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SUMMARY

Julia has unexpectedly been put in charge of her first company retreat and is desperate for things to go perfectly. Unfortunately, her hopes for a smooth week are dashed almost as soon as the first guests arrive. An angry boss, a conceited employee, and a strictly prohibited office romance are just the beginning of Julia's problems. Throw in the mysterious death of one of the guests and Julia finds herself facing a nightmare. The police are called, questions are answered and revelations are made that all lead to a shocking conclusion that nobody could see coming.



CHARACTER LIST

- Julia (f) – Eager young girl new to her job
- Ms. Clifton (f) – Peppy, enthusiastic and confident
- Mr. Jenkins (m) – Company boss, rule enforcer
- Wade (m) – Quick thinking and confident
- Emily (f) – Timid and easily worried
- Ms. Clackinack (f) – Bitter employee who is not a team player
- Alex (m) – Sarcastic and fun loving
- Nicole (f) – Compassionate
- Jillian (f) – Extremely gullible and a bit slow on the uptake.
- Josie (f) – Overly flirtatious and romantic
- Detective Schwartz (m or f) – A “by the book” detective who has years of experience
- Rosco (f) – Serious and easily annoyed
- Malbert (m) – Goofy, simple free spirit



Act I

Lights come up on Julia sitting in a chair center stage in front of a table. Once the lights go to full, she looks up and then frantically gets up and starts going over things in the room. She also looks over a clipboard and recites “lines” to herself. She is obviously new on the job. She is looking over the area and seeing that all the things are in place for the retreat. On a table should be eight “introductory packets” that are in gift-type bags that completely hide the contents to the audience. She should continue to look over things until Ms. Clifton enters. Ms. Clifton is overly enthusiastic about her job.

CLIFTON: Julia!

JULIA: (startled) Yes?

CLIFTON: (pointed) How are you?

JULIA: Fine, Ms. Clifton, I just...

CLIFTON: (interrupting/scolding) AH, AH, AH!

JULIA: What?

CLIFTON: (pointing at ‘A.C.T.’ acronym on her shirt) Ahem.

JULIA: Oh. Right. I mean, (rehearsed) I’m doing GREAT, and that’s no ACT!

CLIFTON: Precisely. We here at A.C.T. must be on our game at all times. These companies are counting on us to provide them with the type of service Accelerated Company Togetherness is known for! Now, I know this is your very first group, BUT it is vital that everything go absolutely perfect! We cannot let these people down. We WILL not let these people down.

JULIA: I am sorry, I...

CLIFTON: No! No apologies! A.C.T. doesn’t apologize...we do things right the first time. What’s our motto?

JULIA: (rehearsed) A.C.T. Incorporated: We don’t apologize; we do things right the first time.

CLIFTON: That’s right. It’s more than just a motto. It’s the entire basis of our company. If you want to be a part of this winning team you have to believe in our mission. You have to soak the message into your very being.

JULIA: I know. I just...

CLIFTON: (interrupting) You have thoroughly read your handbook, right?

JULIA: (eagerly) Oh yes, every word. (holds up comically oversized book)

CLIFTON: Outstanding. These togetherness retreats are the cornerstone of what we do. Companies that come here are looking to us, sometimes as a last resort, to restore a harmonious workplace. They have turned to us to ensure the future success of their company. WE are given the task to turn around a company that without our help may very well fail.

JULIA: That's a lot of pressure...

CLIFTON: (confidently) Indeed it is. But we here at A.C.T. embrace the pressure. We love the pressure. We take the pressure and we say, (goes to door, acting this out as if talking to a person) "Hey there Pressure, how you doing? Good? Outstanding. Come on in and put your feet up. (motions to chair) You comfy? (pantomimes massaging shoulders of invisible person) Yes? Wonderful. Tell you what, Pressure, why don't you just sit this one out. We'll take it from here."

JULIA: I'm not sure I understand what...

