

I don't tell you everything.

HELEN

You tell me about the important things. I guess taking a break from your college job as a big-time psychiatrist in charge of a department isn't important.

TIMA

It's not that simple.

HELEN

Then simplify it for me. What will you do during your sabbatical?

TIMA

What are we doing on this sunrise tour again?

HELEN

It looks like you're avoiding answering my question, that's what we doing on this sunrise tour.

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(AQUARIUM EMPLOYEE ("AE") shows up with a cap and a clipboard.

AE

Ladies, are you ready to feed some fish?

TIMA

What lifelong lesson will the fish teach me afterwards?

AE

Lifelong lesson?

TIMA

You know, give a man a fish, you feed him for the day, teach a man to fish and yadda yadda yadda.

HELEN

Ignore my granddaughter's sense of humor.

AE

(Speaking wryly)

Already forgotten.

TIMA

~~(To AE) It's way too early for this. We're right behind you. (whispering to HELEN) Ok, what am I supposed to do with a fish? Because I didn't bring a Ziplock bag to kidnap one.~~

Skip

HELEN

Just feed the fish. That's all you have to do.

TIMA

(a little too loudly)

If all I had to do was interact with fish, we could go to a sushi restaurant for lunch.

(AE swings around.)

AE

What did you just say?

TIMA

Uh, I suggested to my grandmother that we might check out sushi for lunch.

(AE dramatically gasps and whispers.)

AE

You are at an aquarium. You don't mention the S word.

HELEN

The S word? I have not yet had my morning coffee, so I'm a little bit slow. Do you mean the word sushi?

AE

Shhhhh! That's it. That insensitivity and disrespect will not be tolerated. You have to leave, and we will refund your ticket money.

TIMA

I don't believe this. You're kicking me out for mentioning sushi? Is the word sashimi off limits, too? It's not like I walked in here with chopsticks and a bowl of soy sauce and wasabi.

HELEN

Apologize to this man. Now, young lady! (Hissing loudly under her breath to TIMA)  
You need to feed those fish!

AE

It's my job to protect our aquatic brothers and sisters from further indignity. Fish can hear, you know

TIMA

They picked the right one with you. Look, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to be insensitive. I'm just struggling without caffeine and with a grandmother who thought it would be fun to celebrate my birthday on an overnight airplane trip. I promise to be more careful with my language.

HELEN

Please. We came all the way from St. Louis to spend the morning with the fish.

AE

Let me go talk to a supervisor. In the meantime, please avoid talking about your lunchtime plans until you leave.

(AE walks away.)

Stop

TIMA

~~I guess we shouldn't talk about going to get some crabcakes in front of the fish either. Although that's not really fair since that's a Baltimore specialty.~~

HELEN

~~You need to take this more seriously. If he kicks us out of this aquarium, you gonna need to think of a place where we can meet a fish.~~

TIMA

~~Red Lobster. We can get those delicious biscuits too.~~