

Armchair Adventures: A Camaraderie Adventure

Part 2

SFX *Uncle Chris and Carla making sandwiches.*

Uncle Chris: Hello adventurers, Uncle Chris here.
Welcome to Armchair Adventures. It's part
2 of our veteran of the armed forces
special. A veteran is a person that has
served in the armed forces- the army, the
navy, or the air force.

Uncle Chris: Pass me the margarine, will you Carla?

Carla: Here you go.

SFX *Passing margarine.*

Uncle Chris: If you need a job doing well adventurer best to
do it yourself. Now pass me the marmalade please
Carla.

Carla: Coming up.

Uncle Chris: That's the peanut butter Carla. Peanut butter
will never do. Not for a trained actor like my
good self. Did you know I was trained?

Carla: Yes, Uncle Chris, everybody knows.

Uncle Chris: Peanut butter sticks to the roof of my mouth
you see and affects my pronunciation (Uncle
Chris mispronounces pronunciation).

Carla: You what?

Uncle Chris (clearing his throat): I mean Pronunciation.

Carla: Right, well. Here's the marmalade.

Uncle Chris: Thanks Carla.

Carla: Uncle Chris?

Uncle Chris: Yes?

Carla: I've been thinking. This episode of Armchair Adventures is all about the benefits of camaraderie - a shared trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together

Uncle Chris: Yes I appreciate that.

Carla: So if you need a job doing well isn't it worth doing it as a team?

Uncle Chris: Good point. Alrighty then. You may have the great pleasure of cutting my marmalade sandwiches into dainty triangles. You too adventurer, why not pretend to cut my marmalade sandwiches into dainty triangles just like Carla is?

SFX Ding

Carla: Well, that's not quite what I meant but fine.

Uncle Chris: Now, as Carla said we're on an Armchair Adventure to discover the importance of camaraderie. Connie, the veterans, and the regular customers are at Armchair Adventures

Head Quarters, which is in Connie's family run travel agency. And let me tell ya, there are lots of weird and wonderful things there.

SFX A medley of SFXs from the boxes at Armchair Adventures Head Quarters.

Uncle Chris: Oh Carla! Don't forget to cut off the crusts please, and you adventurer. No-one likes the crusts.

Carla: Don't you want curly hairs on your chest Uncle Chris?

Uncle Chris: I beg your pardon?

Carla: If you eat your crusts you'll grow up to have curly hairs on your chest.

Uncle Chris: No I don't think I do, thank you very much.

Carla: Fair enough.

Uncle Chris: Where was I, oh yes, Connie has been doing all the 'behind-the-scenes' work to get each Armchair Adventures podcast ready for release all on her own. The company that helps Connie and her customers produce each episode is called Made By Mortals, and they are putting the pressure on.

MBM: Loving everything you, your customers, and your adventurers, are doing Connie we just need more of it and fast.

SFX Hammering, drilling, etc.

Uncle Chris: And now the builders have turned up and Connie, her customers, and you adventurer, have to move the whole operation to the broom cupboard.

Carla: There you go Uncle Chris, your dainty marmalade sandwiches – just like Her Majesty The Queen used to eat them.

Uncle Chris: Oh don't they look lovely. Thanks Carla. Thanks adventurer. Now for the taste test!

SFX Uncle Chris eating marmalade sandwiches.

Uncle Chris: Oh they're delicious. Why don't you pretend to eat dainty marmalade sandwiches with me adventurer?

SFX Ding

Uncle Chris: Brilliant. Camaraderie really does make the difference. Let's hope that the veterans of the armed forces can help Connie use the power of camaraderie in another episode of...

Armchair Adventure Theme Song:

*On an armchair adventure you can go anywhere you like,
On an armchair adventure imaginations fly.*

Connie: We are never ever going to fit into the broom cupboard. I'm going to have to go back to doing all the 'behind-the-scenes' jobs on my own.

Customer: Mics and sound equipment.

Customer: Practicing lines.

Customer: Making costumes.

Customer: Computers.

Customer: Sound effects.

Customer: Voice warm-ups.

Customer: Health and safety.

Customer: Refreshments.

Customer: Security.

Customer: The dings. I've been doing the dings adventurer,
but I've been experimenting.

