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12:57 PM (ET)

CAPTIONER: Standing by.

EMILY: Okay. Katie will not be able to make it and I don't think Emiliano will be either. I think it is the two of us. And Oscar and Liner. I cannot hear you.

MIRANDA: You can?

EMILY: Yes. Do you have access to the questions for this week?

MIRANDA: Just my keypad, but yes, I have them.

EMILY: All right. I think Liner would like this topic.

OSCAR: Hi Emily. Hi, Miranda. I think Liner will not be with us because she has a problem with her cell phone. [Laughter]

MIRANDA: That is funny? She cannot make it either.

OSCAR: Right now, she is traveling to Glenwood Springs or something like that. She was -- her birthday was last week. She decided to have fun. But she said it is not the problem of connection, but she doesn't have battery for her cell phone. That is why.

EMILY: Miranda, do you know if it will be looked down upon if we did next week's topic instead? I mean week six instead of week five.

MIRANDA: Can you hear me?

EMILY: I can now.

MIRANDA: I was thinking the same thing. Can you pull it up? I cannot. I only have this week's topic.

EMILY: I can. I will copy the questions into the chat.

MIRANDA: Okay. Sorry. I am limited too, Oscar, because I don't have a cell phone. I lost my cell phone this past weekend. So, I am working off my iPad, my laptop, trying to figure everything out.

OSCAR: But if you want, we can do this next week. For me it is no problem. I have a meeting. And I can go to work right now. But if you want, we can do this session next week.

EMILY: I am okay with continuing it now.

OSCAR: Okay, perfect.

EMILY: And if Miranda is having issues, that is up to you.

OSCAR: Okay.

EMILY: So, this week we are going to be talking about work.

MIRANDA: I am having such bad issues with my microphone. We will do a quick little chat about work and then Oscar, you can go to your meeting. In the next week we will talk about health and food. Is that cool?

EMILY: So, I guess the question that I would like to ask first is what kind of work did you do in your country before coming to the US? You said you had 4 degrees. What were they in?

OSCAR: I worked for a company from England in Netherlands, and they have a gas station that is here and many other businesses. And I was a commercial manager for Latin America for 20 years there. So, it was an amazing experience for me because I am autistic. And they found that problem in me and they gave me a treatment and they helped me to be more social. Because my brain works very well for many other things. But they paid for me 10 years treatment. So, for me it was the best thing that could happen in my life because they helped me to be more social and be—develop some things for me that are really difficult. For example, I don't like to be with people. I used to be happy that I am alone. But then I can talk with the people like I am doing right now. But that was a lot of years ago. And so a commercial manager, you have to document people. You have to make some business proposals and many other things like that. And so, for me I think I was 22 years old—no I was 21 years old when I started working with them. And I have a really good experience working with high-quality professionals in that company. We are just like 40 people in Latin America. And I was the leader. Like at the end of my job there, I was like the leader for the whole team. And I use to solve a lot of fuel problems, related problems in that industry. And every country has -- like I don't work in the US because US has another market. But in South America I would have a huge market in Venezuela, while Venezuela was not leading for Chavez, and then Chile is a big market too. Argentina, Brazil was even stronger business there. For me it was an amazing experience working with a lot of people, a lot of mix, a lot of cultures, to understand the way that they think, their own culture, their food, and their traditions. So, in the Caribbean, for example for me it was really strange -- I used to work, if I needed to work on weekends, I would. It is no problem for me. It is my culture and they used to do that in Latin America all the time. But I was in Jamaica, and they have many things to do -- and a few time to do the agenda. So, I ask them if we could have a meeting on Saturday morning. And there were 10 people working with me and eight people left the company because I decided to have a meeting on Saturday. It was like an insult for them to work on Saturday. It was something about the culture that they have what they don't work. So, it is like don't worry, be happy. *(Laughter)* *(Reference to Bobby McFerrin-Don't Worry Be Happy)* And that is part of the experiences that I've had. It was amazing. I understand that we have many differences.

