# DAY 2 SHORTER DRAMA

Characters: jess, RAINA, DEWEY

(Theme music)

(Jungle sounds [SFX]. Scene begins with DEWEY, front and center stage, preparing to do his daily exercise routine. Then RAINA enters pushing an airline food cart.)

RAINA: Want some breakfast?

DEWEY: Not until I finish my exercises. If I’m gonna win The Incredible Race, I’ve got to stay in tip-top form.

RAINA: That’s a good idea.

(DEWEY begins with a few stretches, causing a few of bone cracking sounds [SFX]. He then proceeds with a series of extremely silly and unique looking exercises as JESS enters and decides to enjoy “the show” with RAINA. After a minute or two, DEWEY finishes his routine.)

JESS: (to DEWEY) That was interesting. Did you come up with that exercise routine yourself?

DEWEY: (a bit out of breath) Yep.

JESS: That’s what I thought.

RAINA: So, are you ready for some breakfast now?

DEWEY: Just as soon as I catch my breath.

RAINA: All we have are prepackaged items and warm soda.

DEWEY: That’s okay. I love processed food! Potato chips, pretzels, cheesy crackers, cookies…as far as I’m concerned, there’s your 4 basic food groups! (as he takes some food)

JESS: What about Myles? Shouldn’t we call him? (as she takes her turn at the food cart, grabbing a couple items.)

Raina: I already did. He said he’s not hungry.

DEWEY: Hey, that’s okay. Just means more for us. (as he grabs a bag of chips for himself.)

RAINA: Well, I’m glad you’re happy with it. (as she helps herself to some snacks) But, I’m not sure how long Jess and I will hold out. And trouble is…I don’t see much around here that looks edible. (as she looks around)

JESS: Oh, you’d be surprised. There are plenty of things to eat in a tropical rainforest.

RAINA: Hmm…well, I might prove to be a little pickier than you.

JESS: Maybe…but you may surprise yourself. They say that when you finally get hungry enough, you’ll eat things you didn’t think you ever could.

DEWEY: (with a big smile) Like slimy snakes? And luscious lizards?!

RAINA: Okay, can we change the subject, please?

DEWEY: Sorry.

JESS: So what should we talk about? The weather? Most embarrassing moments? The best way to cure hiccups?

DEWEY: Why don’t you tell us more about this “pyramid-rat thing.”

JESS: You mean ziggurat.

DEWEY: Yeah…ziggurat.

JESS: Well…I’m certainly not an expert by any means, but since we’re in Guatemala, I’d guess this one was built by the Maya (pronounced “MY-uh)

DEWEY: What’s “the Maya?”

JESS: They were an ancient people group that lived in this area. All I really know about them is they built cities with stepped pyramids like this one. (pause)

But you know what’s interesting? There are literally hundreds and hundreds of ancient ziggurats and pyramids like this all over the world. And they think that the idea started way back with the tower of Babel.

(DEWEY and RAINA give JESS a blank stare.)

DEWEY: Tower of Babel?

JESS: Yeah…you know, when God came down and confused the language of all the earth?

RAINA: Wait…what?

JESS: Didn’t you go to Sunday School?

DEWEY: We have no idea what you’re talking about.

JESS: Really…well, it’s right there in the Bible. It happened way back thousands of years ago when everyone lived in one place and there was only one language.

RAINA: One language?

JESS: Yep, one language. So, anyway… God had told the people to multiply and fill the earth, but instead, they decided to build a city with a big tower so they’d stay together and NOT fill the earth. And, of course, God didn’t like that.

DEWEY: That wasn’t very smart of them, was it?

JESS: No. It’s never a good idea to disobey God.

RAINA: So, then what happened?

JESS: Well, that’s when God confused the language so the people couldn’t understand each other anymore. And then they stopped building the city and scattered over the face of the earth.

RAINA: So…that’s why we have different languages?

JESS: Yes, and different cultures, too.

(Suddenly, they hear the sound of a stick breaking [SFX] by the plane.)

DEWEY: What was that?

RAINA: Probably Myles. I guess we better check on him.

DEWEY: I’ll do it. (pause) Just in case it’s a tiger or something.

(DEWEY exits to check on MYLES.)

RAINA: (scared) Tiger??

JESS: Don’t worry. There are no tigers around here. Fire-breathing dragons, maybe…but definitely no tigers.…(then with a smile) that we know of, anyway.

RAINA: Haha! Very funny. (pause) So, about this tower of Babel. There really was a time when there was only one language?

JESS: Absolutely.

RAINA: Wow…that must have been crazy. One minute everyone’s speaking the same language and the next minute there’s mass confusion.

JESS: And it was a major turning point in history, too! Because of what God did at Babel, not only do we have different languages, we also have different cultures, different customs, different foods, and even differences in the way we look! Which is amazing when you think that we all came from the same parents, Adam and Eve.

RAINA: Wow…this is blowing my mind.

(Then DEWEY returns.)

DEWEY: He’s gone!

RAINA: What?? What do you mean he’s gone??

DEWEY: Uh…he’s not there. I couldn’t find him. I don’t know where he is. That kinda thing.

(RAINA leaves to check the plane.)

DEWEY: Doesn’t she believe me? I went over the whole plane…top to bottom.

JESS: I’m sure you did.

DEWEY: I even looked in the salt and pepper shakers!

JESS: Really? That’s good, ‘cause I wouldn’t have thought to look there.

(RAINA returns.)

RAINA: Okay…well, we have to find him…even if he is extremely annoying. Dewey…how about if you go that way (as she points to the back right of the auditorium) and we’ll go this way (pointing to the back left of the auditorium) Then we’ll meet back here in, say… half an hour. (as she looks at her watch)

DEWEY: I don’t know. I really think a half hour is too long. Let’s make it 30 minutes, instead.

RAINA: O---kay…30 minutes it is. Let’s go.

(While DEWEY exits the auditorium to the back right, RAINA and JESS exit to the back left. They call out for MYLES as they go.)

(Theme music)