CLIFTON: What I am saying is that our message is clear: A happy work environment is essential. Long term success of a company depends on company togetherness from the top down. How do they achieve that? They come to us: A.C.T. We are their first step to success. Speaking of which, you do know our steps to togetherness, right?

JULIA: Absolutely.

Julia puts up large chart that shows a pyramid labeled with each of the steps starting with the first step on the bottom. The first letter of each step should be bolded. On top of the last step should be a figure celebrating making it to the top.

CLIFTON: Very good. Let's review them. Go ahead.

JULIA: Oh, ok. (small cough, official sounding) A.C.T. provides a five step plan to company togetherness. (points at chart. She will point to each step as she discusses them.) Step 1: Identification, we must all work together to identify what is preventing the company from achieving true togetherness. Step 2: Desire, everyone must show a desire to follow the steps to finding togetherness. Step 3: Imagination, we must imagine our company as a harmonious unit with each part trusting in the other to achieve the common goal. Step 4: Openness, we must be open and honest with each other, only then can we hope to get ourselves to experience true togetherness. Step 5: Togetherness, we have finally made it to the top. Taking each step in stride and pulling each other up the stairs to success will eventually lead us to true company togetherness, and a more productive and positive work environment.

CLIFTON: Do you believe it?

JULIA: Believe what?

CLIFTON: The steps, the words, the method. Do you believe in them?

JULIA: Yes, of course I...

CLIFTON: Then say it like you do.

JULIA: I believe.

CLIFTON: Say it louder!

JULIA: (slightly louder) I believe!

CLIFTON: Shout it from the rooftops!

JULIA: I BELIEVE!

CLIFTON: YES! That's it! Now you've got it! THAT's the service we provide. We show that employees who are happy where they work are more productive and more effective for their companies. Then, we make it a reality through our five-step process. But, in order to do that WE must believe in it!

JULIA: I do!

CLIFTON: Yes, I see it in your face now. I hear it in your voice. Remember, for some companies, togetherness is merely a pipe dream. But, WE are in the business of making dreams a reality. It's a beautiful thing to watch evolve over the course of a week. They come here filled with (sadly) darkness and despair, and leave filled with (excitedly) hope and optimism. All directly due to what we provide with our retreat activities that focus on the five-step togetherness program.

JULIA: That sounds so amazing.

CLIFTON: (smugly) It is. It is amazing. But A.C.T. makes amazing things happen. Amazing things brought about by amazing people. Are you one of those amazing people?

JULIA: I am!

CLIFTON: I believe you. Do you understand the power of the five-steps to togetherness?

JULIA: I DO!

CLIFTON: Are you ready to take the journey with this group?

JULIA: I AM!

CLIFTON: (back to normal tone) Do you have all the introductory packets ready?

JULIA: (shouting) YES I DO! (pause, Ms. Clifton looks at her quizzically) I mean, (small cough) Yes, I do. I also have the A.C.T. wear ready for each of them.

CLIFTON: Did you double check the sizes?

JULIA: I pulled up the online forms today, and I have everything all set to go.

CLIFTON: Wonderful. I know you are probably nervous, but do not worry, I will be here to help you all the way. We're a team here at A.C.T. Togetherness is the name of the game. We provide the framework for Accelerated Company Togetherness through instruction and example. (puts arm

around her pointing into the distance.) A.C.T: Together we can build the future. Two people working together to save a company.

JULIA: I am glad you'll be here for my first retreat.

CLIFTON: No need for thanks. We at A.C.T. are example setters! We never abandon our own to sink or swim. (Clifton's cell phone rings. To phone) Hello? Yes.....yes...ok....uh huh...ok....no problem. (to Julia) OK, I have to run.

JULIA: (astonished) What?

CLIFTON: Head office needs me. You'll be fine. (shakes her hand) Good luck, fare thee well, break a leg, and all that. (heads to exit quickly) I'll see you when I see you. (exits) Bye!

