

Dry Bones

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CHARACTERS

TODD

Kristen's husband. After a very successful career, he learned suddenly that the company for which he has worked for 10 years filed for bankruptcy and closed its doors. Todd and all of the other employees are reeling. Todd is more fearful than angry.

KRISTEN

Todd's wife. She loves her husband and is trying to encourage him on his first "official day of unemployment".

## SETTING

Todd and Kristen's attic. It is the stereotypical attic space - cramped, full of boxes, a trunk, other items long forgotten.

## TIME

Saturday morning. The first day of Todd's unemployment.

## SKETCH LENGTH

6 minutes

## THEME

Redemption. God's graciousness in restoring. A modern day reference to Ezekiel 37 - The Lord also said to me, "Son of man, all the people of Israel are like these bones. The people say, 'Our bones are dry, and our hope has vanished. We are completely destroyed.' So prophesy. Tell them, 'This is what the Almighty Lord says: My people, I will open your graves and take you out of them. I will bring you to Israel. Then, my people, you will know that I am the Lord, because I will open your graves and bring you out of your graves. I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will place you in your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'" (Ezekiel 37:11-14)

## SCENE

(Kristen and Todd enter their attic in their Saturday morning work clothes. It is cluttered and dusty.)

## KRISTEN

(Looking around. Only now realizing the scope of the task they have set out to tackle.)  
So whose idea was it to finally get around to cleaning the attic on a Saturday morning?

## TODD

(Gives her a playful, "nasty" look.)

## KRISTEN

Oh yeah. It was kind of mine.

## TODD

(Teasing good naturedly.)  
That's right my dear. "Let's send the kids to my mother's!" you said. "Let's finally tackle the attic!" you said. "It will be fun!" you said. "A great way to take your mind off unemployment!" you said. "A symbolic way to celebrate the first day of the rest of your life!" you said. "Good things happen in attics!" you said.

## KRISTEN

I said all that?

## TODD

(Another mock "nasty" look.)

## KRISTEN

Wow. I can be pretty talkative can't I?

## TODD

It's probably better that I keep busy.  
(Begins to busy himself, then stops, in thought.)  
Wow. I just realized. I haven't been fired since I was sixteen.

(They begin looking through the items. Exploring.)

## KRISTEN

That time you were supposed to pet sit for Mrs. Arnold and forgot?

TODD

Yeah. Her guinea pig didn't eat for three days.

KRISTEN

Poor little guy.

TODD

Literally. After that, my friends used to refer to him as "Skinny Guinea."

(They begin moving through the attic's contents.)

KRISTEN

How's everyone at work doing?

TODD

About as well as could be expected. You show up for work one day and hear the words "bankruptcy" and "layoff" and it's a real kick in the gut.

KRISTEN

Especially when you don't see it coming.

TODD

I never saw myself here. Not here here. Dirty dusty attic, here but... Here... Kinda desperate...here.

KRISTEN

We've always told our small group that, "God finds a way" and now we're...well... here.

TODD

Unemployed with three kids...