

Theme 4: Work-life Balance

Situation 1: A Girl is Waiting Outside a Restaurant

A teenage girl called Rosie Choy is angry with her boyfriend. He is supposed to be taking her out for dinner to celebrate her birthday. Rosie's boyfriend, Andy Woo, is 40 minutes late. Lately he has been tired all the time and even fell asleep in the cinema when they went to see a film last week. When Andy finally arrives at the restaurant, she decides to ask him why he is so tired all the time.

Characters: Rosie Choy

Andy Woo

Waitress 1

Waitress 2

Notes: Both Rosie and Andy are 19 years old. Both Waitress 1 and Waitress 2 are 24 years old.

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Rosie: There you are! I have been waiting for 40 minutes, you know!

Andy: Don't start shouting at me. I'm sorry that I was late. My boss asked my team to finish the project we have been working on. I had to work overtime.

Rosie: You are always working overtime. I rarely see you. When I do see you, you are always tired and just fall asleep. You are doing it now!

Andy: I can't help it. I am tired because I have to work late all the time.

Rosie: Well, you don't always have to say yes to your boss when he asks you to work overtime!

Waitress 1: Are you ready to order yet?

Rosie: Yes.

Andy: No. Can you please come back in three or four minutes? I haven't looked at the menu yet.

Rosie: Well, I know it off by heart as I have been looking at it for forty minutes. If I were to take a test on this menu, I would get 10 out of 10.

Andy: Just come back in two minutes.

Waitress 1: Of course. Would you like some water?

Rosie: Yes, I would like some hot water.

Andy: I want cold water.

Waitress 1: No problem.

Rosie: Let's order our food quickly. I am really hungry.

Andy: Yes. Now, let's see. . . chicken. . . fish. . . vegetables. I don't know what to choose. Why don't you choose?

Rosie: I will! Waitress!

Waitress 2: Yes? May I take your order?

Rosie: Yes. Both of us will have the Hainan chicken rice.

Andy: Actually, I don't want chicken.

Rosie: Oh, make up your mind, Andy!

Waitress 2: The beef and vegetable stir-fry is very good, sir. I also recommend our milk tea.

Andy: That is great. I will have the stir-fry and the milk tea.

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Rosie: So why do you eat what the waitress recommends you to eat and you can't arrive on time to meet ME!

Waitress 2: What would you like to eat, Miss?

Rosie: Hainan chicken rice and bubble tea. Make sure the food comes quickly.

Andy: So what have you been doing today, Rosie?

Rosie: I went to work, the same as usual.

Waitress 1: Excuse me. Would you like to order?

Rosie: NO! The other waitress has taken our order. You should be more organized.

Waitress 1: Sorry about that. I was only asking.

Andy: Why do you have to be so rude, Rosie? The waitress is just doing her job.

Rosie: She should be more organized. I am not coming here again!

Waitress 2: Excuse me Miss, the chef asked me to tell you something. There is no more chicken, so we cannot make the dish you ordered. Would you like to choose another one?

Rosie: What sort of restaurant is this? No chicken! Are you joking?

Waitress 1: You have made my colleague cry. She is just doing her job. It is not her fault.

Andy: Rosie, calm down. Order something else from the menu.

Rosie: None of this would have happened if you had been on time, Andy! I hate you!