



Episode 17

Narrative

ACTOR ON TV

Oh darling, no. I'll die without you.

NICK

He's Robert. He ran away with Jenny.

HECTOR

Oh no!

NICK

That's why she can't marry Lionel.

HECTOR

Oh, that is so sad.

NICK

I know.

HECTOR

But doesn't Jenny know that Lionel is her brother?

NICK

She had a car accident. She can't remember.

HECTOR

That is terrible! Ooh!

NICK

Quick, quick, quick, quick! Go on!
Kick it! Kick it!

BRIDGET

Football!
Hi boys.

NICK

Oh, hi, Bridget.

HECTOR

Hi, Bridget.

NICK

Oof!

BRIDGET

I need your help.

NICK

Sure.
What is it?

BRIDGET

I'm going to buy a new computer for work.

NICK

Oh! I know everything about computers.

BRIDGET

Great! I need one with a lot of gigabytes...

NICK

Uh-huh.

BRIDGET

...good RAM memory...

NICK

Hmm.

BRIDGET

...*all* the software compatibility and the top processor.

NICK

Hmm!

Maybe this one?

HECTOR

No, this one hasn't got what she wants.

NICK

Oh, and you understand what she wants?

HECTOR

Yeah.

You don't?

NICK

Of course I do.

HECTOR

Well, so do I.

BRIDGET

So? Have you decided which one?

NICK

Who's going to pay for it?

BRIDGET

It's for work, so they'll pay for it.

NICK

Oh, [erm,], this one then.

HECTOR

This one is the most expensive!

NICK

It's a nice colour.

HECTOR

Well, it has everything you want.

BRIDGET

Do you think more SDI sockets, or the analogue input?

NICK
Eh-hum.

BRIDGET
Oh, forget it. I'll order it now.

ANNIE
[Sound of gasping]
Oh, come on, come on!

BRIDGET
What are you doing out here?

ANNIE
Waiting for my examination results.

BRIDGET
Oh, your results are arriving today?

ANNIE
What have you done to Teddy?

BRIDGET
Hmm? Oh.
Brad Pitt is *much* more handsome than Teddy.

Sound of letters being posted through letterbox

ANNIE
Oh, where is it? Ah, bill, bill, nothing, nothing, bill...
Aha!
Oh, it's *not* my examination results.

BRIDGET
It's from the landlady.

ANNIE
It says we are too noisy.

BRIDGET
Noisy? She's written to the wrong apartment. My new computer's here! Well, Nick? Open it.

Sound of screaming

BRIDGET
We're *never* noisy!

Sound of paper being torn up

BRIDGET
My new computer's here! Well, Nick! *[Sound of clicking fingers]* Open it!

NICK
Why me?

BRIDGET
Nails.

NICK
Whoa!

HECTOR & BRIDGET
Wow!

NICK
Oh!

BRIDGET
Anything else?

HECTOR
Well, it's a very big box. Aha! Aha!

BRIDGET
What's that?

HECTOR
Hmm, I think it's the instructions.

BRIDGET
Great. Have fun.

NICK
Wait! Where are you going?

BRIDGET
Shopping. You better have finished when I get back.

NICK
Better have finished *what*?

BRIDGET
Installing the computer.
You *do* know everything about computers, don't you?

NICK
Hah! No problem.

HECTOR
Oh! The instructions are all in English.

NICK
Ah-ah-ah - look. Oh, Hector, here's a Spanish version. Oh yes....

HECTOR
Oh, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh.

NICK
Right, let's do it. Or don't you know *how* to do it?!

HECTOR
I could do it with my eyes closed!

NICK
Hah!
Well, instructions are for girls!

Sound of discordant music

NICK
Oh yeah!
I am the man!!

HECTOR
Yeah, but *I* did all the work.

NICK
You?
Huh! / did it.

HECTOR
Huh! / am the computer king.

NICK
Oh yeah?

HECTOR
Yeah.

