

## **Armchair Adventures – A Charity Shop Adventure**

### **Part 2**

Connie: Hello Adventurers! Welcome to Part 2 of Denise's Charity Shop Adventure!

Before we get started, I wanted to let you know about an exciting event happening next month. An Armchair Adventures extravaganza! We've made some art installations about some of our favourite episodes and you can come and see them for free. There's also a drama workshop with Uncle Chris! It'll all be happening at Stalybridge Civic Hall in Tameside, Greater Manchester! For more information and to book your free place, please visit our website, [www.armchair-adventures.co.uk](http://www.armchair-adventures.co.uk)

Love you guys!

### **Armchair Adventure Theme Song:**

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

### *SFX Hustle and bustle of charity shop*

Connie: Anyway, back to the charity shop adventure... in Part One, we've been hanging out with our competition winner, Denise, in the Willow Wood Charity Shop. It's been so good. There's this mirror... Hang on a minute. Ronnie, what are you doing?

### *SFX Faint police siren*

Ronnie: Running away from Barry!

Connie: Oaaakay!... So, this mirror, which nobody knows about, can show you the last person the item was precious to. Barry, Barry! Why are you chasing Ronnie?

### *SFX Police siren builds*

Barry: I'm the cop and he's the robber! Look! I found a fancy-dress police helmet.

Connie: I see. Shouldn't have asked...

Anyway, it's been really cool. We went back to the 60s and 70s and to a football game. Ace. And now here we are! We all brought with us some things to donate to the shop... but, at this rate I think I might end up returning home with my stuff. Sorry guys.

Denise: Don't worry! You don't have to donate today. If you change your mind, you can always come back.

Carla: And the rest of us are donating our things anyway, so it's all been worthwhile.

Connie: Great. What did you guys bring?

Kenny: I have a six-speaker sound system. It doesn't work with my telly, but it might be useful to somebody else. The sound is great, it surrounds you. Like being in a cinema.

Carla: Why don't you hold it up in front of the magic mirror Kenny?

*SFX twinkly, magical sound*

*SFX Action film sound effects in surround sound*

Connie: Woah, hang on. Where's the mirror taken us to now?

Linda: We already know who this belonged to!

Connie: Have we gone forward in time?

Christine: Wow! I think we have!

Denise: Extraordinary. This is the first time this has happened.

Connie: Let's see who gets your speakers, Kenny.

Kenny: A youth club!

Hazel: A big group of young people on sofas!

Cyril: They're engrossed in an action movie!

Connie: That's so good. Your speakers will bring people together, Kenny!

*SFX twinkly, magical sound*

*SFX Hustle and bustle of charity shop*

Connie: What have you got there, Carla?

Carla: It's a spinning top!

Connie: A what?

Carla: It's a toy. You pump it up and then it spins really fast. When it starts there are pictures to see, but soon it's just a blur of colours! It'll keep children happy for hours!

Connie: Let's see!

Steve: Yeah, hold it up to the mirror...

*SFX twinkly, magical sound*

*SFX the tune and action of a spinning top*

Carla: Older people sitting in a big living room.

John R: A care home!

Carla: The joy on their faces!

Pat: The spinning top is bringing back happy memories!

*SFX twinkly, magical sound*

*SFX Hustle and bustle of charity shop*

Connie: Did you have that toy when you were a child, Carla?

Carla: I did. It's no use to me anymore.

Connie: Hmm.

Linda: One person's rubbish is another's treasure!

Ronnie: Exactly!

Barry: I've been clearing the attic, so I've brought a set of weights. There's barbells and dumbbells. I thought the longer I left them in the loft, the harder it would be to get them down from there!

Connie: That's a great idea, Barry! Shall we have a look?

Barry: Go on then!

*SFX twinkly, magical sound*

*SFX upbeat gym music*

Connie: Where are they?

Barry: Looks like a gym. A boxing gym.

Linda: A group of people using the weights. Helping each other.

Barry: That's great! They've brought people together again!

