
Scrambled Eggs



Characters

BELLA

STEVE

MITCHELL

HANNAH

CHELSEA

MISS RYAN – A teacher

MR OSMETTI – A teacher

MRS BENSON – Bella's mother

JACKSON – Steve's little brother

PHOEBE – Mitchell's little sister

BRETT – Hannah's father

Setting

The school, a restaurant and various homes. Scene changes are established by the actions of the characters. A kitchen bench and some cooking equipment, a table, six chairs and small props are needed.

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SCENE 1

MISS RYAN *and* MR OSMETTI *enter*. MISS RYAN *is carrying a little box*.

MR OSMETTI: Another day, another dollar. And only thirty-nine more teaching days until Christmas.

MISS RYAN: And counting, Mr Osmetti.

MR OSMETTI: Frank. Call me Frank. [*Pointing at the box*] What's that?

MISS RYAN: Oh, something for my life skills unit.

MR OSMETTI: Another one of your pet projects, eh?

MISS RYAN: [*Nodding*] Pet is right.

MR OSMETTI: Okay, tell me.

MISS RYAN: Well, it's a project to teach responsibility, to give the students a taste of what it's like to be a parent. I've challenged them to care for an egg for a weekend.

MR OSMETTI: An egg?

MISS RYAN: Yes. And I've stamped each one so the students can't replace their egg in the case of an accident. And they have to keep a logbook explaining what they've done over the weekend and how they cared for the egg.

MR OSMETTI: Cared for it? Like feeding it and washing it?

MISS RYAN: No. How they do their normal weekend activities while looking after the egg. If they can't watch it themselves, they have to arrange a babysitter.

MR OSMETTI: Oh, sure. I can just see Mitchell Ferguson asking his father to babysit his egg!

MISS RYAN: Well, if they can't account for the safety of their egg, then they fail.

MR OSMETTI: Fail life skills? We never fail anyone doing life skills, Ruth.

MISS RYAN: Oh?

MR OSMETTI: Think about it. Anyway, why do *you* have one?

MISS RYAN: I believe that I should be able to do anything I challenge my students to do.