



Episode 27

Narrative

TV VOICE OVER

It's time for *Can You Live Without ...* And here's someone you just can't live without – it's MARTY!!

MARTY ROSS [Speaking via hidden camera]

But what Sharon doesn't realise is we've got a camera in the bathroom. Ha-ha-ha!!

ANNIE

Oh, that's disgusting!
She must know that we can see her!

HECTOR

Ooh, I think it is quite clever!

MARTY ROSS [Speaking via hidden camera]

But what are Paul and Mandy doing in the living room?

BRIDGET

They're kissing.
They're kissing.

NICK

They're not kissing, they're whispering.

BRIDGET

What? Do you call this whispering?

NICK

Aaah! Let's think of another name for it!

BRIDGET

Paul and Mandy said they could live without kissing for twenty four hours, and look – they've failed!

MARTY ROSS [Speaking via hidden camera]

And Paul and Mandy lose points for that. We've caught them kissing – see you after the break!

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ANNIE

Well, I couldn't live without kissing Hector for twenty four hours.

BRIDGET

Why don't you try?

ANNIE

Hector! I wish you'd stop chewing gum!

HECTOR

I'm not chewing.

ANNIE

Yes you are! You're always chewing.

HECTOR

No ... ooh-ooh.

ANNIE

I bet you couldn't stop chewing gum for twenty four hours.

HECTOR

Well yes I could, and anyway you suck your thumb.

ANNIE

I do not.

Well, only when I'm stressed.

NICK

Hey! I've had an idea!

ANNIE & BRIDGET

Oh no!

NICK

... We could be contestants on – *Can You Live Without ...?*

ASSORTED SPEAKERS

Oh/ah/hmm/oh.

NICK

We could do it.

It's just twenty four hours of giving up our favourite things! It would be easy! Think of the prize money!

BRIDGET

And Marty Ross presents it.

He would come to my apartment again!

HECTOR, ANNIE & NICK

Oh no!

BRIDGET

Oh Marty, he's got such good taste.

MARTY ROSS [*Flashback to previous episode*]

And this is fantastic – original.

ANNIE

So what happened to Marty?

BRIDGET

Oh, he said he needed time away from me to really appreciate me.

NICK

Oh, so he dumped you then.

BRIDGET
He did not! Ow!!

ANNIE
Anyway, Bridget, are you feeling persuasive?

BRIDGET
Of course, I'm always feeling persuasive.

ANNIE
Well, it's time to persuade Marty that we want to go on *Can You Live Without ...* And then Marty can make it happen.

BRIDGET
I'll try.

Loud thumping noise

NICK
Ow!!!

VOICE ON TANNOY
Mr Ross to Studio B please.

Sound of door opening/shutting/laughter

BRIDGET
Hello Marty.

MARTY ROSS
Hello.
Ah, erm, ...

BRIDGET
Bridget!

MARTY ROSS
Bridget?

BRIDGET
Bridget, Eunice's researcher!
We had dinner last month.

MARTY ROSS
Oh, that Bridget, erm, what do you want?

BRIDGET
I've got something to say.

MARTY ROSS
Well, I'm not the father!

BRIDGET
... Oh no! Nothing like that!

MARTY ROSS
Oh well, what is it then?

BRIDGET

My friends and I want to be contestants on *Can You Live Without ...*

MARTY ROSS

Oh, I wish I could help you, but it's not my decision, it's the producer's. Now, I must go.

BRIDGET

Erm, you can't help me.

Well that's a shame.

MARTY ROSS

Yes it is.

BRIDGET

Because I'd hate for the newspapers to see this. Ah-huh. Or this. Hmm.

MARTY ROSS

Where did you get them?

BRIDGET

Hah! Don't you remember? I'm Eunice's researcher.

I research! Oh, I wish I could help you, but it's not my decision, it's the newspapers'.

MARTY ROSS

All right, all right. I'll see what I can do.

ANNIE [Composing email]

I love the TV show *Can You Live Without ...*

ANNIE

It's time to persuade Marty that we want to go on *Can You Live Without ...*

ANNIE [Composing email]

I think Bridget, Nick, Hector and I should go on it.

Sometimes I wonder whether Hector can live without chewing gum!

ANNIE

Hector, I wish you'd stop chewing gum!

BRIDGET [Composing email]

Guess what! I persuaded Marty Ross to get us on *Can You Live Without ...*

BRIDGET

... Because I'd hate for the newspapers to see this. Ah-hah. Or this.

BRIDGET [Composing email]

If we can live without our favourite things, we'll win a super holiday.

NICK

We could do it! It's just twenty four hours of giving up our favourite things!

BRIDGET [Composing email]

It will be easy for me, but I don't know about the others.

Loud thumping noise

NICK

Ow!!

TV VOICE OVER

It's time for *Can You Live Without ...* And here's someone you just *can't* live without – IT'S MARTY!!

