Overscheduled!

An excerpt from *Once Upon a Teenager* – a series of vignettes about growing up.

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CAST:
Cassie (f) – 10 yrs. old – an overscheduled kid
Kelly (f) – 10 yrs. old – Cassie’s best friend; similarly overscheduled

Time: a November afternoon

Place: outside of school or in the school halls
Overscheduled!

CASSIE
But we always do Taco Tuesdays after school! It’s been two months!

KELLY
I know! But I have play practice every afternoon now. When the play is over we’ll definitely do the taco thing.

CASSIE
Then basketball begins.

KELLY
I’ll go to your Saturday games and then we can go out for tacos.

CASSIE
You babysit your brother on Saturdays.

KELLY
Oh yeah! Friday nights! I don’t have rehearsal Friday nights!

CASSIE
That’s pizza-family-game night at home. I have to be there. It’s a family requirement. How about Monday nights?

KELLY
Scouts.

CASSIE
You still do scouts?

KELLY
Yeah. We’ve been together since first grade. I like it.

CASSIE
Okay. How ’bout Thanksgiving weekend? We’ll be sick of turkey and tacos will be perfect!

KELLY
I’m in Ohio that weekend. Grandma’s. It’s a family tradition. Christmas vacation?

CASSIE
Cross-country skiing. It’s a new family tradition.

KELLY
January?
CASSIE
I start the children’s choir at church. It’s pretty intense. It’s over in March though.

KELLY
I’m hoping to do soccer. That’s every day and games on weekends.

CASSIE
Spring break?

KELLY
We go to our other Grandma’s. How about May? Never mind – I still have soccer.

CASSIE
When do we get out of school?

KELLY
Second week of June.

CASSIE
Last day of school. Let’s do taco Tuesday then – no matter what day it is. Is it a date?

KELLY
Definitely. Oh! Gotta go. Can’t keep the director waiting.

CASSIE
Talk to you online?

KELLY
Absolutely. I should be done with homework by 8 p.m..

CASSIE
It’s a date.

(And KELLY and CASSIE go off their separate ways.)

END OF PLAY