

The Road Less Travelled

Episode 13: A shoulder to cry on

The story so far:

Katie has confessed her secret to Sal, days before the wedding.
Sal was furious. Katie doesn't know what to do.



Listening

1. Listen to the episode. Complete the blanks with *Sal, Michael* or *Katie*.

1. _____ thinks she should go back to England.
2. _____ thinks Katie would be a great actress.
3. _____ phones Katie.
4. _____ thinks things are going to be okay with Rich.
5. _____ wants Katie to come and help.

2. Listen again and choose the correct answer.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Katie tells Michael that she ... <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. ... is great at her job. b. ... has really messed up. c. ... is settling in. 2. What does Michael suggest Katie should do? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. go to drama school. b. do another ice cream commercial. c. go back to England. 3. Katie thinks she could ... <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. ... get an acting job. b. ... get a student visa. c. ... get her job back at Rich's club. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Sal says her and Rich ... <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. ... aren't getting married. b. ... are going away for now. c. ... are going to be okay. 5. Sal wants Katie ... <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. ... to help her for the wedding. b. ... to never call her again. c. ... to go back to England. |
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Language

Complete the idiomatic expressions from the listening with the words. Then match them to the meanings.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. I just don't _____ it. b. I've really _____ up this time. c. Look on the _____ side. d. That's more _____ it! e. I am so _____. f. We've '_____ there and done that' g. Thanks Michael, you're a _____. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Think of the good side of this situation. 2. That's better. 3. I don't understand. 4. I am glad. 5. This isn't the first time this has happened. 6. You're a great person. 7. I made a big mistake. |
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Discussion

1. *A shoulder to cry on* is someone who you can talk to when you have problems. If you had a serious problem, who would your *shoulder to cry on* be?
2. Is Michael's advice to Katie good?
3. Should Katie stay in the USA or go home?
4. What do you think happened between Sal and Rich to make everything 'okay' now?
5. What did Rich say to Sal?
6. What do you think will happen next?

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Transcript



MM: ... but Katie, I just don't get it. Why would Rich fire you? You're great at your job.

KATIE: Oh ... something happened, Michael. Look, I don't really want to talk about it right now.

MM: Okay, don't worry. So, what's your plan now?

KATIE: Well, the fact is I've really messed up this time. Maybe I should just go back to England.

MM: What? Give up now? Just when you're settling in? Don't be silly. There are lots of jobs out there. You could do whatever you like.

KATIE: Well yeah, I guess I could ...

MM: So, look on the bright side. Here's your chance. You could try something completely new ... how about going to drama school? You were great in the ice-cream advert. You'd be a great actress.

KATIE: Really? No, I don't think acting's for me. But going to college here is an interesting idea ... I could get a student visa ...

MM: That's more like it! A positive attitude! There are some great schools in LA.

KATIE: Oh, it's Sal. Hi Sal!

SAL: Hi Katie. Can you talk?

KATIE: Yeah, sure. How are you doing?

SAL: Well, you know ... okay I guess. Listen, Rich and I have had a long chat and I think we're going to be okay.

KATIE: Oh Sal, I am so pleased. I've been feeling terrible ... I mean, really terrible.

SAL: Okay, okay, don't start apologizing again please, we've 'been there and done that'! So, are you going to come over to help me or what? There's lots to do before the big day!

KATIE: Oh, I'd love to Sal! I'm on my way! Michael, I'm so sorry, that was Sal and she really needs me right now. Do you mind ...?

MM: Of course not Katie. You go. I'll phone you later.

KATIE: Thanks Michael, you're a star. See you soon, and thanks for listening.

Answer key

Listening

1. 1. Katie; 2. Michael; 3. Sal; 4. Sal; 5. Sal
2. 1. b; 2. a; 3. b; 4. c; 5. a



Language

- a. I just don't get it. 3
- b. I've really messed up this time. 7
- c. Look on the bright side. 1
- d. That's more like it! 2
- e. I am so pleased. 4
- f. We've 'been there and done that'. 5
- g. Thanks Michael you're a star. 6