JULIA: But you just said... (stands looking shocked, then looks at door) You just said...(coming to realization she is gone) (to self) OK. OK. You can do this. I mean, sure you have never run one of these before...but how hard can it be? You'll do fine...you've been trained...you read the handbook...it'll all be ok...(pause) of course it doesn't help that I have started talking to myself already...(looks around room) OH! I almost forgot...(exits to rooms)

After Julia exits, Emily and Wade enter cautiously.

WADE: OK, ok it looks clear.

They enter and hug with Wade swinging her around in the air as they laugh

EMILY: Can you believe it? A whole week in this gorgeous location together all on the company dime?

WADE: I know! This place is perfect. It has a swimming pool, deluxe rooms, breakfast buffet every morning...just amazing.

EMILY: We're going to have the time of our lives this weekend! (hugs him)

WADE: (breaks the hug) But, we have to be very careful not to let anyone find out about us. It could be devastating.

EMILY: I know...

WADE: (in fake "Boss" voice) "Intra-office romance is strictly prohibited and grounds for immediate termination."

EMILY: AND neither one of us can afford to lose our jobs.

WADE: Don't worry, nobody is going to find out. We've been so careful up to this point, plus Mr. Jenkins isn't even going to be here this week. He's going to be fishing someplace WAY away from here. We're as safe as can be. Now, just relax, ok? Let me see that smile.

EMILY: (smiles) This is going to be the best week ever, my Smoochy Bear.

WADE: You know it will be, Puppy Cakes.

They hug. They look into each other's eyes and start to lean in to kiss as Mr. Jenkins enters. Wade hears Mr. Jenkins and instead of kissing Emily, he quickly pushes her aside. She stumbles back and falls on her backside.

MR. JENKINS: (calling out the door) ...make sure you're careful with it! (turns to see Emily and Wade)

WADE: (trying to act as if nothing is wrong) Mr. Jenkins! Hello!

MR. JENKINS: Wade. Hello, I am...(pause) Miss Fredricks what are you doing on the floor?

WADE: (Turning to her and "acting" stern.) I was going to ask the same thing. (waves arms in air) This is highly irregular.

EMILY: (grasping) Well...I...was...tired after my long trip?

MR. JENKINS: (sarcastically) Yes. So often I am so tired I just lie down on the floor.

WADE: (equally sarcastic) Oh, yes that's perfectly normal.

Mr. Jenkins crosses and Emily gets up and smacks Wade on the back of the head. Wade looks at her apologetically.

MR. JENKINS: No matter. (looking around) Have either of you seen anyone in charge of this retreat yet?

WADE: (nervously) Mr. Jenkins, I, uh, I didn't think you were going to be attending this retreat. I thought you told us Friday back at the office you were going to take the week to go fishing....somewhere...that's not here...

MR. JENKINS: Yes. Don't remind me. Corporate insisted I be here. Apparently, they think I need to be part of the "team building" process. I am not very happy about it to say the least.

WADE: I'm sorry, sir.

MR. JENKINS: I could have probably talked my way out of it if that was their only concern, BUT they also said they were concerned about intra-office shenanigans that may be going on.

WADE: "Shenanigans," sir?

MR. JENKINS: Yes. Apparently, word is that someone in our very office may be having an intra-office romance.

WADE: (surprised) What!? (recovering) I mean...but that is grounds for immediate termination, sir.

MR. JENKINS: Exactly. I can assure you I WILL find out who it is, Wade. I could be alone with my thoughts at Lake Witchihotchee right now...just about to land my first bass...watching the water gently ripple and fade into the distance...listening to the calm sounds of nature...(angrily) But...because of the

conduct of others in our very office I have to be HERE doing this instead. I am missing out on my fishing weekend to babysit essentially. Mark my words, Wade, before this week is over I am going to find out who is responsible for keeping me from having a peaceful fishing vacation and they WILL be FIRED. (pause) You are going to help me, Wade. You will be my eyes and ears this week. I know I can trust you. You're my top employee and my assistant. I will make it even better for you. Listen to me, if you do discover who it is that's breaking company policy, there will be a handsome bonus in it for you. How does \$5,000 sound? Hmm?