Connie: Come on adventurers, let's have a go at lifting weights! 1, 2, 3!

*SFX Ding*

Connie: Brilliant!

John OG: These could inspire someone to be a champion. To look after themselves and be self-disciplined.

Connie: Let's practice our best 'champion stance' adventurers. Arms up, like you've just beaten your greatest opponent!

*SFX Ding*

Everybody: Warrior chants

Connie: Champions!

*SFX twinkly, magical sound*

*SFX Hustle and bustle of charity shop*

#### **Scene 4**

Connie: You're definitely all champions adventurers! And you lot, you're all really brave to hand over your possessions. I'm being really childish holding on to them.

Denise: No, you're not.

Connie: Really? I think I might be being sentimental.

Denise: That's ok, Connie. There's nothing wrong with that.

Linda: Should we have a look at what you brought, Connie? See if there might be something you'd be happy to part with?

*SFX Rummaging in bag*

Connie: Ok... I'll show you what I've got. There's this Furby. I saved up for it with the money my Grandad gave me for washing his car. It was the first thing I ever bought with my pocket money. So, I want to hold onto that. Especially since I named it Jim, after my Grandad.

*SFX Furby sound*

Denise: Ok. What else?

*SFX Rummaging in bag*

Connie: Oh, yes. This fidget spinner. Me and my best friend Anna used to play with these for hours when we were younger. *(Laughs)* Good times.

*SFX Fidget spinner*

Connie: Too many good memories. I'll hold onto that for now.

Denise: That's fine.

Connie: My lego set. I built a chimney that was almost right up to the ceiling! I had to climb up on the sofa to reach.

Denise: Brilliant.

Connie: Hmm. Never know when I might need to build again. And, of course, there's Ted. He's really cute. We had some great times. I am a bit old for a teddy bear, though. And, to be fair, I won him in a raffle. Not that long ago really. Maybe he doesn't hold loads of good memories...

Denise: Should we hold it up to the mirror?

Connie: Erm. I suppose we could.

Denise: Ok.

*SFX Twinkly, magical sound*

*SFX children's TV, a baby crying*

Connie: Oh wow! Someone's front room. A little boy, 4 or 5 years old.

Hazel: Their Mum is feeding a newborn baby.

Pauline: The little one is looking at Mum and checking everyone is ok.

Barry: Before going back to watching cartoons on TV.

Pat: The sound of a car pulling up outside.

Carla: The little boy runs to the door and throws his arms around his Dad's legs.

Child: Daddy!

Connie: His Dad picks him up and brings him into where his Mum and baby brother and sister are.

Steve: His Dad is carrying some nappies and a carrier bag and the Mum looks relieved.

Carla: He reaches into the bag and pulls out...

Connie: (*Delighted*) My teddy!

Christine: The little boy's face is beaming!

Pat: And the Mum's too.

Linda: His Dad wobbles the teddy's arms and legs, as if it's talking to the boy.

Connie: He's laughing his head off! Come on adventurers, let's pretend we're making our teddies talk!

*SFX Ding*

Everyone: Ooh hello. Let's have a picnic... etc...

Connie: So much fun!

John R: The Dad takes the baby off Mum and passes her a bubble bath from the bag.

Pauline: She looks like she might cry. Happy tears.

John OG: The little lad is playing with the teddy, chatting to it and giving it big cuddles.

Connie: He's got a new little friend to play with!

Denise: All thanks to you, Connie.

*SFX Twinkly, magical sound*

*SFX Hustle and bustle of charity shop*

## **Scene 5**

*SFX Hustle and bustle of charity shop*

Connie: I can't believe I ever thought I'd miss my teddy! It's so good knowing how happy Ted's new owner is! And Ted gets a second life now, too!

Denise: He does!

Connie: Goodbye Ted! Have great adventures! Maybe I was being stubborn. Whatever it was, it doesn't compare to seeing how excited that little boy was. I wonder who else would love my old stuff?

