



Lety Out Loud - Readers' Script

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Readers:

Narrator
Lety
Mario

Alma
Hunter

Brisa
Kennedy

NARRATOR

The kids are at Furry Friends Animal Shelter for a summer camp. They are deciding what projects they want to work on. Lety and Hunter have just signed up to be Shelter Scribes, but Hunter doesn't want to share the job. Alma, a volunteer at the shelter, steps in to referee the two kids.

ALMA

I'm happy to announce that we now have two scribes! Isn't it exciting?

HUNTER

Augh! Two shelter scribes? I can do it by myself. I don't need help.

NARRATOR

Lety felt like she'd been tripped. Why was Hunter so against her being shelter scribe?

ALMA

You two will work together. And no pressure, but our last shelter scribe, Gaby, was like J.K. Rowling, okay?

BRISA

J. K. Rowling? Wow!

HUNTER

I already read and write at a high-school level so it's not a problem.

NARRATOR

Lety swallowed hard. Could Hunter really write at the high school level? She wondered if she was WAY over her head by volunteering to be a shelter scribe at the animal shelter.

ALMA

I'll get a list of the animals from Dr. V. It's going to be fun you guys. You'll get to write about Finn, Bella, and Bandit. All the dogs and cats! I'll be right back with the list.

NARRATOR

Alma left. Once she was out of earshot Hunter stepped closer to Lety.

HUNTER

Lety, you should just let me write all the profiles. I know English isn't your first language. It might be too tough for you.

LETY

It's true, English isn't my first language, but I write it all the time at school and I think I can do this.

BRISA

Don't listen to him, Lety. After all, you speak two languages. How many do you speak, Hunter?

MARIO

I have an idea! Let's make it a contest.

LETY

A contest? Why?

HUNTER

That's a great idea. I mean if you cared about the animals, wouldn't you want them to be adopted as soon as possible, Lety? Think about Spike. He's a cool dog.

Doesn't he deserve to have the best profile so he can have a forever family as soon as possible?

LETY

Of course he does. But—

MARIO

Then shouldn't the animals have the best person writing for them? Alma said that the last writer was like J.K. Rowling.

KENNEDY

So what? They're writing animal profiles, not playing a game of quidditch, Mario.

LETY

So what are you thinking? Who will decide this contest? Dr. V? Alma?

MARIO

No, no. No way! They can't know about this contest. If they find out, they could kick us out of camp. It's got to stay a secret.

BRISA

Then how will the winner be chosen? It has to be fair, Mario.

MARIO

Whoever has more dogs or cats adopted by the end of Week Two is our shelter Scribe for the rest of our time at camp.

BRISA

And the loser? What will Hunter have to do?

HUNTER

Ha Ha! Very funny, Brisa.

MARIO

The loser has to do something else like work in the smelly pantry scooping up dog food into bags. Do we have a deal?

KENNEDY

Hold on, Mario! You don't get to make all the rules. Hunter needs more of a challenge since HE SUPPOSEDLY writes at a high-school level. We'll give you high-school level words that you have to use for each of your profiles. This will make it fair since you're so advanced or whatever.

HUNTER

Works for me. No backing down now, Lety.

LETY

I'm not backing down.

NARRATOR

Mario and Hunter walked away. Lety looked back Hunter. She had to win this contest, but she was worried. If the shelter director or Alma found out about the contest would they get kicked out? Would she lose her chance to adopt Spike? Could she lose everything trying to compete against Hunter who read and wrote at a high school level? What was she doing?

HUNTER

This is going to be like The Hulk vs. an ant.
Splat! Game over!