WADE: (gasping) \$5,000?!

MR. JENKINS: \$5,000. You find out who it is, and I'll cut you a check right here.

WADE: (nervously) Well, sir, I...(looks at Emily, she is mortified) ...I will do what I can.

MR. JENKINS: Excellent. I knew I could count on you. Now, I'll be right back. I've had to use the restroom ever since I got here. (exits)

EMILY: (slightly hysterical) What are we going to do?

WADE: (calming) Don't worry about it.

EMILY: (moderately hysterical) How can I not worry about it? He's going to find out! We're going to be fired! I'll have to go back and live with my parents! (very quickly) They'll tell me all about how they told me so and how disappointed they are with me and how they didn't raise me that way and they'll ...

WADE: (trying to calm her) Emily! Relax, ok? I've got everything under control.

EMILY: You do?

WADE: Look at me. Come on, look at me. (holds her face in his hands) We'll get through this. You just have to trust me.

EMILY: I do...I do...I just get worried.

WADE: Listen, there's nothing to be worried about, ok? Mr. Jenkins just said I am in charge of finding out who it is, right?

EMILY: Yes.

WADE: So, all I have to do is "find" who is in violation and "report" them. Right?

EMILY: Yes, but that's us!

WADE: It's only us if I say it is...and I'm definitely not going to do that...

EMILY: What do you mean?

WADE: What I mean is, that I will definitely report someone to Mr. Jenkins...and it sure isn't going to be us.

EMILY: So you're just going to...make up...

WADE: Exactly.

EMILY: Oh, Wade...I don't know...

WADE: Trust me. It's better somebody else than you and me.

EMILY: I do trust you Wade. It's just that...

WADE: No. No more. It'll be fine. I will make this work. I care too much about you to let something like "company policy" get in the way. Oh, and don't forget about the \$5,000 too.

EMILY: Oh my gosh...I forgot about that...we could go on a real vacation!

WADE: That's right. Just you and me....away from anyone who might know us. Remember where you told me you've always wanted to go?

EMILY: (gasp) Toronto?

WADE: Yes. That \$5,000 will be enough for us to take that trip you've always dreamed of...

EMILY: Oh...Wade...do you really mean it?

WADE: With all my heart.

EMILY: I love you so much my Smoochy Bear.

WADE: I love you too, Puppy Cakes. Come on, let's go take a walk.

EMILY: OK.

They exit; enter Julia.

JULIA: Oh good, nobody is here yet. I still have a few minutes to...

Enter Ms. Clackinack

JULIA: Oh, hello.

MS. CLACKINACK: Hello. I am to check in here?

JULIA: Oh, yes. Let me see here...ok, now what is your name?

MS. CLACKINACK: Ms. Clackinack. (she pronounces it "clock in ock.")

JULIA: (repeating) "Clock in ock" "Clock in ock" I don't see it on here...

MS. CLACKINACK: (looking over at clipboard, pointing) It's right there.

JULIA: Oh, I see. It's spelled Clackinack. (pronounces it CLACK-IN-ACK)

MS. CLACKINACK: NO. It is spelled "Clock in ock." MOST people who aren't cultured pronounce it the WRONG way.

JULIA: I am so sorry. It's just that it looks like...

MS. CLACKINACK: DON'T tell me what it LOOKS like. I am telling you what it IS. Now who are you anyway?

JULIA: My name is Julia, and I am your A.C.T. coordinator for this week's retreat.

MS. CLACKINACK: That's just grand. So you're the one who's going to run us around doing silly little games and "exercises" under the guise of developing so-called "company unity."

JULIA: Well, yes, I suppose, but...

MS. CLACKINACK: Oh, I am so thrilled. (pause, looks her over) You look kind of young...how long have you been doing this?

JULIA: Well...this is my first time, actually, I...