Denise: Why don't you just leave us with your teddy with us this time, then

maybe next time you could bring in more things that you're happy to give away?

Connie: Yeah, ok. That's a good idea. I did really enjoy that, though.

Carla: It's a good feeling, isn't it?

Connie: Definitely. Thanks guys! You've made me see that change can be good. That parting with my things doesn't mean giving away my memories. And that my stuff doesn't make me who I am. I'm still myself, even if I don't keep every single thing that's ever been part of my life!

### Song

Letting go of something is not an easy thing to do,  
No matter how old you are.  
When you've got something precious that you don't want to give away,  
It's hard to say goodbye.

Maybe I don't need to worry,  
I don't need to be this scared,  
My memories will stay with me.

Giving up your special stuff is not an easy thing to do,  
No matter how old you are.  
Whether it's toys you played with or favourite clothes,  
Shiny jewellery or old photos,  
It's hard to say goodbye.

But maybe I don't need to worry,  
I don't need to be this scared,  
My memories will stay with me.

A little gift to give,  
A lot of love to share,  
Release a drop of kindness.

A little gift to give,  
A lot of love to share,  
Release a drop of kindness.

Memories forever.



Throwing out your childhood things is not an easy thing to do,  
No matter how old you are.  
The things you loved when you were young,  
They take you back in time,  
It's hard to say goodbye.

But maybe I don't need to worry,  
I don't need to be this scared,  
My memories will stay with me.

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Memories forever,  
Forever.

Connie: Wait, wait, wait! I've changed my mind. Denise, I'm going to leave everything I brought with me today. I don't need them! There's nothing in that bag that I love enough to hold onto. I'm not going to miss them. I want to make room for new memories!

Hazel: Well done, Connie!

Ada: You're letting someone else have pleasure from it.

Pat: Well done you!

Barry: It's lovely to see you getting more grown up and helping other people, Connie.

John OG: Your things will make somebody very happy.

John R: They're going to a good home!

Pauline: It's a really good feeling knowing someone will be making more memories, like the ones you made.

Cyril: It was very brave of you to make such a big decision.

Connie: That was a great adventure, Denise. Thank you for welcoming us to the charity shop!

Denise: Any time! I'm so glad you enjoyed it.

Connie: I did. That mirror was magical. I hadn't thought about how much joy my things could bring their next owner. I was holding on too hard and I can't do that forever. I'd run out of space!!

Christine: That's right. You've inspired me to do it, too!

Ronnie: Superb Connie, as usual.

Connie: Thank you all. I suppose I'd better go and help Mum with the decorating. There are definitely more things at home that I don't need, so I'll be seeing you again soon, Denise.

Denise: Great! Lovely to meet you all. See you again! Goodbye!

Ensemble: Bye Denise, see you soon hopefully, it's been great meeting you etc.

Connie: Bye everybody!

Connie: End. Call. Now.

*SFX of a dial-tone as Connie terminates the call*

Connie: Excellent.

*SFX Twinkly magical sound*

Child 1: My big sister had a Furby and I always wanted one, too. Now we can play with them together.

Child 2: My brother will be so happy with this Lego set. We can build castles and dens and skyscrapers. I can't wait to show him!

Child 3: I lost my fidget spinner and couldn't get another one anywhere. I'm so glad to have one again!

*Music - Armchair Adventures theme starts*

### **Outro.**

Connie: I loved that! ... thanks sooo much for joining in adventurer!

We've got another competition too, this time for all you adventurers! We'd like you to send us a picture of where you would like to go on Armchair Adventure with Connie and the gang! You'll find a drawing template on our website [www.armchair-adventures.co.uk](http://www.armchair-adventures.co.uk) ...and for all our lucky winners, we'll send you an Armchair Adventures goodie bag! Send your amazing drawings to us on social media or by post to me Connie, Made By Mortals, Ashton Old Baths, Tameside, OL6 7FW.

I can't wait to see them all! See you soon adventurer. Love you guys!

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