MIRANDA: I remember you talking about being able to travel a lot because of work. And that is a really cool experience! So would you say that you enjoy, you pride yourself in hard work?

OSCAR: Yeah. For me it is amazing to be traveling. I used to enjoy to be alone a lot of times. For example, I used to travel on Monday and then come back home on Friday. So, this week, for example I was in Chile and then the next week I have to go to Columbia and the next week I have to travel to the Caribbean. When I transferred to the Caribbean I would go a couple of days to Jamaica and then like a couple of days in Tobago, and it is funny for me. I enjoy traveling and I would travel a lot. And so, I used to eat in nice restaurants. And I enjoyed having a good time alone in my hotel room. But when you come back to your home it is not easy because I wanted to stay home on weekends and all the people in my family in the house want to go out. But I was tired, and I don't want to go out. And they would say "come on we can go to the beach, we can go to the volcano." And I would say, "no, no I just want to stay here." That is part of my job, I don't like it. A lot of times I was tired. You know, sometimes you have to fly at 3:00 a.m. and you don't sleep well in the airplane. And then you are knocking on the door to your house maybe at 11:00 p.m. or 2:00 in the morning. So, it is difficult. I worked that like 20 years doing the same thing. But that part of my life I don't like that. But I have a lot of time to study. So, I decided to study and get my master's degree. Many universities have the opportunity to study and get the degree online and part of the degree you have to be present. So, I studied in Chile a financial master's degree. And then I study in Spain, marketing, e-commerce, *Nebrija* that is the name of the University in Spain -- so I like to study a lot. Right now, I am not working in my campus because I am just starting my life here in the US. And I have to fix some parts of my documentation. I am waiting for -- how do I say (*closes eyes to try to remember the English words*) my green card. When I have my green card and Social Security, maybe I will work with another oil company. That is what I want to do.

EMILY: So for one of your degrees, you are saying that some classes will be online and some are in-person. Did you like that hybrid course and design? That is what it is called it is hybrid when it is in-person and online or do you prefer in-person only or only online?

OSCAR: I think I learned more if the classes are in-person. I learn more in-person. It is easier if you have a question. In my last class, I broke something inside of me with the autism and I love to be with people. Something changed in me. I don't know why. I don't know how I can do that, but I now love to be with people, and I rather be in class in-person and speak with the people and have a relationship with my teachers. I was the one who would be in the first seat in front of the teacher every class. But online, like sometimes you are like -- like, I like the mix. I mean sometimes the classes are at the same time that I am working. So, I can check the class when I go to the hotel room. So, considering my situation where I am working, I think it is good. It was good for me to have that mix. The company that I'm working for pays me for my studies. For example, in Chile, they know I study financial. One day, my boss told me, "Hey, you have amazing development in the company, but we need to improve your skills. So which skill would you like to invest your time in?" I said I would like to study something in the financial field. And they sent a couple of options and I decided to study in Chile, and they paid for that. It was really expensive. Like they paid \$1500 a month for two

years. For me it was a gift working with them. They invest a lot of money in my development. So, what else?

MIRANDA: Can you hear me?

EMILY: Now we can.

MIRANDA: I don't know why my microphone is delayed. Oscar, I remember you saying in one of the previous sessions that you are primarily doing marketing, but obviously, when you got here, when COVID hit, that is one of the big things that affected marketing. Nobody was doing marketing. I remember you saying that. Is that your main goal? I know you are talking about oil. Are you trying to do more marketing with them? Are you going to need different education from here?

