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Copy/print one copy for every three students. Using scissors or guillotine, cut along the dotted lines to separate the Unexpected Circumstances.



Aidan's Unexpected Circumstance

Two things happen in the same week: one good and one not so good.

Aidan's waterpolo coach has told him that there is a tryout for a vacant spot on the State U19 team, and he's put Aidan's name forward. The tryout is Thursday afternoon at 5pm.

The bad news is that the pool shop owner, Mrs Kryer's husband, is really ill, and she has virtually begged Aidan to help her out by running the shop by himself this Thursday night AND to open it Saturday! She's been a great boss and he knows she can't help her husband being sick, but it will mean missing both the tryout and the match! Would Mrs Kryer cut his hours (or worse, fire him!) if he didn't help her out?



Kayla's Unexpected Circumstance

Kayla has no one to blame for this but herself, and she knows it. Marissa asked her today how her Ancient History assignment (due next Monday) is going. Kayla had forgotten all about it! It's going to require heaps of research, maybe four hours or so, and another three at least to write it up.

To make things worse, there's a problem with the modem at home (the new one won't arrive till next week) so she's going to have to do the research either at the school library or the council library.

Mum won't cut her any slack and still expects her at the shop on Saturday, and there's no way she's going to Mr Bansal and asking for an extension – she knows she doesn't deserve one.



Chelsea's Unexpected Circumstance

Brilliant, Justin. Chelsea's little brother Justin cleverly broke his arm in three places skateboarding and needs some pins put in (they should use his stupid head: it's a pin!). Dad is interstate right now on business, and Mum has to go up to the hospital every evening to see him. That means from five in the afternoon till nearly eight at night, Chelsea has to feed and look after herself and her nine year-old sister Olivia. She should still be able to get band practice in (Liv can wait around in the school hall with the band) but there's no chance of getting any study done before mum gets home. She's going to have to cancel work this Thursday. Where she's going to find the time to do her English assignment – let alone *Dark Dahlias* jamming! – is a mystery.