NICK
You think you can beat me?

HECTOR
Huh! I already did.

NICK
Computers are easy. How about a *real* challenge?

HECTOR
Whatever challenge you like.

NICK
Right. Hah!
Man Olympics.
Challenge One: Who can put the most marshmallows in his mouth?!

HECTOR
Marsh...?

NICK
...mallows. Look, one. Hmm!

HECTOR & NICK
One, two, three, ... four

BRIDGET [Composing email]
Hi, Chrissy! Soon I'll be emailing you on my new computer.

BRIDGET
I'm going to buy a new computer for work.

NICK
Oh!

BRIDGET [Composing email]
The boys are helping me and they *seem* to know everything about computers.

HECTOR
No, this one hasn't got what she wants.

NICK
Oh, and you understand what she wants?

ANNIE [Composing email]
Nadia, I don't know whether I've passed or failed!

ANNIE
Come on, come on!

ANNIE [Composing email]

If I don't know my examination results soon, I will go crazy!

ANNIE

Oh where is it?!!

NICK

How about a real challenge?

NICK [Composing email]

Ten! Ten marshmallows I stuffed in my mouth – two more than Hector.

HECTOR

One.

NICK [Composing email]

He's not the man. I am. By the way, do you know anything about computers?

NICK

Well, instructions are for girls!

ANNIE

[Puffing and blowing noises/sound of paper being rustled]

BRIDGET

What's that? Love letters?

ANNIE

No, I've got all the letters delivered to this building.

BRIDGET

You've got the neighbours' letters?

ANNIE

Uh-huh. I'm sure my examination results are here.

BRIDGET

Where are the boys?

Ohhhh, they've installed my computer!

ANNIE

I think so.

Sound of toilet flushing

BRIDGET

Is that normal?

ANNIE

Bridget!!

BRIDGET

Nick? Hector? What are you doing?

NICK

Man Olympics. Challenge Two.

BRIDGET

What kind of a challenge?

NICK

Who can go the longest without, you know.... *[sound of whistling]*

BRIDGET

Falling down? Sneezing? Jumping?

HECTOR

No, no. Without going..., without doing...,

BRIDGET

Ohh! You want to spend a penny?

HECTOR

Spend a penny? I don't want to go shopping!

NICK

No, no, no. She means... *[sound of whistling]*

BRIDGET

Stop thinking about your challenge and follow me.

ANNIE

Maybe I've passed! *[Sound of musical fanfare]*

Maybe I've failed. *[Sound of low key music/burping noise]*

Sound of door opening/closing

BRIDGET

You're not going anywhere until it works.

NICK

Ooh! Oh, no!

HECTOR

Here, let me try.

NICK

Oh, you think you can do better.

HECTOR

I *know* I can do better.

NICK

Huh!!

HECTOR

I know a way from *my* country.

NICK

Really?

HECTOR

Really. My father taught me.

Banging sound

NICK

Hmm. Yes, we have that way in England too.

Banging sound

ANNIE

Oh, hi guys.

NICK

Hi.

Damn! Ooh, ooh, ooh! Ah! Whooo! Whooo! Whooo! Hooo!

Assorted banging/buzzing/screeching noises

BRIDGET

Oh no! What happened?

NICK

It was like that before.

BRIDGET

It was *not* like that before.

NICK

Sorry.

BRIDGET

What are you *doing*?

HECTOR

Man Olympics. Challenge Three.

Dialling sound/mobile phone

BRIDGET

Hi, I need a man. No, you idiot! I need a man to fix the computer I bought. Tomorrow? Good. And I'd like him to be tall, dark, handsome.

Great, thanks. Bye. At last, a *real* man.

BRIDGET [Composing email]

Chrissy! I had to call a man to repair my new computer!

BRIDGET

Hi, I need a man.

BRIDGET [Composing email]

It's crazy! What happened to it?

NICK

It was like that before.

BRIDGET [Composing email]

I think Nick and Hector know.

