

THE SECRET LIFE OF TEACHERS

"Pre-Planning"

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COLD OPEN

INT. TOM AND STU'S APARTMENT - STU'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Stu's alarm clock RINGS. He gently snoozes it, as he sits up on the side of his bed.

Tom's alarm clock RINGS continuously through the wall.

Tom's alarm clock CRASHES against the shared wall.

STU

TOM!

MUFFLED GROANS are heard through the wall.

STU (CONT'D)

Tom! Wake up! We got to go to work!

TOM (O.S.)

What?! No! We still have one more day of summer!

STU

Nah bud, we actually have to wake up. First day of pre-planning.

TOM (O.S.)

Son of a bitch! Go without me. They don't need me and besides, I am one with bed. This is me now!

STU

Tom, seriously, we got to get up.

TOM (O.S.)

Stu, the pillows have me! They won't let go. Just leave me here, I am a lost cause, but you still have a chance.

Stu gets up and heads to Tom's bedroom. A SCUFFLE is heard.

TOM (O.S.) (CONT'D)

No! No Stu! Not the pillows!

A SCUFFLE is heard followed by the SLAM of Tom's door.

Stu walks back into his bedroom.

TOM (O.S.) (CONT'D)

You're a good friend Stu.

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ACT ONE

INT. O'SHANAHAN'S COFFEE SHOP - MORNING

Stu and Tom walk into the local coffee shop. They are greeted by an overly enthusiastic BARISTA.

BARISTA
Good morning! Welcome to
O'Shanahan's! Do you boys know what
you want or do you need to take a
look at the menu?

STU
I will have ---

BARISTA
We are currently having a back to
school special for school staff and
teachers. The special is buy one
large coffee get one free!

Stu stares blankly at the barista.

STU
How do you know we are teachers?

TOM
Is the look of despair or the look
of unwillingness to be awake at
this ungodly hour?

The barista points towards Tom's ID badge.

BARISTA
I... I can see your ID badges.

STU
Right... I will take a large non-
fat latte with a carmel drizzle.

BARISTA
Yes sir, excellent choice!

Tom rips his sunglasses off his face and places them on the counter.

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TOM

Listen here coffee wench... I need the strongest coffee you have, in the largest cup this place has to offer.

BARISTA

Any cream or sugar?

Tom is taken aback.

TOM

What is wrong with you?

Barista appears annoyed by Tom's response.

BARISTA

I am sorry sir, we have to ask.

The barista turns to Stu.

BARISTA (CONT'D)

Anything else for you two heroes?

Stu and Tom look at eachother and then back at the barista.

STU

Heroes?

BARISTA

Yes! You guys are teachers! Teachers mold the minds of tomorrow and set students up for sucess in life ---

TOM

Let me stop you right there. First off, he teaches PE, and second you are the real hero here. Having to put up with people this early in the morning...before they have their coffee. Bless you dear and thank you for your service.

STU

... Thanks Tom.

Stu pays the barista for their coffee. They walk to the other end of the counter and wait.

TOM

Seriously, what contributions do you make to education?

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TOM (CONT'D)

Roughly 50% of Americans are obese
and there you are teaching PE to
bunch of future fatties, looking a
little on the husky side yourself.

STU

Shut up Tom.

TOM

I am sorry. I haven't had my coffee
yet.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. RISING PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - CAFETERIA - DAY

The school staff and teachers are sitting at the lunch tables, listening to the administration up at the front. Stu and Tom quietly slip in through the back where LIZ WHITE, JEFF WHITE, and NESS BENTLEY are sitting.

LIZ
(whispering)
You guys are late. I signed you
both in and saved you seats...
You're welcome.

STU
(whispering)
Tom was being a little bitch to
wake up this morning.

TOM
Liz, you're the real hero!

LIZ
What?

STU
Don't mind him. Some lady at the
coffee shop called us heroes
because we are teachers.

LIZ
You're a PE teacher. That doesn't
count.

STU
Seriously?! How does that not
count?

MRS. STUDEBAKER, the new principal, clears her throat and begins to talk louder over Stu and Liz.

MRS. STUDEBAKER
As I was saying, this is my first
year as a principal. I have three
years of experience as a guidance
counselor at Peewinkle Preparatory
Academy ---

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STU
(whispering)
Oh Jesus. A guidance counselor
turned principal.

Stu sarcastically smirkes at Jeff, the current school counselor at Rising Pines Elementary School, who is mesmerized by Mrs. Studebaker.

TOM
(whispering)
Just what we need, another Jeff.

MRS. STUDEBAKER
This year we will be implementing a new change from PSI. PSI will be teaching us how to use learning targets and success criteria... how to post them in your classrooms, how to train the students on them, help us obtain an "A" school grade -
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Tom raises his hand.

MRS. STUDEBAKER (CONT'D)
Yes, you in the back, do you have a question?

Tom stands up.

TOM
Yes, I have a question. What is PSI?

MRS. STUDEBAKER
I am so glad you asked! PSI stands for Public Schools Incorporated ---

TOM
Incorporated huh? So, a quick all fix for our administrative problems?

MRS. STUDEBAKER
The important thing is that they here to obtain excellence.

STU
(sarcastically)
Hooray for excellence!

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. TOM AND STU'S APARTMENT - DINING ROOM - NIGHT

Stu, Tom, Liz, Jeff, and Ness are sitting around the dinner table eating dinner.

LIZ

How do you guys feel about this PBI
bs?

NESS

What? I think it sounds wonderful!

Stu and Tom look at each other and laugh.

STU

Oh honey, you don't even know.
You're so new, so naive, so pure. I
bet you fall to the whims of the
admin.

JEFF

That's not true!

TOM

Seriously, you are one to talk
traitor. When was the last time you
had to implement a change that
makes no sense and doesn't work?

JEFF

Uhhhh...

STU

Exactly. I am pretty sure you
haven't been in a classroom
teaching since the transition of
literature from stones to paper.

The group laughs at Jeff's expense.

NESS

Well, what's the big deal? They are
here to help to help us get an A.
Isn't that what we are all trying
to do?

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TOM

Speak for yourself, I am just trying to make it to Christmas break.

LIZ

I think PSI is just a way to micromanage us.

JEFF

Hey, let's give this a shot.

NESS

Jeff is right.

The group looks at Ness like she is crazy.

NESS (CONT'D)

Maybe we just need to sleep on it and come in with a fresh outlook in the morning.

Stu looks over at Tom.

TOM

Yes! Sleep! I want to go give my pillows some head!

STU

You have a really weird relationship with your pillows.

TOM

What's not to love? My pillows never leave me and give me support when I need it.

NESS

What pillows?

END OF ACT THREE