SFX Honk. Ting. Miaow.

Customer: I'm on the magical art stuff too.

Customer: Music for me.

Customer: Marketing and promotions.

Customer: Booking the extra characters.

Connie: I don't know if I can face doing it on my own again. I don't want to let you down adventurers but I don't have a choice. This time I really am going to have to give up.

SFX Military drums

Hazel: This is what being a leader is all about Connie.

Ronnie: This is why camaraderie is so important.

John O: You only fully understand this when you come under pressure.

John R: Like we are now.

Jan: And besides it's perfectly possible to do a good job as a team working in a small place. We have to do this all the time in the military.

John O: In tanks in the army.

Hazel: Or ships or submarines in the navy.

John R: Or planes in the Royal Air Force.

Ronny: We can do it. Can't we everyone?

Gang: Yes! Let's go! Come on! Yeah that's the spirit!

Customer: We can do it together Connie.

Customer: It'll be fun, you'll see.

Customer: A little space is no big deal.

Customer: We'll make the deadline.

Customer: No problem.

Connie: I'm not so sure. I'm not much of a leader after what happened last time when I asked my cousin Sura and my school friends to help.

SFX Squabbling. Breaking sounds.

SFX Military drums

Hazel: Don't worry Connie, we'll be right by your side.

Jan: You've got this Connie.

Connie: Ok, let's do it. Hurry up then everyone. If we are going to get the episode ready in time we need to get into that broom cupboard and sharpish. Come on everybody, including you adventurer. Let's all squeeze into the broom cupboard with all our gear as fast as we can so we can carry on doing all the 'behind-the-scenes' work on this episode. Ready, let's do it!

SFX Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding (played as a little tune).

Connie: Barry!

Customer: Breathe in everyone!

SFX The gang squeezing into the broom cupboard

Customer: Are you in adventurer?

SFX Honk

Connie: Barry there's no time for messing about now. The pressure is on.

SFX The veterans chat. Someone pulls a practical joke and all the veterans laugh.

Connie: Are you lot getting in?

John R: We are just going to have a nice cup of tea Connie, assess the situation, agree a plan of action, and then we'll jump straight to it.

Ronnie: And these dainty marmalade sandwiches are delicious!

John O: You, your customers, and adventurers could join us if you want to.

Jan: From our experience Connie, we have found that...

Connie: Sorry to interrupt, but we have no time for all of that I'm afraid. The pressure is on so we have to go go go. Right, Lilly hurry up setting up those mics, Pat and Christine nobody needs to practise their lines or any fancy costumes right now, so can you just help Lynda with the computers? I need the right software updated and ready ASAP.

Customer: Sorry?

Customer: What? Computers?

Connie: And Pauline, to save time I'll do the sound effects because I'm used to it.

Customer: Oh, ok Connie. That's a shame - I was looking forward to it.

Customer: La, La, La, La, La, La, La!!

Connie: No time for warm ups now Linda. Woahhh!

SFX Connie slipping over.

Connie: Pauline was that you? I thought I said I'd do the sound effects.

Customer: It wasn't me Connie.

Connie: Well, who left these crusts here. Kenny you're supposed to be health and safety.

Customer: Sorry Connie.

SFX Kenny eating crust

Connie: Don't eat them Kenny, they've been on the floor!

Customer: But I've always wanted curly hair Connie.

Connie: What are you talking about?

Customer: Have you always wanted curly hair adventurer?

SFX Honk. Quack.

Connie: Barry. There's no time to mess about.

Customer: Hey that duck of yours Barry has eaten my crusts!

Customer: Well he was hungry! It's hard work being a duck.

Customer: Hey Steve, you're supposed to be security, get this duck out of here!

Customer: I don't do ducks.

Customer: Well, I'm not doing it.

Customer: I can use the magical art stuff to create a pond.

SFX Magical art stuff making a pond

Connie: Not now Carla.

Customer: Ok Connie, keep your wig on.

Customer: Wigs, why did someone say wigs? I think that's my department.

Customer: Maybe the duck likes banjo music.

SFX Banjo

Customer: Don't start with that blinking banjo now Keith!

Customer: Maybe this episode has an extra character of a park warden in it. They'd know what to do with a duck. I'll call one now.