OSCAR: I think I have enough experience and enough skills to work in that area. But I do like research in the field. And I realize in the US that the energy or power things are moving for solar panels. That is why I am working in that area. I think it is the future. Sometimes because I don't have a monthly payment, like if I don't sell, I don't have any money. Sometimes, I feel like unsure. Like I would like to have a regular job, like receiving a monthly or weekly salary. But right now, with the solar panels, I am doing well. I found a space in Colorado. I do many works – many businesses in Texas too. I can do that in Zoom and other apps. I invest like four or \$6000 each month finding leads, customers that want to install solar panels. And then I received the money back. At this point in my life, I think I will be doing this. For example, we are talking right now about the war with the world. I am worried about how it will affect my business. I worry about it. I'm still pushing my team. I have five people on my team, and I have my own company here in Colorado. Liner is part of my company. She is in charge of the marketing in Greeley and that area where she lives. So, I have one person in Colorado Springs and three people here in Denver. That is what I am doing right now.

MIRANDA: Sorry. My microphone, I'm so sorry. You also said you just moved recently. Are you guys all set up and squared away at your new house?

OSCAR: Say that again?

MIRANDA: Are you moved in at your new house?

OSCAR: Yes.

MIRANDA: I was going to ask if you have solar panels there? Are you going to try to do solar panels at your new house?

OSCAR: I want to do that. But, I am leasing this house so I cannot install solar panels here. Right now, I have my credit score which is higher. But I have almost 800 -- it is really high.

But I have very few experience here because I have only two years living here. So, when I tried to buy house, they told me I had to wait at least two years more. I need to show them that I have a good management of my credit. We are waiting for that moment. And then I have my own house and then I will install solar panels. A couple of things. We have a social program that we offer to the people, a water softener and some other thing. In that, I already installed that in the house that I am leasing right now. I am focusing on our health and saving money with the solar panels. Those things, we offer people both things.

EMILY: Miranda, what about you and your job? And guess that you always lived here, you have it worked elsewhere. But what do you have? What do you do? Do you enjoy it?

MIRANDA: Can you hear me? Okay. So, I talked about traveling and stuff. I work for United Airlines. So, I load airplanes for United mostly. I have been there for seven years. Actually, last month was my seven year anniversary. And we are a union job. So that is pretty cool to say that I am like a part of a union. Not a lot of younger kids even know what a union is or what it entails. So that is how I feel pretty privileged to be a part of that. And I love it. I love working around airplanes and being able to travel. And I travel for basically really, really cheap or free because of my job. So, it is pretty cool. I just love it.

EMILY: How long do you plan to stay there?

MIRANDA: I am going to stay until I get out of school. And then hopefully, I can find some sort of research project or some sort of NGO, nongovernment organization, a nonprofit. You know to go work for, I mean hopefully, do research or make a difference. I don't know what that looks like, but I am trying to keep the job until I'm finished with school. And what about you, Emily? I am not even sure what you do for work.

EMILY: Right now, I don't have a job. I was recently working at an adolescent treatment center, like a rehab for teenage boys. And I was working overnight there. I would go in at 10:00 p.m. and get all of 7:00 a.m. and I was there for a year. And I told myself if they didn't move me to a days by then I would quit. And they didn't, so I quit. I enjoyed it a lot. It was a good job and rewarding. I would've like to stay. But nights are not compatible with me and who I am as a person and with school being partly in the hybrid state last year during the pandemic where things were somewhat in-person and somewhat online, it made it easier to work nights. But once the semester began back in person, it was just impossible for me. And I said I am done with this, and I've been asking to be moved to days for months. I haven't been trained in all of the proper areas needed which I have also been asking for months. So, I'm going to quit. And that is what happened. Right now, I am looking into jobs to be a research assistant or a lab technician. I really into the sciences and just research and things like that. I think it would be really fun to do that and I think it would be really good way for me to use my time between now and when I graduate and when I go to graduate school, so I still have experience and still active in the field.

OSCAR: Nice.

MIRANDA: I am totally with you. I agree with that. If I could land some sort of research assistant gig or research before I graduate to build my academic resume, that would be phenomenal. Like that is the game plan.

EMILY: I was actually able to help one of my professors with the original research right now. And she is presenting it at a conference and my name is on it as an author when it is published. And it has been so much fun, and I have learned so many skills that I know will make me stand out academically as well. But personally, I would really love a job too that I can do that in.