MARTY ROSS

Hello darlings!

Do you want to spend the next twenty four hours with me?!

AUDIENCE

YEAH!!

MARTY ROSS

Correct answer! Yes, let's see what the people who live – here, can live without.

But huh, it looks like they live without anything, anyway!

Now, let's meet the contestants

Sound of cheering/applause

MARTY ROSS

You first, pretty lady, what's your name?

BRIDGET

Oh, you already know my name, Marty.

MARTY ROSS

Hah-hah-hah, we have a pretty joker here!

Don't get smart, sweetie, this is *my* show, photo or no photo.

BRIDGET

Erm, Bridget.

MARTY ROSS

Good luck, Bridget.

Applause/sound of wolf whistles

MARTY ROSS

... And who do we have here?

ANNIE

Hello. My name is Annie and I'm Hector's girlfriend – and I love Charley, erm, my, my dog.

MARTY ROSS

So, which one could *you* live without?

ANNIE

Oh, erm ...

MARTY ROSS

Ha-ha, enough said! Ha-ha-ha-ha!

Sound of applause

MARTY ROSS

And this is Hector. So, Hector, Annie loves her dog more than you, ha-ha-ha-ha!
Mind you, Hector does sound like a dog's name, doesn't it! Here Hector, here boy! Oh-oh, don't bite!
And, last of all and least of all, ha-ha-ha-ha, it's erm, hello, is anybody there? I know, you're a fish, ha-ha-ha-ha!

NICK

Ahm, hi ... *[sound of Nick clearing his throat/stumbling over words]* ... Erm, Nick.

MARTY ROSS

Hi, N-N-Nick! And what do you like?

NICK

[sound of Nick stumbling over words]

MARTY ROSS

Bananas!

NICK

Ba-ba-ba, ba-ba ...

MARTY ROSS

Baboons, you like baboons! You are a baboon then!
You're a small baboon!

NICK

Ba-ba-ba ...

MARTY ROSS

... It's not baboons. You like b-babes!

NICK

B-irds ...

MARTY ROSS

Sorry, this is Nick and he likes babes.

Sound of applause

MARTY ROSS

Well, let's get on with it.
As usual, each of these contestants has picked one thing that their flatmates cannot live without for twenty four hours!
Bridget – you must live without chocolate [ah!] mirrors [ah!] and makeup! [Ahh!]

Sound of applause

MARTY ROSS

Annie, you must live without touching Hector, sucking your thumb and most of all, you must live without Charley!

Sound of applause

MARTY ROSS

Hector, you must live without – touching Annie and chewing gum.

Sound of applause

MARTY ROSS

Nick, you must live without talking about babes, or talking about motorbikes! And all of you must live without television, magazines and music – twenty four hours of living without starts now!!

Sound of applause

MARTY ROSS

Come on, Charley. You're coming with me.

Sound of Charley whining

MARTY ROSS

Don't forget – I'll be watching!

Sound of applause

NICK

No television!

ANNIE & BRIDGET

Aah!

BRIDGET

No touching. If you touch, we lose points and we won't win a big prize. Aaah!!
No makeup, what must I look like? Ah!!

ANNIE

Ah-ah-ah-ah, and *no* mirrors!

NICK

[Makes baboon-type noises]

MARTY ROSS *[Speaking via hidden camera]*

Ha-ha-ha-ha! Look at that guy, he looks like a monkey at the zoo! So how will they do? Top points could mean a holiday in the Caribbean!

But- if they fail they lose points and their prize holiday could be this!

Of course we might give them one or two temptations to make interesting television.

Join me after the break!

NICK *[Composing email]*

So, Bridget has to live without make-up, mirrors and chocolate.

BRIDGET

Aah!

NICK *[Composing email]*

Annie mustn't suck her thumb and Hector must stop chewing gum. Oh, Hector and Annie mustn't touch each other.

MARTY ROSS

You must live without touching Hector.

NICK *[Composing email]*

Me? I mustn't talk about babes and motorbikes.

MARTY ROSS

Nick, you must live without talking about babes, or talking about motor bikes.

NICK [Composing email]

That doesn't stop me dreaming about them, though!

MARTY ROSS

Twenty four hours of living without starts now!

NICK

I think it's going to rain.

ANNIE

Do you?

HECTOR

I agree.

NICK

Manchester United are doing well.

ANNIE

Are they?

HECTOR

I agree.

NICK

I think it's going to rain.

BRIDGET

Weather and football, is that all you can talk about?

NICK

No, well yesterday I met this really cute b...

ANNIE, HECTOR & BRIDGET

Aaah!

ANNIE

Don't say it! Do not talk about babes or motorbikes!

HECTOR

Hey!

ANNIE

Careful!

MARTY ROSS [Speaking via hidden camera]

Bridget, no mirrors, you lose ten points!

BRIDGET

But it's not a mirror, it's a kettle!

