

SIDE 5 - TED, JACKIE

– 58 –

DISASTER!

START

JACKIE

I don't like lying to Tony –

TED

But you have to in order to save his life.

JACKIE

There hasn't been a tremor in a while. Maybe nothing will happen...

TED

In my line of work, I expect that everything will always turn out for the worst.

JACKIE

Thank goodness you can rescue everyone.

TED

Everyone? I'll consider the night a success if 80% survive.

JACKIE

But there are hundreds of people on the boat! If only 80% survive, that means...the other percent will die.

TED

I can't focus on that.

JACKIE

But don't you feel –?

TED

Feelings get in the way during a disaster. I learned that when...

JACKIE

When your wife passed away?

#13b – *Wo's Death Underscore*

Was Wo-ching also a disaster expert?

TED

Back then we were just a couple of typical double PHD geologists. Wo-ching... "Wo" wanted to have a working honeymoon. At Mount Wakakia.

JACKIE

The volcano?

TED

We were hiking to the top when a 6.3 tremor hit.

JACKIE

Oh! Were you terrified?

TED

Yes. And that feeling affected my judgement. I tried to grab Wo with my non-dominant hand and she fell.

JACKIE

Didja re-marry?

TED

Negative. I have my work now to keep me satisfied.

JACKIE

Work! I have to go sing!

TED

Alright. I'll wait here for the children to return from the captain.

JACKIE

Thank you. And... I'm sorry about your wife.

TED

No need to be.

(BLANK-FACED)

I'm happy.

Jackie exits.

Marianne appears (in another part of the ship) thinking aloud.

MARIANNE

I don't need him. I'm happy.

Chad appears (in another part of the ship).

CHAD

I don't need her! I'm happy.

They are all onstage, but in different worlds.

#14 - Feelings

MARIANNE

But... Chad...

CHAD

Marianne...

TED

Wo...

END