

A Dash of Aplomb

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FADE IN:

INT. APARTMENT KITCHEN - EVENING

In the comfort of his home kitchen, a young chef is anxiously waiting to pull cookies out of his oven.

MICKEL, a self conscious baker wearing casual clothing underneath a well used apron.

With both hands on the oven handle, Mickel takes a peak then looks back at his kitchen timer and then back again. Finally, the timer RINGS.

Mickel takes the cookies out and then looks at his recipe book. The image in the book looks cleaner than his cookies. He SIGHS.

CUT TO:

INT. APARTMENT LIVING ROOM - EVENING

OLIVER, a confident Australian man, dressed well in a blue suit matching his dyed hair, is sat at a table holding a bowl.

OLIVER

(In a fake British accent)

Please sir! I want some more.

Mickel grins and places a tray of cookies onto the table.

MICKEL

I did everything the recipe said
and they still didn't come out
quite right.

OLIVER

(Normal voice)

They're fine. Let's get back to
making your character for tonight.
Who do you want to be?

Oliver grabs a cookie and happily BITES into it, clearly enjoying it.

MICKEL

I want to be a real hero.

OLIVER

A hero, huh? What does that look
like?

As Mickel responds, a visual representation of this hero appears above him in a thought bubble.

MICKEL

A hero is someone who feeds the hungry. He brings people together and is someone everyone wants to be around. Someone who does things right.

Mickel looks at his cookies again and sighs.

Oliver grabs that cookie and bites it, this time speaking while chewing. He also has a visual shown in a thought bubble.

OLIVER

Someone *chewing* who feeds the hungry?

The camera pans out to reveal the seating for the guests coming tonight.

OLIVER (CONT'D)

Somebody who brings us together?

The character in Oliver's thought bubble looks like Mickel, wearing the apron.

OLIVER (CONT'D)

Someone who everyone wants to be around?

Oliver's thought bubble includes all of their friends who will be coming soon.

OLIVER (CONT'D)

Mate, that's you! You're the hero.

Mickel's thought bubble character turns into himself and then the bubble bursts. Oliver can be heard biting into another cookie.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. MICKEL'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Mickel's guests have arrived at the door and are being let in. As each one enters, they make one comment to Mickel.

GUEST 1

Are those cookies? I'm famished!

GUEST 2

Thanks for bringing us together,
Mickel!

GUEST 3

Mickel! I missed you!

Guest one can be heard taking a bite into a cookie.

GUEST 1

Mhm! These are DELICIOUS!

Mickel smiles and closes the door.

FADE TO BLACK.