset.

SIOBHAN. Because of the A-level, you said.

JUDY. He won't eat. He won't sleep.

SIOBHAN. Yeah. I spoke to Mrs. Gascoyne after you called.

JUDY. Right.

SIOBHAN. She still actually has your A-level papers in the 3 sealed envelopes in her desk.

CHRISTOPHER. Does that mean I can still do my A-level?

SIOBHAN. I think so. We're going to ring the Reverend Peters to make sure he can still come in this afternoon and be your supervisor. And Mrs. Gascoyne is going to call the examination board to say that you're going to take the exam after all. I thought I should tell you now. So you could think about it.

CHRISTOPHER. So I could think about what?

SIOBHAN. Is this what you want to do Christopher? If you say you don't want to do it, no one is going to be angry with you. And it won't be wrong or illegal or stupid. It will just be what you want and that will be fine.

CHRISTOPHER. I want to do it.

SIOBHAN. OK. How tired are you?

CHRISTOPHER. Very.

SIOBHAN. How's your brain when you think about maths?

CHRISTOPHER. I don't think it really works very well.

SIOBHAN. What's the logarithmic formula for the approximate number of prime numbers not greater than x ?

CHRISTOPHER. I can't think.