

THE ANNOUNCEMENT!

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Characters

MUM: Sam, The sensible one
DAD: Drew, Tells really bad jokes
JESSIE: The oldest, a moody Teenager
CHARLEY: The middle child, really smart
ALEX: The Youngest, really positive

MUM: *(to the audience)* It was dinner time and everything was normal in our beautiful household...

Insert dramatic sound effect.

A family dinner table. MUM enters with dinner.

MUM: Drew, Kids, dinners ready!

DAD, JESSIE, CHARLIE and ALEX enter and sit at the table. Jessie has their phone in hand and is absorbed in the screen.

DAD: Raise the steaks kids!!!

CHARLIE: That's so Corny, Dad!

ALEX: I love corn!

JESSIE rolls their eyes and looks down at the phone again.

MUM: Jessie, no phones at the table please

JESSIE rolls eyes and puts it away.

MUM: *(to the audience)* And then I gave them the exciting news.

Insert dramatic sound effect.

MUM: Kids!!! We have decided that this school holidays we are going on a family holiday!

DAD: We are going to Sydney to see your Grandma and Grandpa!

JESSIE: Can't we go to Japan? All my friends have been. We never go anywhere cool. EVER!

CHARLIE: Will we be there the whole holidays? I'd like to visit Uncle Jim and talk to him about his job at the hospital.

ALEX: Can I bring my teddy?

DAD: We couldn't BEAR it if you didn't kiddo.

CHARLIE: Not funny dad.

Insert dramatic sound effect.

JESSIE: *(to the audience)* That's not how it happened mum... this is how it really went down.

They go into a dream sequence play out of what happens according to Jessie.

MUM: Slaves. As your overload and masters we are forcing you to leave all of your friends for the entire holidays!

DAD: You will be trapped with old people who pinch your cheeks in boring Sydney and we won't do anything cool!

JESSIE: Mother, Father, I wish to consult you on this matter. I believe that to further our education and expand our horizons, we should go to Japan, as many of my school friends have done.

CHARLIE: I'm such a nerd. Blah blah blah. Nerdy nerd photosynthesis. Doctor.

ALEX: I'm the baby of the family. I get what I want.

The dream sequence breaks. Insert dramatic sound effect.

CHARLIE: That's not how it happened. It happened like this.

They go into a dream sequence play out of what happens according to Charlie.

MUM: Offspring. We are departing our regular place of residence for the period of one fortnight. 14 days that is, or 14 rotations around the sun. Whichever you prefer.

DAD: We will be re-uniting with the matriarch and patriarch of the family unit. As well as your extended family on your mother's side.

JESSIE: AARRRRRGHHHHHHH! (*Caveman groan*)

CHARLIE: I wish to speak with my Uncle Jim as he is in a position I wish to aspire to in the future and I can learn a lot in this time period which should help me on my quest for knowledge.

ALEX: it is statistically proven that as the youngest, I get all of the things I desire.

The dream sequence breaks. Insert dramatic sound effect.

ALEX: That's not how it happened. It happened like this.

We go into a dream sequence play out of what happens according to Alex...

MUM: LET'S GO ON AN ADVENTURE!!!

DAD: We're going to see the people who love you the most because they give you way more chocolate than Mum and I do!

JESSIE: I'm going to be moody cause I'm no fun when mum and dad are around.

CHARLIE: Words words words reeeeeeeeeeeeeeeaaaly big word Uncle Jim word.

ALEX: I'm going to bring teddy too cause he loves an adventure and you can't stop me.

The dream sequence breaks. Insert dramatic sound effect.

DAD: That's not how it happened. It happened like this.

We go into a dream sequence play out of what happens according to Dad.

MUM: We're flying to Sydney.

DAD: Hope your arms don't get tired!

JESSIE: You're so funny dad!

CHARLIE: Ever thought about doing stand up.

ALEX: HAHAHAHAHAAAAH!!!!

The dream sequence breaks. All of the family look at DAD.

DAD: What!

ALL: Nothing dad.

THE END