

AT THE MOVIES

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Cast*

Max (short for Max or Maxine)
Alex (short for Alexander or Alexandra)

*Cast may be male or female

At a movie theatre. Alex is seated, obviously waiting for a late friend. Max enters and approaches Alex.

MAX: Is this seat taken?

ALEX: Hey, it's about time! Where have you been? I waited out in the lobby since 2:00! What took you so long?

MAX: Mom wouldn't get off the phone. Right before we were going to leave, the phone rang.

ALEX: So? Why didn't she just tell them she was heading out the door and couldn't talk?

MAX: My mom? She's the original "Ma Bell"--she lives to talk on the phone. You should hear her and my dad get into it sometimes. Geez, you'd swear you were listening to a TV show. They really get into it!

ALEX: What are we gonna have to do? If we need to be someplace at 2:00 should we tell her 1:30?

MAX: Oh, knock it off, Alex. I got here before the movie started, didn't I?

ALEX: Barely.

MAX: Well, at least I got the popcorn, so knock it off.

ALEX: Hey, the lights are starting to dim.

MAX: Good. The movie.

ALEX: I hope there are a lot of previews. I love previews.

MAX: (seeing a preview of a good animated movie) Oh, I want to see this one. I heard a guy was almost killed when they were making it.

ALEX: Max, it's a cartoon! How could a real person almost get killed when they're making a cartoon? Get real!

MAX: Well, that's what I heard. It was on Entertainment Tonight so it must be true. (The preview ends) Yeah, I want to see that one.

ALEX: Yeah, it looked OK.

MAX: Yeah.

ALEX: (Another preview begins) Now that's one that I want to see. Kurt Russell is one of my all-time favorite actors. I never miss his movies--unless they're rated "R". Mom and dad won't let me see "R" rated movies. Do your parents?

MAX: No. At least not in a movie theatre. I can when it comes on HBO though.

ALEX: That doesn't make a whole lot of sense to me: you can't watch it in a theatre but you can watch it-- (a good part comes on) Whoa! Did you see that? I gotta see that movie! (the preview's credits come on) Let's see who else is in it... (not impressed) Hmmm... oh, well, I still want to see it.

MAX: I wonder if anybody got killed when they were making that one.

ALEX: (making fun) Probably a couple of cartoons!

MAX: Oh, shut up! Uh-oh, there goes the curtain. Must not be any more previews. (Making fun) Sorry, Alex, no more previews.

ALEX: Oh, shut up.

MAX: (humming the movie studio theme song with zeal) And here comes the show.

ALEX: Are you going to talk through the whole movie? Be quiet.

MAX: Sorry! Geez, what a grouch! See if I go to a movie with you again.

THE END

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