Curry Advice Forum

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INT.BEDROOM.DAY

JIMMY is sleeping. His legs stick out from under the duvet. He starts to gradually wake up. He looks at the bedside clock. The time on the clock says 10.12am.

His room is untidy. There are posters on the walls and a traffic cone in the corner. It is a typical student’s room.

Jimmy gets out bed and we see he is a skinny guy in his late teens. He is wearing a MR DOPEY T-shirt and SPONGEBOB boxer shorts. He scratches his head while yawning, then puts his hand in his boxer shorts and has a scratch.

Jimmy leaves the bedroom and goes downstairs.

INT.KITCHEN.DAY

Jimmy looks around the kitchen. There is a pile of unwashed cups, glasses, plates and cutlery piled up on the sink drainer. He takes one of the glasses and rinses it out. He fills the glass with water and starts to drink. He puts the empty glass down.

Jimmy rubs his stomach. He walks to the cupboard above the sink and takes out a packet of CORN FLAKES. He finds an unwashed bowl and wipes it with a bit of old tissue. He then tips the Corn Flakes box over the bowl. One solitary Corn Flake comes out. He looks inside the box. It is empty. He looks in the cupboard but it is bare. He looks in the other cupboards. They are all empty. He opens the bread bin and there is nothing but crumbs. The same happens when he looks in the biscuit tin. He frowns to himself.

Jimmy sees an empty TESCO carrier bag and his eyes widen as if he has had an idea. He puts on a pair of khaki shorts and a pair of flip flops. He then writes on a piece of paper SHOPPING LIST. CEREAL, BREAD, BISCUITS, BEER. He smiles and puts the list in his pocket. The smile then drops from his face as he pulls out a handful of coins from his pocket. He searches all the pockets but only comes up with a few odds and ends and about twenty pence in change. He sits down and looks fed up.

Jimmy turns on a small TV on the worktop. THE JEREMY KYLE SHOW is on. The programme is about a man who doesn’t know if the girl on the show is his daughter. Jimmy looks at the screen as Jeremy Kyle asks the father DO YOU THINK THIS IS YOUR DAUGHTER? Jimmy looks at the screen and starts nodding his head. Under the worktop Jimmy notices the fridge. His face lights up again. He opens the fridge and his smile drops. The fridge is also bare apart from a carton of milk.

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and a silver foil container. Jimmy smells the milk and nearly throws up. The milk is sour. He puts it back in the fridge.

Jimmy takes out the foil container. He removes the lid and we see the remnants of a half eaten curry. Jimmy takes the curry and heads for the microwave. He is just about to put the curry in when he starts to look apprehensive. He scratches his head and takes the curry back to the kitchen table. He places it by a laptop computer. He switches the computer on. Jeremy Kyle is still debating whether the man is the girl’s father. WELL ARE YOU THE DAD? he asks. Jimmy looks at the TV and nods his head.

We see the Laptop screen is on the GOOGLE page. Jimmy taps in the words CURRY ADVICE and clicks on search. A whole list of options appear in the search results. Jimmy notices a site called CURRY ADVICE FORUM. He clicks on the link. A website comes up stating ALL YOU EVER NEEDED TO KNOW ABOUT CURRY. Underneath are the words ENTER YOUR CURRY RELATED QUESTION HERE next to which is an empty box. Jimmy types into the box CAN YOU EAT A 3 WEEK OLD CURRY? FROM JIMMY He then presses the send button. He waits for a couple of minutes and nothing happens. He is about to get up from the table when he hears a PING from the laptop. Under his question someone has answered DEAR JIMMY. IT IS FINE TO EAT 3 WEEK OLD CURRY. MAKE SURE YOU MICROWAVE FIRST. FROM CURRYMONSTER. Jimmy smiles and heads back to the microwave with the curry. He puts the curry in the microwave and is just about to press the start button when he hears another PING on the laptop.

Jimmy returns to the laptop and sees another person has posted an answer to his question. DEAR JIMMY IF YOU EAT 3 WEEK OLD CURRY YOU WILL DIE. DO NOT EAT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. FROM CURRYKING. Jimmy frowns and returns to the microwave. He takes out the curry and heads for the bin. He is just about to empty the contents into the bin when he hears another PING.

He returns to the laptop and a third person has posted an answer. DEAR JIMMY. I DON’T KNOW WHETHER THE FIRST TWO ANSWERS ARE CORRECT OR NOT. IF IT WAS ME I WOULD HEAT IT UP AND THE TRY A BIT ON MY PET CAT/DOG. IF THEY ARE OK AFTER EATING IT THEN YOU SHOULD BE FINE. HOPE THIS HELPS. FROM UKCURRYLUVA. The smile returns to Jimmy’s face and he rushes back to the microwave and heats up the curry.

There is a RINGING sound as the microwave finishes heating the curry. Jimmy takes the curry out of the microwave and smiles as he smells the flavours. He empties the curry on a plate and the puts a small bit on a fork. He looks around and starts whistling. We then see a small animal enter the
kitchen. It is a tiny kitten. Jimmy leans down with the fork extended. The kitten looks innocently at Jimmy. Jimmy looks back at the kitten. Jimmy’s face smiles when he sees the little animal. The kitten starts to come towards the fork but Jimmy pulls it away. He doesn’t have the heart to test the curry on the cat. Jimmy puts down the fork and lets the cat out the french doors at the back of the kitchen. When he opens the doors we see a small patio area with a table and a couple of mismatched chairs. Jimmy closes the door behind the kitten. He looks through the glass doors and starts banging his head on the glass in frustration.

Jimmy suddenly hears a COOING sound coming from outside. He looks out and sees it is a pigeon. The pigeon is just outside the glass doors. Jimmy is about to bang on the glass to get rid of the pigeon when his face lights up. He runs to get the fork with the curry on and returns to the glass doors. Slowly he opens the doors and bends down. He leaves the fork just near the pigeon and stands still. The pigeon inspects the food. It sniffs at it and then starts pecking away. In a short while the pigeon has eaten nearly all the food on the fork. It then flutters its wings and flies up to a tree and perches on the branch. Jimmy observes the bird for a while and then punches his arms in the air. He has a big grin on his face as he returns to get the plate of curry. He picks up a dirty knife and fork from the sink, wipes them on the back of his shorts. Jeremy Kyle is still trying to find out if his guests are father and daughter. The man says I’M NINETY PER CENT SURE I’M HER FATHER. Jimmy looks at the TV and nods in agreement.

With a big smile on his face Jimmy takes his meal and walks out of the kitchen to the patio.

EXT.PATIO.DAY

Jimmy sits down at the table in the patio. He starts tucking into his curry. He eats it all up with bits of curry sauce falling on his t-shirt. Jimmy finishes the last piece of curry on the plate. He smiles and lets out a big burp. He rubs his tummy with both hands. He sees the kitten looking at him through the glass doors. He winks at the kitten.

We see Jimmy’s face drop. He clutches his stomach and collapses face first on the patio table. There is a few moments of silence. We then hear a WHISTLING sound (like when a bomb is dropping). The whistling sound continues and then we hear a loud THUD on the patio table. The shot widens to show a very dead pigeon

As the shot fades we hear Jeremy Kyle in the background saying MALCOLM........ YOU’RE NOT THE GIRL’S FATHER