

Good Friends

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Topic: Choosing a Marriage Partner
Message: *Two parties must exercise the utmost care and become acquainted with each other's character.*
Characters: Pam, Jared, Peter, Kim
Setting: Classroom

Pam: I can't believe Sarah the smartest girl in our school is going to marry that idiot!

Kim: Oh come on! Alan is a really nice guy.

Jared: I know him. He's okay.

Peter: Yeah, he's really funny. He can twitch his ears!

Pam: That's just it! If only he could twitch his brains!

Kim: Don't speak like that! You wouldn't want anyone to talk about you when you marry Jared!

Pam: Who told you Jared and I are going to get married? Well, I have my own idea of how I want my husband to be. Jared and I are just good friends. Isn't that right, Jared?

Kim: So, what kind of husband do you want?

Pam: Well, I want him to be good-looking, tall and handsome like Tom Cruise...

Kim: But Tom Cruise is short!

Pam: And I want him to be intelligent, and rich and well educated!

Peter: Is that all?

Pam: Tender, and loving, and giving...

Jared: Guys, I am sorry. I forgot I have to go exercise.

Pam: But, Jared, you supposed to walk me home. Did you forget?

Jared: I'm sorry, Pam. I really must go.

Pam: Jared, Jared! Are you offended?

Jared: No, no. I just understood something.
Pam: What did you understand?
Jared: I understood what kind of a husband you want.
Peter: Yeah, and I understood something about you too!
Pam: What did you understand?
Peter: You're just hanging around with Jared to pass the time. You're using him.
Pam: What?!!
Peter: Yes! You are very good at using people!
Pam: How dare you?! (*Ready to hit Peter*)
Jared intervenes, putting himself between them, and restrains Pam.
Jared: Pam, don't. Please, don't! Don't humiliate yourself! I know that you're not like this.
Pam: What do you know about me?!

DISCUSSION

Pam starts crying. Jared approaches Pam and places his arms on her shoulder.

Jared: Hey Pam, everything will be all right.
Peter: Hey! What's going on?!!
Kim: Let's go. I'll explain it to you later.
Peter: No, no. What's going on?!!
Kim: Peter, let's go!

They depart.

Pam: Is it true that Tom Cruise is short?
Jared: Yes. But that doesn't matter, right?
Pam: Right...