MS. CLACKINACK: (speaking down to her) It's your very first time, is it? This just gets better and better. I'm being forced to spend a week with these people "team building," and they send a rookie? How very disappointing. I mean, they could have at least assigned someone who looks like they know what they are doing.

JULIA: I assure you things will be fine.

MS. CLACKINACK: But you really can't, can you? You have no clue how "things" will go because you really have no idea, do you? You're just guessing. You're just a clueless little nobody who is clearly over her head and destined for failure. Now, what is all this? (points at table with introductory packets.)

JULIA: Oh! Those are you're A.C.T. Introductory Packets. Yours is...right here. (finds hers and hands it to her) Inside you will find your ACT-ivity Togetherness Booklet plus your complimentary A.C.T. toothbrush and toothpaste because togetherness starts with good hygiene. In addition, your room key for the week is in there along with your official A.C.T. Togetherness outfit you'll need to wear during all the sessions. If you want, you can go change now so that...

MS. CLACKINACK: Outfit!?! I will not be wearing some second-rate t-shirt all week.

JULIA: But, this is important to how the program works, we all need to...

MS. CLACKINACK: Speaking from experience are we? Oh, no, I forgot, you really have no idea what you are doing. (angrily) Now you listen here...

enter Mr. Jenkins

MS. CLACKINACK: (seeing Mr. Jenkins, MUCH nicer tone) ...I just need to know where the rooms are so I can change.

JULIA: (nervously) Just right down that hall. (points)

MS. CLACKINACK: Ah, thank you so much...(pretends to just see Mr. Jenkins) Mr. Jenkins! I am surprised to see you here!

MR. JENKINS: Yes, long story, but I will be here all week now.

MS. CLACKINACK: Oh, that's just wonderful. Well, I have my things, so now I just need to get changed and get ready for a wonderful week of togetherness. (to Julia) What time is the first session?

JULIA: It's in 15 minutes.

MS. CLACKINACK: Oh you are such a nice young lady. Thank you so much. I do ever so much look forward to this week and the activities you have planned. I will be right back. (exits)

MR. JENKINS: (to Julia) Is one of those for me? (points at packages).

JULIA: Oh, yes. (Julia retrieves it and hands it to him.)

Jenkins: Thank you. (exits)

When Mr. Jenkins exits, Julia breathes a sigh of relief. Immediately, Nicole, Jillian, and Alex enter.

ALEX: (looking around) I think this is the place.

JILLIAN: Oh thank goodness. I spent about twenty minutes looking around the parking lot trying to find the right entrance before I ran into you.

NICOLE: Really? The signs were pretty clear as to where the entrance is...

JILLIAN: Not really! The one I found said "entrance" but had an arrow pointing up. I looked and looked but all I saw were clouds. I thought maybe I needed to get a trampoline or something...

NICOLE: Jillian, honey, an "up" arrow on a sign like that just means straight ahead...

JILLIAN: Oooohhhh. Well, that just makes more sense. I wondered why the entrance would be up in the sky, when the building was right there.

ALEX: (mockingly) You would wonder that wouldn't you?

NICOLE: (quickly) So, Alex, which lot did you park in?

ALEX: Lot C. Wait...no...lot B...or was it lot E...

JULIA: (interjecting) But...the parking lots are all named after animals...

ALEX: Well, then, I guess I have no idea where I parked.

NICOLE: Who are you?

JULIA: Oh, sorry, I am Julia and I am your A.C.T. coordinator for the week. It's nice to meet you! I am sure this week will be one that will really be a victory for togetherness.

ALEX: Dare to dream.

JULIA: Now, can you three tell me your names so I can mark you off and give you your official A.C.T. introductory packages?

Julia checks their names off as they give them

ALEX: I am Alex Hicks.

NICOLE: I am Nicole Jackson.

JILLIAN: (happily) I am Jillian O'Canada.

ALEX: Your last name is O'Canada? Really?