MIRANDA: Sorry. I can go. I have one. So aside from earning money, what is the purpose of work? That is kind of a hard question.

OSCAR: No, no, no. That's an easy question.

MIRANDA: You said it is easy? Okay go. *(Laughter)*

OSCAR: For example, for me I have four children and one is living in Chicago and three are living with us. And I have to give them the example that life is not easy. You have to work if you want to build something important for your family. And that is the first thing. The second one, you have to work in something that helps other people. And I try to focus my family on that. For example, my older daughter right now is studying for being a nurse. She understands the things that are important to help others. In that case, if I sell you solar panels, I have to help save the world and the environment. And when I was working in marketing, my focus is helping people do not close their business. Some people don't understand the way they sell. They find new customers. But you have to have purpose in what you do. It is not just about money. Sometimes I'm still helping companies. I have a couple of companies that I'm helping here in Colorado, and they don't pay me nothing. And I do that because I want to. They don't close their business and they do not close their companies. And maybe when they are stronger, they might pay me something. But it is not about the money. It is about giving my hand to them to help them stand up. Sometimes people have amazing products or a services but they don't find a way to catch new customers. And I do that because I love to.

EMILY: Miranda, is there a phrase for doing that where you are helping others and working without charging them. Is it called pro bono work? Okay yes. There is a phrase called pro bono. It means that you are giving your services or assisting others with something job-related at no charge. And it can be because like you said, you want to help them thrive and you want to support them. And I think it is a very honorable thing. And I love your approach toward working. For me I would agree with you similarly that yes money is important, but I really want to help others. That is why I liked working at the rehab center. I felt like I was helping the kids in some regard. It is not easy being in a place like that. There are a lot of difficulties. But it was rewarding to see them do well and become more

confident with themselves and things like that. And when it comes to signs and research, I really want to help understand the brain. I'm really interested in cognition and how the brain works. And I want to help to understand the development of our brains. I think that understanding and perspective will be really helpful for research into how to help with diseases or disabilities or even with computer sciences because they are modeled in a sense after how the brain works. It is such a great general platform for so much, but I don't have to directly work with people. I like working with people. But if it comes to long-term in my profession, I would prefer not to be working hands-on directly with many people every day.

OSCAR: Okay.

MIRANDA: Oh, my gosh. I don't know why. It has been a rough week. Thank you for bearing with me. But I do have a question. I will say in my line of work, I work with predominately men. If I had to estimate it, I would say where I work, below the wing of the airplane loading, I work with probably 95% male workforce. So, there is a common theory out there held upon a lot of men that it is a man's job, and it is men's work. Oscar, do you think there are any jobs that should only be for men or only for women? And how does that work back home versus how you see that here?

OSCAR: In my country, like how do I say *Machista*, very much a man's culture. So, in my country there are some jobs that if you are a woman, for example there are no bus drivers. Women bus drivers, there is no one. Flying an airplane, for example if you want to hire a pilot, all of the time the pilot would be a man. The security things, you cannot find a security woman. Here in the US, I think it is more open. We have a few spaces for more work open for women. I think there are some skills but talking about gender is really difficult right now because there is a lot of confusion. For example, tomorrow I could start feeling that I am a woman, and you have to respect me. Everything is changing. I don't agree with that. Because I am Christian I believe that I am born a man. But this is the way that I learned that. And I respect other people that think they are different from me. But I think for example some skills, men are stronger for some skills. Naturally, we are physically stronger. I mean you can see that. For example [Indiscernible] I think it is a swimming pool, not so sure what sport. Like he said he feels like he is a woman but now he won 12 gold medals fighting against women. I think that is crazy thing. So, talking about that, you know the stronger things. But I think in mental things or things where you use your mind women are stronger than us. For me, I have two daughters living with me and my wife, I realize the brain of a woman is an amazing brain. It is stronger than us for lot of space. Like we cannot do two things at the same time, and I think women can do more. I am not so sure if I can talk to you about a skill for just one job or another job. But I think maybe the women need some tools. For example, I am taller than a woman. Used to be that men would be taller than women and sometimes you need to be taller for some kind of work, for kind of job. So maybe that difference, I can agree with that. But I think you can use a ladder for example to do it. Like I work with a lot of people from Germany. In Germany, you don't see any difference. You can find a job if you want in any market, any different kind of job. It is open for women and men.