MARTY ROSS [Speaking via hidden camera]

Don't argue! You lose another ten points!

MARTY ROSS *[Speaking via hidden camera]*

Well, it's all quiet now! Ha-ha-ha! What about some temptation!

BRIDGET

Hector, what is in your mouth?

HECTOR

Nothing.

ANNIE

Are you chewing gum, Hector?

HECTOR

No.

BRIDGET

No he's not. He's chewing this!

ANNIE

Open!

BRIDGET

That was from the Red Sea, it cost a lot of money.
Ah! Grr! I could kill for some chocolate!

MARTY ROSS *[Speaking via hidden camera]*

Ha-ha-ha-ah! This should be fun!

BRIDGET *[Reading note]*

Bridget, I love the show, oh, love from, oh, Orlando Bloom! Ah! Ah! Orlando Bloom, watching me!
Oh, I hope you didn't hear me say that! Ha-ha-ha-ha! What do I look like? Oh, what do I look like?! Oh!!

Sound of Charley whining

HECTOR

What are you doing, Annie?

ANNIE

Oh! I'm talking to Charley!

MARTY ROSS *[Speaking via hidden camera]*

Annie, you must live without Charley, you lose ten points! Ha-ha-ha!

ANNIE

What?!!

ANNIE

Hector, don't move!

HECTOR

What is it?

ANNIE

It, it's OK, just don't move!

HECTOR

I'm not going anywhere!

MARTY ROSS [*Speaking via hidden camera*]

Ooh, what Hector doesn't know is that we've put that spider on his jumper! Ooh, this is wonderful TV!

ANNIE

Oh, think, think! Ah, one minute! Ah-ha! That's better.
Now, we'll just brush this little fellow off.

HECTOR

Don't touch it!

ANNIE

It's, it's OK.
I'm sure it's not poisonous!

HECTOR

How do you know?
Anyway, if you touch me, we will lose points!

NICK

[*Making kissing noises*]

Thank you, thank you – oh – mmm – prrr- prrr –prrr!
Yeah! [*Sound of kissing*] Ah!

ANNIE

OK. Now – stay still! Hah!

HECTOR

Oh, oh-oh!!

ANNIE

Don't move!
Hang on a minute!

HECTOR

Oh!

ANNIE

Hector! This is a toy!

HECTOR

Oh, ha-ha-ha! I knew that!

ANNIE

Oh Hector, you were so funny! Marty has played a trick on us!

HECTOR

Yeah, very funny!

MARTY ROSS [*Speaking via hidden camera*]

Ooh! Who's a cross boy?! Things are getting really hot now and they've still got over twelve hours to go!

ANNIE

You know Hector, I really think we can do this! We can win that holiday!

HECTOR

Mmm.

BRIDGET

Hello Annie.

ANNIE

Bridget, what are you doing in there?

BRIDGET

I'm erm, just reading the electricity meter.

ANNIE

Come here.

And why are you wearing dark glasses?

BRIDGET

I don't want Orlando to see me without make-up.

ANNIE

Bridget! Is that chocolate?!

BRIDGET

Erm, no! Oh!

But they're from Orlando! Oh!

MARTY ROSS *[Speaking via hidden camera]*

Ha-ha-ha, no chocolate, Bridget, you lose one hundred points!

Sound of motorbike revving

NICK

Nick has entered the building!

BRIDGET

Nick!

MARTY ROSS *[Speaking via hidden camera]*

Yes! Annie and Hector touched, they lose two hundred points!

ANNIE

What?!

HECTOR

It was an accident!

MARTY ROSS *[Speaking via hidden camera]*

Ha-ha-ha! And best of all Nick, you can't live without motorbikes! So you lose five hundred points!

BRIDGET

No, no, no, no! You said, no talking about motorbikes, actually, big nose!

NICK

Yeah, Marty, so thanks for the present, you can keep your holiday! Hah!

MARTY ROSS *[Speaking via hidden camera]*

What?! You can't do that!

NICK

Baby, fancy a ride?

BRIDGET

Ye-ah!

Oh Hector, this is for Marty, or should I say – Martina!

Sound of laughter

NICK

So Marty, if you want the bike, come and get it!

HECTOR

Sorry Marty, we can live without you!

Goodbye! Oh, and Marty I think your audience will love this picture of you!

MARTY ROSS

Oh-no-no-no!!

HECTOR

Come on Annie, we have lots of catching up to do!

ANNIE

Oh Hector, catch me!

COMMENTARY [v.o.]

Next time in EXTRA! Nick plays Santa, while Hector and Annie play under the mistletoe ...

BRIDGET, HECTOR, ANNIE & NICK

Oh come all ye faithful, joyful and triumph ...

COMMENTARY [v.o.]

EXTRA, don't miss it!

BRIDGET

Oh come ye, oh come ye to da-da-da-da!