JILLIAN: Yeppers. My last name used to be Smith, but that was boring. I decided to change my name and I heard this song while watching the Winter Olympics. It's really catchy. I think it has to do with fall or something because they were always singing it to some leaf flag.

ALEX: That's because it's the Canadian National Anthem.

JILLIAN: Really? Well, that O'Canada guy must have been really popular then.

ALEX: (astounded, sarcastically) It would appear so now wouldn't it?

JULIA: Ok, I have all three of you down. Now, here are your introductory packages and materials. You'll need to go ahead and find your rooms for the week, your keys are in the bag, and please change into your A.C.T. Togetherness outfits as well. We will be starting up the first session in ten minutes.

ALEX: Well, that just gives us plenty of time, doesn't it?

JILLIAN: Not really! Ten minutes isn't very long at all!

ALEX: I know. It's called sarcasm.

JILLIAN: What is?

ALEX: (seeing an opportunity) My dog. It's what I named him. Lil' Sarcasm the Wonder Dog. He performs at kid's birthday parties.

JILLIAN: Awwww that is so cute! Does he wear little doggie party hats?

NICOLE: (to Alex) Ok, stop it.

ALEX: But she makes it so easy...(exits)

JILLIAN: Did I miss something?

NICOLE: No, Jillian, everything is great. Come on. (They exit)

Julia walks over to the table with the bags. There are three left. Wade and Emily enter holding hands, but do not see her at first.

EMILY: It is so beautiful here. That walk was so nice.

WADE: See, we're going to still be able to have a fun time. I told you to trust me.

EMILY: I should have never doubted you.

JULIA: (turning to see them) Oh, hello!

Wade and Emily quickly drop their hands

WADE: Hellll-oooo! I was just commenting to Miss Fredricks here that the...

EMILY: ...countryside is so beautiful.

WADE: Yes, yes, the countryside is just...

EMILY: ...gorgeous.

JULIA: Awww, are you two dating?

WADE: (quickly) NO! That's against company policy! I mean why would you...

EMILY: ...think that?

JULIA: Well, for one, you're finishing each other's sentences...

WADE: Oh, (nervous laugh) That's just...

EMILY: ...coincidence.

Wade looks at Emily

JULIA: Right. OK, well, sorry. Are you here for the retreat?

EMILY: Yes.

JULIA: Wonderful. I am Julia and I will be your A.C.T. coordinator this week for the retreat. It is nice to meet you, Miss Fredricks, is it?

EMILY: Yes.

JULIA: (checks her off)...and that must make you Mr. Wilkins?

WADE: How did you know?

JULIA: Well, there are only two names left on my list and unless your parents really wanted a girl, Wade Wilkins had to be you.

WADE: Ah, ok.

JULIA: Here are your introductory packets. Your room keys are in there as well as all your official A.C.T. materials you'll need for the week.

EMILY: Thank you.

JULIA: You will also find your A.C.T. togetherness outfits. Now, you only have five minutes to get changed and get back here for the first session, so please hurry. Everyone else is already back there and will be returning very soon.

WADE: We better get going. After you, Miss Fredricks.

EMILY: (slightly giggly) Oh, why thank you.

They exit. Julia looks around for a second. Only one bag remains. Her cell phone rings, she answers.

JULIA: Hello? Oh hello Ms. Clifton. I am fine thanks for...oh...sorry...I'm doing GREAT and that's no ACT! Sorry, it's just that I....I know...(sighs) We don't apologize, we do things right the first time...OK...let's see...(looks at clipboard) looks like they are all here except for one. Yes, the ones that are here are back in their rooms getting ready for...ok...ok...thanks for checking in, but I wanted to ask you...hello? Ms. Clifton? Hello? (puts phone away.)

MR. JENKINS: (from off) Julia!

JULIA: Yes?

MR. JENKINS: (entering) Is this really needed? (indicates his outfit)

Jenkins is dressed in the "togetherness outfit" which is basically an animal print Snuggie. It is vital all participants have the same outfit.

