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Many people feel that the television is a waste of time. However, many people feel that TV shows are a form of literature. Television shows are basically plays on a different type of screen. “Many plays [like TV shows] are plotted in what has come to be called a pyramidal pattern, because the plot is divided into three essential parts” (The Bedford Introduction to Literature 1265). According to the The Bedford Introduction to Literature, the three essential parts of a good story are the rising action, climax, and the falling action (1265). Many people consider TV shows literature because they convey a message to the watcher just like a book conveys a message to the reader. In my opinion I feel that TV shows go by the same three essential parts of the rising action, climax, and falling action in order to make it a good TV show. For example, the famous TV show Friends conveyed their messages to the watcher’s in the same way that the author’s of books conveyed their messages to their readers.

The word "Joey" is rendered in a stylized, three-dimensional font. The letters are dark with a metallic sheen and a slight shadow, giving them a 3D appearance. The 'J' is the largest and most prominent, followed by 'o', 'e', and 'y'.

Title:

**Tool Time**

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## ACT ONE

Scene A: Inside Bobbie's office-afternoon

*Bobbie is drinking a bottle of beer and Joey enters. She throws the beer, so Joey does not see it.*

Bobbie: Hey Joey.

Joey: You said that you had some good news for me.

Bobbie: Yes, but what was it, (*she opens a file*). Yes, I got you a job on a very popular TV show.

Joey: You did? What is it? Did Nurse change their mind?

Bobbie: No, but I did you one better. I got you to star on your own TV show. Remember I told you that I would throw on a meat skirt and wrestle a lion for you. Well I did. NBC needs to put someone new on Tool Time to replace Tim Taylor while he is on vocation.

Joey: Yes!

*Cut to:*

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Scene B: Inside Joey's car

*Joey dials a number on his cell phone, and Chandler answers.*

Joey: Chandler, I am going to be on the show with that cute girl Heidi.

Chandler: Heidi? Who is Heidi? What are you talking about?

Joey: Remember the show where the hot chick is always helping out that Tim and Al guy.

Chandler: Are you talking about Tool Time?

Joey: No, why would I go work for a show about tools? I don't know anything about tools.

Candler: The show with Heidi in it is called Tool Time, you idiot.

Joey: WHAT? I don't know anything about tools. What am I going to do?

Chandler: Well, you are an actor. You can pull it off. Act like you are a tool person.

Joey: Good idea, I can pull this off. I am an actor. By the way when are you going to come down and visit?

Chandler: I will come down and surprise you one of these days.

Joey: Well I have got to go. I need to go learn about those things off of Tool Time.

Chandler: Ok, you mean tools. I will talk to you later.

*Joey hangs up his phone and once he is about to get out of his car his phone rings.*

Joey: Yea?

Tim Taylor: Is this Joey Bibbiani?

Joey: It's Tribbiani

Tim Taylor: Yea, Joey Bibbiani.

Joey: No, It is Joey Tribbiani.

Tim Taylor: Ok, what ever. So I just wanted to tell you what the show was going to be about.

Joey: Ok.

Tim Taylor: Bobbie was telling me all about your jobs as a mechanic. So, I figured that you and Al could work on a car engine.

Joey: WHAT?

Tim Taylor: Yeah, Bobbie told me that you would act like that. Come on. I don't have much time here. Just be here tomorrow at 11:00am. Remember, you can't mess anything up. The show is live.

Joey: Live?

Tim Taylor: Well, good luck and thanks again for offering to fill in for me tomorrow.

Joey: Tomorrow?

Time Taylor: Yeah, I have got to go. Thanks again.

*Cut to:*

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Scene C: Inside of Joey's apartment-night time

*Gina is cooking. Zach and Michael are watching TV.*

Michael: Does Joey know that Chandler and Phoebe are on their way here?

Gina: No, Chandler said that they wanted it to be a surprise for Joey since they have not seen him in forever.

*Alex runs in.*

Alex: Joey is coming. Remember you guys we need to act like we don't know anything about his new show.

*Joey walks in with a big smile*

Joey: Guys, guess what?

*Howard runs in*

Howard: Joey, I can't believe that you are going to be on Tool Time.

Joey: How did you know?

Howard: Your friend, Chandler, called and said that he was going to fly down, so he could see you be on Tool Time.

*Zach slaps Howard in the back of the head.*

Zach: Howard, you just blew it. It was supposed to be a surprise.

Howard: I'm sorry. I thought that he already knew.

Joey: Chandler is coming down? Really? Man, that is cool. When is he going to be here?

*Chandler and Phoebe walk up to the front door and ring the door bell.*

Michael: Who is that hot chick beside that guy in the suit outside?

Joey: That is Phoebe, and Chandler. They are here. I can't believe it.

*Michael opens the door and Chandler and Phoebe walk in. Phoebe, Chandler, and Joey all hug.*

Joey: Why did you not tell me that you were coming?

Chandler: We wanted it to be a surprise. The rest of the gang sends their love.

Joey: I can't believe that you are here.

Chandler: Joey, I am really tired from the flight. Would you mind if we catch up tomorrow.

Phoebe: Yeah, I am tired also. I worked on my new song the entire flight. It is called fat guy that just farted beside me on the plane.

Joey: Yeah, sure the rooms are back here.