SFX Phone ringing

Connie: This is all a massive waste of time. We are on a deadline people.

Customer: It's Barry's fault.

Customer: No it is not. It's your fault.

SFX Phone ringing, pond, quacking, banjo, and squabbling

SFX Military drums

SFX A cup of tea being made

Jan: Everyone know the plan?

Ronnie: Absolutely.

John O: On it.

Hazel: And everyone know why we are here and what the purpose of the mission in is?

John R: Absolutely Hazel. To support Connie and the rest of the customers to understand the power of camaraderie to get the job done.

Hazel: Well done John. Great job everyone. We can do it.

SFX Squabbling from the broom cupboard.

Connie: (from inside the broom cupboard) I need some air.

SFX Squeezing out of the cupboard with a pop!

Connie: I may as well just do it all on my own. Everyone is doing it wrong in there. We all just keep squabbling. It's a disaster. It's just like with Sura and my school friends all over again. I knew it wouldn't work!

SFX Veterans finishing a nice cup of tea.

Connie: I can't believe how calm and together you all are. I thought veterans of the armed forces would be good under pressure.

John R: We've all been in situations like this before Connie.

John O: Situations in the armed forces and the pressure is on.

Jan: Or you come under fire from the enemy.

Hazel: In those situations, camaraderie and good leadership is more important than ever.

Jan: It's important to stay calm and together, and encourage each other.

Ronnie: We believe in you Connie.

John O: Do you remember what you said in your song Connie?

Hazel: That approach is more important than ever now you are all in a small space and under pressure.

Ronnie: We really do believe in you Connie.

Veterans: Yes! That's right. You'll be fine. It'll all be ok.

John R: Get back in that broom cupboard and inspire the rest of the customers with the power of camaraderie.

Jan: You'll soon get the job done.

Connie: Thanks Ronnie. Thanks Jan. Thanks all you veterans!

Song

Hey,
Let's go!

We're all in this together,
We'll find a way.
Let's show,
How working
As a team is what we know,
What we know.

No matter what the challenge or the obstacles we face,
The tough times make us stronger and we'll be in a better
place.

So hey,
Let's go!
We're all in this together,
It's what we know,
(A pat on the back)
What we know,
(A funny joke to show you're not on your own)
It's what we know.

Gang: We've proved we can do it as a team! Yeah that's great. Well done Connie.

Customer: That was an amazing Armchair Adventure.

Customer: I loved it.

Customer: Me and all.

Customer: Brilliant!

Gang: I loved it. Thanks for your help! Oh yes.

Connie: I learnt so much about the power of camaraderie and good leadership. Thank you veterans. And thank you adventurer!

Veterans: We loved it! Our pleasure! Happy to help! Superb, top class. You're very welcome!

SFX Phone rings

Connie: Oh excuse me a moment. Hello, the Armchair Adventures team here, can I help you?

MBM: Hi Connie, Made By Mortals here. We are absolutely delighted with the veterans of the armed forces special episodes. They are the best ones yet! We've heard about the building work going on in the travel agency. We're really sorry to put the pressure on, we didn't know. Do you need some time off while you're working in such a small space? Should we cancel next month's episodes? We don't want to put too much pressure on you.

Connie: What do you lot think? And you adventurer? Are we ready for the next mission?

SFX Ding

Gang: Can't wait to go on another adventure. Of course we can! Let's do it. Can't wait for the next one!

Connie: Don't worry Made By Mortals, you have nothing to fear. I have a truly wonderful team around me and thanks to the veterans of the armed forces in our team we can work in small spaces and under pressure. Thanks to the power of camaraderie we have never been stronger.

MBM: That's music to our ears Connie. Thank you.

Connie: Next time adventurers, another one of my lovely customers gets to take us on another Armchair Adventure; inspired by their passions and interests, but for now, it's time to say goodbye. Goodbye!

Gang: Bye bye. See you soon! Thank you all. Farewell my friends. Bye everyone! Toodle pip! Til next time.

Connie: End. Call. Now. Lovely!

Connie: Hey adventurer! Armchair Adventures fundraiser to create this podcast. If you've enjoyed this episode and would like to donate to us, ask a grown up to text the amount you would like to donate and the word 'Adventures' to 70450. Love you guys!

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