JULIA: Mr. Jenkins, the success of the A.C.T. program speaks for itself. I assure you this is going to be the first of what will be many productive steps in achieving true company togetherness.

MR. JENKINS: But, I feel ridiculous.

JULIA: That's all part of the process. We here at A.C.T. have been doing these retreats for almost two decades. Each of our methods has been field tested and successfully used.

MR. JENKINS: So these outfits are completely necessary?

JULIA: Not only necessary, but the togetherness outfits are the key first step to reaching the top of the togetherness mountain.

MR. JENKINS: Well, all right then. If you say it's completely necessary.

JULIA: Thank you so much for your cooperation. You'll see that at the end of the week your company will be a strong cohesive unit ready to face any challenge that comes their way with optimism and togetherness.

MR. JENKINS: I hope you're right.

At this time Alex, Jillian, Nicole, Wade, Emily, and Ms. Clackinack enter

ALEX: (singing) I'm so awesome...check me out...making everybody scream and shout!

NICOLE: Please don't sing. This is embarrassing enough.

ALEX: But I look so good when I...flex! (poses)

NICOLE: No, you don't. Now be quiet.

JULIA: If I could have everyone over here please, I have a few things to go over before we get started.

The group begins to file around Julia, and Wade and Emily separate themselves.

WADE: Emily, we have to play this cool for now. We can't let anyone catch on that we're together if I'm going to be able to convince Mr. Jenkins it's someone else that's breaking company policy.

EMILY: I understand. What should we do?

WADE: We need to stay apart from one another. Pretend like we barely know each other. That way Mr. Jenkins will have no reason to suspect us. Once I lay the foundation that it is someone else, he'll focus his attentions there, and we'll be free to be together again.

EMILY: That's going to be so hard.

WADE: I know, but it is what we have to do.

EMILY: Ok.

Wade and Emily join the group.

JULIA: Welcome to session one of our week-long togetherness retreat. I am so excited to have you all here for what will surely be a special week filled with team building and company bonding. You will all emerge from here as solid members of a winning team dedicated to a common goal.

MS. CLACKINACK: (sarcastically) Get on with it...

Mr. Jenkins looks at her, she notices.

MS. CLACKINACK: (quickly, happily) ...because I am SO excited to start this week.

JULIA: Wonderful. Now our first exercise is going to give you a chance to really get to know one of your fellow company members. First thing I need you all to do is find a partner.

Wade and Emily exchange looks and then look away to find other partners. Emily will pair with Jillian, Alex will pair with Nicole, and Ms. Clackinack will pair with Mr. Jenkins.

WADE: (to Julia) I don't think I have a partner.

JULIA: Oh dear, there were supposed to be eight of you...I guess I can partner with you for now, but...(looks at clipboard) ...we were supposed to have one more...

enter Josie.

JOSIE: (very coolly) Hello there everyone. Am I late? I am so sorry.

JULIA: Oh! Hello! I am Julia the A.C.T. Togetherness coordinator for the week. I am assuming you are Josie? You're the last name on my list. We were just about to get started with our first exercise.

ALEX: (to Nicole) Josie? Who the heck is Josie?

NICOLE: I have no idea. I've never seen her around the office.

WADE: (to Mr. Jenkins) Sir, do you know who this is?

MR. JENKINS: Of course I do. (to group) Staff, I want to introduce you to our new employee. She transferred in from our Scranton branch last Friday, but I didn't see any sense in leaving her out of all this...fun.

JULIA: (to Josie) I have your introductory materials right over there on the table, but you'll have to wait to change into your togetherness outfit until session two. I am so sorry, but we're on a pretty tight schedule.

JOSIE: (looking at everyone else) Oh, I think that I'll be just fine.

JILLIAN: Awww. But these are the super best things ever. (twirls around.) I feel like a princess!

ALEX: Yes, I don't know why Disney hasn't contacted you to be in their next movie.

JILLIAN: You really think so? That's like my life's dream and stuff.

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