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Mandy's Theatre presents

Laura and Lex
(short dialogues about an ex-couple)

Part 1 - Smelly Feet

LEX

I am Lex, Laura's ex. Ex-boyfriend that is. Let's get one thing clear here. Right from the start. Right from the get-go as the Americans say. Being Laura's boyfriend was not easy. I mean at first she seemed kind of cute. Likeable even. But really she's ... how should I put this? Difficult.

LAURA

I am not difficult. Besides which he sneezed on my ice cream. Can you imagine that? Anyway, I'm nice. I'm a good person. I am a likeable person. I'm really very, very likeable indeed. Some guys like me a lot. And the truth is Lex was absolutely crazy about me.

LEX

Look sure, of course, I liked Laura. Kind of. I was her boyfriend. So, yes, I liked her, for a while.

LAURA

He used to buy me red roses and sometimes, well, first of all he'd suck my toes, one at a time and then ...

LEX

Listen, the stuff about the toes. Just pretend you didn't hear it. Don't even think about it.

LAURA

He did suck my toes.

LEX

Didn't!

LAURA

Did!

LEX

Did not!

LAURA

Did, did, did! Of course I never sucked Lex's toes. I mean, well, let's just say he has a hygiene problem.

LEX

So what can I tell you? Feet smell. It's the human condition. It's a hot day, you go for a walk. Your feet sweat. They smell. It's what happens.

LAURA

Also Lex is an accountant.

LEX

Yeah, I'm an accountant. And listen to this. You, your mother, your brother, the pizza delivery guy, whoever, sometime, somewhere, have all needed an accountant. Everybody needs an accountant sometime.

LAURA

He can't add up or subtract or do any of that mathematical stuff.

LEX

I have a computer, you know, in the office. This is the 21st century.

LAURA

Accountants are really boring. Don't you think so?

LEX

Hey, I have to make a living somehow. I have to pay the rent, I have to pay the pizza delivery guy and buy soap. To wash my feet. I'm an accountant. So what? What should I do? Teach English?

LAURA

Lex teach English? No way, not possible. It'll never happen. If you are a student do not hire Lex to teach you English. If you are a school do not hire Lex. No way. Never, never, never.

WORKSHEET

Did Lex suck Laura's toes or not? Who do you believe?

What does "right from the get-go" mean?

Are you "absolutely crazy" about anyone at the moment?

What is "a hygiene problem?" Do you know anyone who has one?

Why does Lex not have to add up or subtract or "do any of that mathematical stuff?"

What does Lex spend his money on?

Would you like Lex to be your English teacher? If so, why? If not, why not?