BRIDGET

It was *not* like that before!

NICK

Sorry. Grrr! Hector thinks he can win the Man Olympics.

BRIDGET

Grrr!

NICK [Composing email]

Hector thinks he can win the Man Olympics. Huh!

NICK

New challenge: to get as many girls to call us as possible.

Luckily my sister Mel has got loads of friends, so Hector does not stand a chance!

Sound of phone ringing

BRIDGET

Oh, it's Nick's phone.

RECORDED MESSAGE

You have 23 new messages. Message 1: Hi bro, I've got all my friends to call you. Oh, I hear you and Bridget are history. That's great news. I didn't like her anyway. Message 2: Hi, Nick. Izzie here. Melanie asked me to give you a call. I hear you and Bridget are history.

Sound of phone ringing

BRIDGET

Hello, what?

Nicky Wick-wick is *not* here. Oh, is that Emma? Nick's told me all about you. Yeah. You *and* your moustache.

Sound of phone and mobile ringing simultaneously

BRIDGET

Arrggh!Nick!

Sound of knocking on door

ANNIE

Mr Postman?

HECTOR

Man Olympics, Challenge Five.

NICK

Yeah. Ooh, errgghh, tug-of-war to see who is the strongest..., aahh, errghhh, oohhh.

NICK & HECTOR

Aaah!! ... Ooohh!!

BRIDGET

They had a tug-of-war here?

ANNIE

Yes. They are so stupid!

BRIDGET

Who won?

ANNIE

I won.

BRIDGET

What's wrong?

ANNIE

I want my examination results. Oh, where's the post?

BRIDGET

Calm down.

Sound of knocking on door

ANNIE

The postman!

BRIDGET

The computer man! Well, hello there. Come in!

POSTMAN

But...

BRIDGET

I know what you're going to say.

POSTMAN

But....

BRIDGET

It was like that when I bought it. So what do you think?

POSTMAN

It looks broken.

BRIDGET

Well, can you repair it?

POSTMAN

No.

BRIDGET

You can't repair it?

POSTMAN

No.

BRIDGET

You don't know how to?

POSTMAN

No.

BRIDGET

Well, how can you be a repairman then?

POSTMAN

I'm not.

BRIDGET

You're not a repairman?

POSTMAN

No.

BRIDGET

Well, what *are* you then?

POSTMAN

I deliver special letters.

ANNIE

My letter! Oh!

POSTMAN

Annie Taylor?

ANNIE

Yes!

POSTMAN

This is for you.

ANNIE

Ohhhh! Yes! Ohh!

Sound of door being opened

NICK

Man Olympics, new challenge. First one to get - ti-ti-ti-ti - Annie's letter!

Barn dance style atmospheric music

ANNIE

It's mine! Oooh, I can't look! *You* read it.

HECTOR

Pass!

Sound of knocking on door

COMPUTER REPAIRMAN [= PETER]

Computer problem, miss? I can fix anything.

BRIDGET

My hero! Oh, thank goodness you're here.

HECTOR, NICK, ANNIE & BRIDGET

Aaah!

HECTOR

Oh, how did he do that?

ANNIE

Peter?

PETER

Annie?

ANNIE

It *is* you!

PETER

Yes!

ANNIE

Oh, he's Peter, an old friend. Oh, it was so clever of you to fix the computer.

BRIDGET

Good-looking *and* intelligent. A rare combina....tion.

NICK

Right! That's it!

Man Olympics!

HECTOR

New challenge.

PETER

What challenge?

NICK

Let's see who the real men are. Hector and me, or you two.

POSTMAN

OK ...

PETER

... What's the challenge?

ANNIE

Let *us* decide.

BRIDGET

Yes, *we'll* decide.

Sound of drumming

COMMENTARY [v.o.]

Next time in EXTRA, Annie gets a new job, so does Hector, and why does Nick become a beauty queen?

EXTRA, don't miss it.