

NEW YEARS CONCLUSIONS

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INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

CARISSA is sitting on a couch looking at her phone. JEREMY is sitting on another couch reading a book. CARISSA puts her phone down.

CARISSA

So.

JEREMY looks up from his book.

JEREMY

Huh?

CARISSA

So.

JEREMY

So... what?

CARISSA

I'm trying to start a conversation.

JEREMY

And you're doing just as good a job as last year.

JEREMY resumes reading his book.

CARISSA

It's December.

JEREMY looks back up from his book.

JEREMY

You don't have to tell me that.

CARISSA

It's almost the end of the year.

JEREMY

See my previous statement.

CARISSA

So how'd you do with your new years resolutions?

JEREMY

Tell you what; I'll tell you how I did with mine if you tell me how you did with yours.

CARISSA

Um, kay, uh...

JEREMY

What's the problem?

CARISSA

I'm trying to remember back to last year if I even made any. I think your speech about the futility of them ruined the mood.

JEREMY

What speech?

CARISSA

Don't you remember? You said, and I quote, "Isn't it interesting that rather than calling them 'New Years Decisions' we call them 'Resolutions', because we make decisions all year long and when it comes down to the new year we arbitrarily make resolutions, because it's a stronger word and it makes us feel like the new year is going to be different, better, because we've determined to do something to change the course of our current, pathetic existence." Unquote.

JEREMY

Sounds like something I would say.

CARISSA

Yes, because it's something you said.

JEREMY

Oh, I remember, didn't you resolve to get taller?

CARISSA

That was three years ago.

JEREMY

Oh yes, and it obviously didn't go well.

CARISSA

Thanks.

JEREMY

Oh, I remember now, your resolution was to spend less time looking at memes on Reddit!

CARISSA

No, it was to spend MORE time looking at memes on Reddit.

JEREMY

Whatever. How'd it go?

CARISSA

It went really well. A little too well, actually.

JEREMY

How so?

CARISSA

I'm failing four of my classes.

JEREMY

Aren't you only taking three?

CARISSA

So now back to you, what was yours and how did it go?

JEREMY

Well, you may recall that I resolved to inherit a fortune from my rich uncle.

CARISSA

Oh yeah, you did say that.

JEREMY

Well, unfortunately he's still alive, so it didn't work.

CARISSA

You must be his favorite nephew.

JEREMY

Not any more. I think he's still mad at me for that attempt on his life.

CARISSA

Oh. That's what you meant.

JEREMY

Yeah. But as to my other resolution, to do weekly videos the entire year, that went pretty well. Didn't miss one.

CARISSA

Oh. Are you going to continue that into next year?

JEREMY

No, I need a break from that.

CARISSA

Well, while we're changing subjects from something both serious and illegal, do you have any resolutions for next year?

JEREMY

Nope. You?

CARISSA

Yeah, I think I'll resolve to at least not get shorter.

JEREMY

Oh, I just came up with a resolution.

CARISSA

What is it?

JEREMY

To come up with a better punchline for this video.

The End.