

- 1 even organize their own home?
2 **JILL:** Oh, stop! You're overthinking this thing, Suzy, Todd's
3 a guy. I'm sure your organizational skills are not at the
4 top of his list of reasons for loving you. Do you think?
5 **SUZY:** You mean, if I keep him ... *distracted*, he won't notice
6 the mess until I can get it cleaned up?
7 **JILL:** You keep him "distracted" and he'll think he's still in
8 Hawaii!

Patience

Introduction

Patience is a virtue. But maybe not always? In this scene, we find the Jones family having a picnic near the rim of the Grand Canyon until —

- 1 **PAT:** Mommy! Mommy!
2 **ROBIN:** What is it, honey? What's happened?
3 **PAT:** It's Tommy, Momma! He fell!
4 **ROBIN:** Fell? Where?
5 **PAT:** Over the edge!
6 **ROBIN:** Over the edge? You mean he's fallen into the
7 canyon? Oh, no! Where?
8 **PAT:** Here! *(They both rush to the edge of the canyon and peer*
9 *down over the rim.)* He's still falling, Momma. He hasn't
10 hit the side or anything. *(Amazed)* Look, Momma, he's
11 waving at us. *(They both wave down to him.)*
12 **ROBIN:** Oh, my goodness! Sure is a long way down there. I
13 never realized it was so deep.
14 **PAT:** The brochure said seven hundred feet! *(ROBIN turns*
15 *away and calls off for help.)*
16 **ROBIN:** Help! Help! Somebody help us! *(A beat)* Nobody
17 seems to be around. No park rangers. Nobody.
18 **PAT:** Look, Momma! He's pulled his homework out of his
19 backpack and started working on it.
20 **ROBIN:** Ooooh, that boy! Just like your brother to pull a
21 stupid stunt like this and try to ruin our picnic, but I'll
22 tell you what. *(ROBIN returns to the picnic spread and starts*
23 *preparing food. PAT comes over and joins her.)* While we're
24 waiting, why don't we break out this picnic basket, what
25 do you say? I'm famished! I reckon we'll hear a thud or

- 1 something when he hits bottom.
- 2 PAT: I bet ya a dollar it's more of a *splat!*
- 3 ROBIN: Maybe so, maybe so. Care for a chicken leg?

Plain

Introduction

This scene is done with apologies to Plain, Wisconsin. We enter this scene with JO helping PAT get ready for her first beauty pageant.

- 1 PAT: You think I can win? I've never been in a pageant
- 2 before.
- 3 JO: Absolutely. I've been in tons. It's a piece of cake. Walk.
- 4 Smile. Wave. Don't fall down.
- 5 PAT: These earrings?
- 6 JO: No, too fancy. Try these. *(JO hands her another pair. PAT*
- 7 *puts them on. JO continues to hand her different items.)*
- 8 PAT: This necklace?
- 9 JO: A bit much. Use this one.
- 10 PAT: This eye shadow? Does it go with this lipstick?
- 11 JO: Too much. Let's take a tissue to those. Tone it down a
- 12 little.
- 13 PAT: There. How's that?
- 14 JO: Better.
- 15 PAT: Look at me. Do you think I really have a chance?
- 16 JO: With this a-line dress you sewed yourself? You're a
- 17 shoo-in!
- 18 PAT: Oh, no, my shoes! I almost forgot. The Pradas or the
- 19 Reeboks?
- 20 JO: Definitely the Reeboks. Oh, yeah. The high-tops! Nice
- 21 touch. Extra points there.
- 22 PAT: This bow?
- 23 JO: Oh, yeah. The bigger the better. *(PAT finishes dressing*
- 24 *and moves out to the middle of the floor.)*
- 25 PAT: OK. How do I look?