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New Years Resolutions

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CARISSA is sitting in 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 an excellent job at it.

Jeremy resumes reading his book.

CARISSA

It's December.

Jeremy looks back up from his book.

JEREMY

Yes, I am aware of the current month.

CARISSA

It's almost next year.

JEREMY

No it's not.

CARISSA

Uh, yeah it is. January, the first month of the year, is next month, making next year very soon.

JEREMY

While I am well aware of January, when it arrives it will not be next year, but rather this year.

CARISSA

Oh come on, you know what I meant.

Jeremy puts his book down.

JEREMY

Yes, but you so often give me a hard time that I thought I'd finally return the favor.

CARISSA

Fair enough. So, have you made any new years resolutions?

JEREMY

New years resolutions?

CARISSA

Yeah, you know, like some people resolve to lose weight-

JEREMY

I don't think I can afford to do that.

CARISSA

That was just an example. You can make any sort of resolution.

JEREMY

Glad I have your permission, but why would I?

CARISSA

I dunno, it's just something people do.

JEREMY

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 years is going to be different, better, because we've determined to do something to change the course of our current, pathetic existence.

There is a brief pause. Carissa blinks a couple of times.

CARISSA

Wow.

(A momentary pause.)

So, any resolutions?

JEREMY

You're not going to stop asking until I come up with one, are you?

CARISSA

You know me too well.

JEREMY

I agree.

(A momentary pause.)

Okay, how about this: I resolve to not lose any weight.

CARISSA

Really? That's the best you've got? You're supposed to resolve to do something that will actually take effort.

JEREMY

Well, it does take effort for me to not lose weight.

CARISSA

Stop bragging. Try something else, something that will take more work.

JEREMY

Ugh, fine.

(A pause as Jeremy thinks to himself.)

Got one. I resolve to reach 10,000 subscribers on YouTube.

CARISSA

Okay, technically that will take effort, but even if you work really hard you're not guaranteed to reach that goal. How about instead you resolve to, I don't know, put out one comedy sketch per week for the entire year?

(Carissa turns to look at the camera as she is saying this.)

JEREMY

Sounds like a lot of work.

CARISSA
Yes, that's the point.

JEREMY
Well, great as your idea to do weekly comedy sketches for the entire year may be, I think I've finally thought of the perfect new years resolution.

CARISSA
Really.

JEREMY
Yes, really.

CARISSA
Going by your first two ideas I can hardly wait to hear it.

There is a semi awkward silence.

JEREMY
Oh, do you want to hear what it is?

CARISSA
I'm starting to doubt your ability to pick up on social cues.

JEREMY
Took you that long, huh? My resolution is to inherit a fortune.

CARISSA
Okay, how could that possibly work?

JEREMY
I have a rich uncle and I'm the only one in his will.

CARISSA
But that still doesn't rely on you doing something, you just have to hope that your uncle dies next year, which is a pretty horrible thing to hope for I might add.
(Carissa sighs.)
I give up.

Carissa gets up and walks away. The camera cuts to a close up of Jeremy unsheathing a knife.