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## Family Album, USA

### Episode 4 “[A Piece of Cake](#)“

#### Act 1

**Marilyn** I'm exhausted. My new exercise class is so hard.  
**Richard** Your new exercise class?  
**Marilyn** Yeah. My new advanced exercise class.  
**Richard** Why advanced?  
**Marilyn** My instructor thought that the beginner's class was too easy for me.  
**Richard** Too easy for you?  
**Marilyn** Don't laugh. In the beginner's class, they give you a chance to rest between exercises.  
**Richard** So?  
**Marilyn** The advanced class is nonstop.  
**Richard** I lift weights every morning for sixty minutes without stopping. No problem.  
**Marilyn** Listen, Richard, doing aerobics for an hour is a lot different than lifting weights.  
**Richard** Yeah. Quite a bit different. I think aerobics. I could work out in your class with no problem.  
**Marilyn** You think so?  
**Richard** Oh, without a doubt. When's the next class?  
**Marilyn** Tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. Try it.  
**Richard** Tomorrow morning after lifting weights, I'll try aerobics. It's a snap. Tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.  
**Marilyn** Aren't you going to the aerobics class this morning?  
**Richard** Of course. Easy. No sweat.  
**Marilyn** You are not going to be able to move after this and the aerobics class.  
**Richard** Are you kidding me? It's going to be a piece of cake. You want to bet.  
**Marilyn** Yeah. What's the bet?  
**Richard** I bet I can go one hour in your class this morning and not feel a thing!  
**Marilyn** The bet is-I win, and you cook dinner for the entire family. Or you win, and I cook dinner for the entire family.  
**Richard** It's a bet.  
**Marilyn** OK. Call my instructor, Jack Davis, right now. His number is 555-8842. The advanced class starts at ten o'clock advanced class starts at ten o'clock.  
**Richard** Well, it's eight twenty now.  
**Marilyn** It only takes eight minutes by bicycle to the aerobics class. Give him a call.  
**Jack** Davis Aerobics Center for Good Health.  
**Richard** Jack Davis, please.  
**Jack** This is Jack Davis.  
**Richard** Hello. This is Richard Stewart. My wife, Marilyn Stewart, is a member of your program. I'd like to come to the ten o'clock advanced class this morning.

**Jack** Oh, fine, fine. Be here a few minutes early. You need to complete some forms before the class.

**Richard** Thanks. I'm on my way over.

**Jack** Good-bye.

**Richard** Bye-bye. It's all set. I'm going.

**Marilyn** Bye.

**Richard** See you later.

**Marilyn** Good luck.

**Richard** Don't forget about the bet. Dinner for the entire family. And that includes Susan.

**Marilyn** Don't you forget.