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DEAR MADAM...

ITEMS NEEDED:

A letter

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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CHARACTERS:

Mary - An unsuspecting customer

Mary enters and finds a letter in an envelope lying on the floor. She opens it.

MARY: "Dear Madam..." Gee, I wonder who this is from? "Please forgive me for not being there in person today." No problem! "I have a hair appointment, and if I miss it, my stylist can't get me in for another six months." Boy, I know how that goes! "At any rate, it gave me an opportunity to write a personal letter to you. This is a letter to thank you for your hospitality and for the opportunity to teach you about the books of the Bible. It's also a great way to tell you that the next twelve books of the New Testament are letters to friends." Now how did I know something like that was coming? "These letters were written to individuals and groups of people who were special to the reader, just like you are to me!" Aww, he thinks I'm special. "Some are to leaders in the church. Some are to friends. All of them are filled with encouraging words to remind us to stay faithful to God, knowing He gives us eternal life. The first two letters were written by Paul to Timothy, a student of his who became a preacher. Titus was also a young pastor, and all three letters are great encouragement for young ministers. Philemon is another personal letter from Paul encouraging Philemon to show forgiveness to a fellow believer. Hebrews was a letter to the early believers encouraging them to be faithful in hard times. James was written by a man named James, a brother of Jesus who was a leader in the early church. 1 and 2 Peter were written by the Apostle Peter, and 1, 2, and 3 John were written by the apostle John. Jude was another early believer who urged his leaders to avoid false teachers. Taken all together, we can find encouragement in these letters to keep the faith even in hard times. Life may be difficult, but we have hope in eternal life. Say them with me now, madam! 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, and Jude! Highest regards and fondest wishes, Phil. PS, Can you move my laundry to the dryer for me?" Really? He's using my washer and dryer now?