

Overscheduled!

An excerpt from *Once Upon a Teenager* – a series of vignettes about growing up.

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CAST:

Cassie (f) – 10 yrs. old – an overscheduled kid

Kelly (f) – 10 yrs. old – Cassie’s best friend; similarly overscheduled

Time: a November afternoon

Place: outside of school or in the school halls

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CASSIE

But we *always* do Taco Tuesdays after school! It's been two months!

KELLY

I know! But I have play practice every afternoon now. When the play is over we'll definitely do the taco thing.

CASSIE

Then basketball begins.

KELLY

I'll go to your Saturday games and then we can go out for tacos.

CASSIE

You babysit your brother on Saturdays.

KELLY

Oh yeah! Friday nights! I don't have rehearsal Friday nights!

CASSIE

That's pizza-family-game night at home. I have to be there. It's a family requirement. How about Monday nights?

KELLY

Scouts.

CASSIE

You still do scouts?

KELLY

Yeah. We've been together since first grade. I like it.

CASSIE

Okay. How 'bout Thanksgiving weekend? We'll be sick of turkey and tacos will be perfect!

KELLY

I'm in Ohio that weekend. Grandma's. It's a family tradition. Christmas vacation?

CASSIE

Cross-country skiing. It's a new family tradition.

KELLY

January?

CASSIE

I start the children's choir at church. It's pretty intense. It's over in March though.

KELLY

I'm hoping to do soccer. That's every day and games on weekends.

CASSIE

Spring break?

KELLY

We go to our other Grandma's. How about May? Never mind – I still have soccer.

CASSIE

When do we get out of school?

KELLY

Second week of June.

CASSIE

Last day of school. Let's do taco Tuesday then – no matter what day it is. Is it a date?

KELLY

Definitely. Oh! Gotta go. Can't keep the director waiting.

CASSIE

Talk to you online?

KELLY

Absolutely. I should be done with homework by 8 p.m..

CASSIE

It's a date.

(And KELLY and CASSIE go off their separate ways.)

END OF PLAY