[Hello?

Hello, Andrew!

Oh. Hi Nana! How are you?

I’m good. How are you?

I’m well. What’s up?

Oh it’s so cold out today.

Yea it’s cold where you are.

Yes, it’s very very rainy and wet. My knees are hurting. Oh!

Oh! I’m sorry to hear that.

Oh it’s okay. But you know I was wondering what you guys were doing for Mother’s Day?

Mother’s Day? Oh! That’s right! It’s Mother’s Day this Sunday.

Wait! Yes! Have you not made plans with your mother?

No, I should do that. Maybe we should take Mom out for lunch.

Yes, mimosas. She really likes mimosas.

Mimosas. Well, what are you doing on Sunday? It would be nice if we could all get together and hang out on Mother’s Day.

Alright. Yes, I would love that.

You know you’re a mother too!

Of course. I would love it. Maybe come over in the afternoon. That would be lovely.

Well how about I pick you up?

Ok.

I’ll pick you up at 10:30, Sunday morning.

Ok. I can be awake.

Ok. You get ready. We’ll surprise Mom. We’ll have a nice afternoon together.

Oh I can’t wait to see you. It’s great!

Thanks for calling, Nana! See you on Sunday.

Alright. See you Sunday, Andrew!

Bye!]

Hi Andrew! How are you?

I’m pretty good, Suzanne. How are you?

I am good.

I just got off the phone with my Nana.

Aww your Nana!

Yea. She reminded me that it’s Mother’s Day coming up.

Oh right!

Did you remember?

No, thank you Nana! This is a big deal.

It is a big deal. Yea. Do you and your mom celebrate Mother’s Day together?

Well my mother lives in Texas and I live in Montreal. So I don’t get to see her very often or not usually for Mother’s Day unfortunately.

Right. I wonder if on Mother’s Day you miss your mom more than you usually do.

I think so.

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I wonder if my mom would like to have a mani-pedi with me on Mother’s Day.

I say why not. It is called a mani.

Yea well there’s only one way to find out, maybe this Mother’s Day is the day to try it out.

That’s a good idea! Do you think your Nana would also like a mani-pedi?

Hard to say. Hard to say. I think maybe she’s passed the point of enjoying that activity. Usually what I do with my mom on Mother’s Day is to have a nice brunch or a nice lunch with my brother, my sister, my father, the whole family together and I think my mom enjoys just spending the day with us.

And maybe she can really enjoy it and not feel like she has to do the daily rituals and the laundry and the cooking or work.

Exactly. So Mother’s Day is an interesting holiday because it’s always on a Sunday.

Yes. And Sunday is the best day for brunch I think.

It’s the only brunch day in my opinion.

Andrew, do you give your mom gifts or presents on Mother’s Day, besides going to lunch or brunch?

Yes, sometimes I’ll get my mom flowers or my mom really likes hanging baskets.

Oh it’s like hanging plants in baskets?

Uhmm. So it’s a basket that you can hang usually in the backyard and it’s filled with different types of flowers. And she likes these because they are nice all summer long. If you buy a bouquet of flowers, they die after, you know, a week.

This is true.

So this is nice. It’s the gift that keeps on giving for the spring and summer.

That’s wonderful! That’s a really really good gift.

Another gift that I like to give my Mom and this is a bit of a joke but it’s me, because I was born on Mother’s Day.

Oh really?

Mother’s Day changes every year, right? Sometimes it’s on the 8th, sometimes it’s on the 9th.

Right right.

Depending. It’s on the second Sunday of May and that changes every year. But the year I was born it was Mother’s Day. My birthday is May 12th. So my mom always jokes with me: “You don’t need to buy me a present. You were the best Mother’s Day gift I ever got.” So that’s a nice thing for her to say.

Aww. Your presence is present enough. I was born the day before Father’s Day so I understand.

Speaking of Father’s Day, I feel like Mother’s Day gets the spotlight and Father’s Day is kind of an afterthought for a lot of people. Do you feel they’re treated equally?

No, I don’t feel like they’re treated equally. I think in the past moms have always done the work within the household, so carpooling and cooking and taking care of the kids. And in the past, men or fathers have been the ones who bring home the bacon or, you know, go out and bring home the money and provide for the family. So their contribution to the family is not as obvious on a daily basis to the kids. But now it is more equal because more moms are working and more dads are staying home. And there is a shared experience and a shared raising up the kids and taking care of the house. So now I think it’s becoming a little more equal. I do think that Mother’s Day tends to get more fanfare than Father’s Day. Sorry, dads!

Yea, sorry dads! Even this episode is for the moms, not for the dads. But it’s true. On Mother’s Day we say nice things to our moms, we spend time with them. We really make it a day. But Father’s Day, it’s kind of like “Hey Dad, happy Father’s Day! Here’s a tie” or “Here’s a wallet.” And then that’s it. Day is over. There’s no special celebration.

Poor dads!

What about this idea: Parent’s Day. How would you feel about that?

I like that!

Maybe if we did a Parent’s Day, the dads would get a little more recognition. The classic question that Canadian kids ask their parents is “We have Mother’s Day, we have Father’s Day. Why don’t we have a kids’ day, a children’s day?”. And what is the response that every parent tells their kid when they ask this question?

Kids’ Day is everyday.

Yes, everyday is Kids’ Day. So Suzanne, we’re almost finished for today. But before I let you go, I just wanna ask if you have a memorable Mother’s Day story that you could share with us.

I do. I do have an interesting Mother’s Day story. One year I surprised my mom at a restaurant in Texas.

Ok.

I flew in from New York City and my father picked me up from the airport. And my sister and her husband were also in on the secret. And we were texting and my father and I got to the restaurant first.

Ok.

And then my sister and her husband came in and we had a great table by the window in our own little room upstairs in this really cute restaurant, very quaint. So I had a good hiding spot.

Ok.

And she turned the corner and I had my iPhone and she came in, I said “Surprise!”. And she freaked out. Her mouth and face were so surprised and I snapped a picture of her in her surprised face.

At that exact moment. Nice. And you still have the picture?

I have to find it but if I find it, we should post that picture of Emily.

Of your mom, Emily?

My mom, on the Facebook page. What do you think?

Yea. I think it’s a good idea. I really want to see this picture. I’m sure she was very surprised.

She was shocked and overjoyed.

She was happy to see you.

Yes.

I would even say kind of floored.

Floored? Wow!