MIRANDA: Yes. That is interesting. Is that in Germany?

OSCAR: Yes.

MIRANDA: We know you work with Liner, but do you work with a lot of women? Like how was the gender scale?

OSCAR: I have in my team four women and two men, me and another guy from Venezuela. The rest are women.

MIRANDA: That is cool.

OSCAR: I think it is easier for me. Women understand faster. It is the way, other people that I found, sometimes if you hire a man, all the time they want to be drinking beer or something like that. Sometimes you lose all of your investment in one person. And I think women are more focused. So, there is a difference. That is why.

MIRANDA: Like determination?

OSCAR: Yes. Women have stronger determination. And boys are like having fun. Like you know enjoying life. And right now, I don't have time to be losing time to help people to be like focusing.

MIRANDA: Sure.

OSCAR: Right.

MIRANDA: That is fair. And then another good one is what is the retirement age back home in your country? And what do you think it should be?

OSCAR: 65 for men and 60 for women.

MIRANDA: How do you feel about that?

OSCAR: I agree with that. I think some people, like if you are a lawyer, you can work to 75 or something like that. I mean, we talked about money a couple of weeks ago. And like if you retire, like they pay you less money than you are accustomed to earn. So, you might need to be spending less money, but it is not true. Like they pay you a lower salary, \$350, you could die. For example, my dad and my mom, they retired like 10 years ago. And sometimes we have to help them with many things because they don't have enough money. I told you my mom was sick from cancer last week. And it was really expensive for us to pay for her treatment. And we are still doing that because it is impossible with the money that they are receiving right now.

MIRANDA: I relate to that. Our retirement age -- I believe -- I can't speak to the legal

age. I can't remember. But I want to say it is 55 or 65.

EMILY: I think it is 65. But I also have heard that sometimes it could be 70.

MIRANDA: Depending on your line of work? I don't know. I don't know what the actual qualifications are. But I do know that watching my own grandparents living here in America on a fixed income started to be a problem when they had health issues arise just because once you retire and you are set at that fixed amount then the cost of living starts to go up, the cost of medical everything is still going up, but they are still like lost in space in this one-time frame back when they retired. And I think it is starting to be a problem. And us younger generations looking to our parents and grandparents, we are starting to realize that is not equitable. It is not working.

OSCAR: No, it is unfortunate.

MIRANDA: Yes.

EMILY: I was looking it up to see the US.

MIRANDA: What does it say?

EMILY: It says the full retirement age is 66 if you were born from 1943 to 1954. The full retirement age increases gradually if you are born afterwards until it reaches 67. For anyone born later than 1960, full retirement benefits are not payable until 67 at least. So, I don't understand why there is a different age range for when you can retire or anything like that. It doesn't make much sense to me. But I guess it's just capitalism trying to make the most out of people and work them until they are dead or die.

MIRANDA: Yup! That is so crazy.

EMILY: I wanted to touch back on the gender disparity or possibility of disparity in my line of work that I was in with the kids and the treatment center. I did not necessarily notice too much of a difference. With mine being all boys, I would say the staff was pretty even between male and female, maybe a few more women. But it was pretty even. There was another place that I know of that was for all girls and that is the majority of women working and very, very few men. I think that has to do with a lot of allegations that the company was having of sexual assault and things like that. So, they are trying to show that they are making smart choices and learning from mistakes. But at least at the all-boys school there is a lot more difference between men and women versus all women school or all schools where it is mainly men working. There would be men in management and those positions, but then like working one-on-one on staff with the kids, those are all women at the place I was recently working at. It was definitely more of a mixture.