*Joey walks Chandler and Phoebe to the two spare bedrooms. Joey comes back to the living room.*

Michael: Well I am going to hit the sack.

Alex: Yeah, I have got to go also.

Howard: I am going to leave also. I'm sorry for ruining your surprise.

Joey: That's fine. You do it all the time, so I should have known.

Zach: I'm going to watch TV.

Joey: Yeah, at your house.

Zach: Come one Joey, my cable was cut off.

Joey: Ok, Ok. Just keep it low.

*Cut to:*

ACT ONE:

Scene D: At the set of Tool time-11:00am

*Bobbie and Joey are talking backstage. While Chandler, Phoebe, Alex, Gina, Zach, Michael and Howard are sitting in the audience talking.*

Bobbie: Just pretend that you know what you are doing. You will do fine.

Joey: Ok, I will try but I don't even know what this is. (*Picking up a hammer*)

Bobbie: Well that is what you use to fix things. You just hit stuff with it. And it will be fixed.

*The producer walks up to Joey and Bobbie.*

Producer: Ok, Joey you are due on in five seconds.

*Joey is walking to the stage and then hears:*

Heidi: Welcome to Tool Time. Benford Tools is proud to present your special host for today: Joey Bibbiani.

Joey: It is Tribbi..... (*Joey gets that look in his face when he sees a lady*) How you doin'?

Heidi: I am good. And your co-host today is Al Borland

Joey: (*talking to Heidi*) What are you doing tonight?

Heidi: I am married, and you are on TV.

Al: Today, we are going to be working on a NASCAR engine, and to help out today's we have two special guest for you today. Everyone please welcome Jimmie Johnson, and Kyle Busch.

*Kyle Busch drives out his #5 Lowe's Busch Series racecar and Jimmie Johnson drives out his #48 Lowe's Cup racecar.*

Alex: All my good it is Jimmie Johnson and Kyle Busch.

*Alex runs on stage*

Alex: Can I have your autographs?

*Security runs on stage and carries Alex back to her seat.*

Joey: (*whispering to Al*) Why are Kyle and Jimmie here.

Al: (*whispering to Joey*) because they drive for Lowe's.

Al: (*talking regular now*) Everyone remember that you can only buy Benford Tools at Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouses.

Joey: Ok, everyone we are going to be working on these engines in both of these racecars today. I'm going to be working with Jimmie Johnson and Al is going to be working with Kyle Busch. The first to fix the problem in the motor will win.

*Both teams get ready to start working on the cars. Heidi pushes out a table for each team.*

Heidi: Joey's and Al's cars have the same things wrong with them. The first to fix the problem correctly will win. On your mark, get set, and go.

Jimmie Johnson: What do you think the problem is Joey?

Joey: I'm not sure. It just looks like nothing but junk under here (*Joey is pointing at the engine*).

Jimmie: Do you know anything about cars.

Joey: Yeah, I know when to take it to my mechanic to get stuff worked on in my car, and I know how to pump gas in my car.

*Joey picks up the hammer and almost hits it, but Chandler runs on stage.*

Chandler: Joey, I think it is the....(*Joey looks up at the cameras and freezes, and then whispers to Joey*) Am I on TV?

Joey: Yes. Do you not see the cameras right there (*Joey points to the cameras*).

Chandler: (*With a panicked look*) Holy Crap! (*Chandler runs off stage through the back door, and ducks under the window*).

Joey: Wait, what is wrong with the engine? (*Joey picks up the hammer again and starts hitting the engine in various places*).

Jimmie: What are you doing?

Joey: I am fixing the engine. This thing right here (*Joey is waving a hammer in his hand*) will fix anything. All you have to do is hit stuff with it. I'm going to call it the hitter.

Jimmie: It is called a hammer.

Joey: It does not matter what it is called. (*Joey hits the engine really hard with the hammer and oil shot out all over Jimmie's face*)

Jimmie: What in the world?

*In the background you hear Al's and Kyle's racecar crank up.*

Al: We won. We beat Joey Bibbiani and Jimmie Johnson.

Joey: My name is Joey Tribbiani. It is not Bibbiani.

*Chandler in the mean time is peaking through the window, and Jimmie Johnson left the stage to retrieve something.*

Jimmie: (*Walking back on stage with oil still all over his face, and carrying a glue gun*) Come here you idiot. I am going to glue your head onto the floor. Look what you did to me.

Joey: I'm sorry (*Joey is running off stage and tries to get away from Jimmie*)

*Al and Kyle get the glue gun from Jimmie and help him get cleaned up.*

## ACT ONE:

Scene E: At the set of tool time twenty minutes after the show.

*Joey is talking with Bobbie and the rest of his friends, and then Al walks up.*

Al: Hey Joey, you did fine today. At least you did not hurt anyone like Tim always does.

*Jimmie and Kyle walk up.*

Jimmie: Joey, I'm sorry that I got angry. The producers told me that you were just showing the audience what you are not supposed to do to an engine.

Bobbie: The producers did not tell you that Jimmie?

Jimmie: No, but once again I am sorry about getting mad. If I knew that it was part of the show then I would have went along with it.

Joey: Yeah, I like to show people what they are not supposed to do to cars.

*The screen starts to go black and the Friends theme song is playing in the background, and then the credits start to go across the screen.*



Works Cited

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