MIRANDA: Do you think--this is a random question, Emily, do you think that the boys

that you guys work with were maybe more receptive to the women or more receptive to the men caretakers?

EMILY: Definitely more receptive to the men. A lot of boys that got sent there grew up with the thought processes that they have to be tough, they can't show emotion, they need to be perfect. And to see the men come in that are able to open up about things that are difficult, really helped them. But I feel like once they reach that point of being able to say "I am not okay," talking to a woman about it was slightly easier.

MIRANDA: Super interesting. Thank you.

OSCAR: I am just kidding. *(Did something off camera to indicate he was also having connection issues).*

EMILY: I was like oh, my gosh. Are you both having issues now? *(Laughter)*

MIRANDA: Do you think there is anything else that you wanted to add, Emily?

EMILY: I'm looking at some of the other questions. But I am honestly kind of curious about how you guys are dealing with the war that is happening in Europe right now, financially, are you having issues with your job because of it? Are you scared for your safety? I am curious how that is being viewed by others.

OSCAR: In my case I am not worried about my safety right now considering the government is trying to be out of the war directly. I know the US is feeling a lot of pressure with Russia and the other economic things. But maybe the market will be contracted, we are starting to feel that the US will start to grow again. But this will stop in the economic field. I am looking at what is happening with the financial indicators. But I know everything will be expensive. The fuel will be expensive. Everything will be higher in a couple of weeks. And there will be less oil that Russia will be selling to the world. And I hope that Russia considered what they are doing right now. They decided to attack, like Finland or Sweden, then it could start World War III and that will of course impact everything.

EMILY: It is affecting so many aspects that I don't even think about. It is interesting hearing the different perspectives. Have you noticed anything, Miranda, on your end?

MIRANDA: I am concerned. It's just scary. Right now Russia is just invading Ukraine, but who is to say they will stop at those borders. And that is when things will escalate at that point if it gets to that. But I mean as far as safety goes, I feel safe here in the US. But I cannot help but hurt for the people who do not feel safe right now. I think I heard it reported today on the news into school that there's 4 million people internally displaced in the Ukraine right now. My heart goes out to them. And I think they said 845,000 plus that were able to get out of the country and across the border. And we need a better system for refugees and immigrants. And we don't have that. We don't have an adequate system to

carry people, especially in times of conflict. These people did not make this choice. The Ukrainians did not choose this. It weighs heavy. It really does. How do you feel, Emily? I know you have ties back there. Do you have any contact with family or anything like that back there?

EMILY: I am friends on social media, like Facebook and Instagram with my biological mother. We don't talk too often. She only knows Russian, and I primarily only know English since I am still learning it. I was looking at her Facebook page to see if she had any recent activity and I have not seen anything. She doesn't post frequently. But I don't know. I know she grew up in Moldova which is a little bit southwest of Ukraine. And her parents are from Ukraine, and she is pretty young. I'm assuming her parents are probably still alive. I don't know where they are. But I'm worried that something could happen to her or them and that if Ukraine does get taken over, are they going to try to take Moldova over again? So, it is something that I worry about but really, I cannot do anything besides watch. I can support petitions and things like that.

MIRANDA: My thoughts and prayers go out to you and everybody, everybody in the Ukraine.

EMILY: It is difficult. I was looking at the page of questions and the last went in there kind of intrigued me especially right now with some people not being able to go into work and being at home. Do you think that housework and raising a family counts as a job? I personally think it does.

MIRANDA: Definitely. And it doesn't have to be gender, but it mostly is right now. But I think that any type of housework and all of the effort that it takes to raise a family is real work. I mean you are not getting paid, and it is unpaid work, but it is real work. That is how I view it.

EMILY: There is no break from it either. It is not like you go to work and come home and relax. It is constant. And you are always there and always having to be attentive to the cleanliness, to the other individuals, to the cooking or the dishes or everything. It is non-ending. I think it was last week when we were speaking about the most important family member, you and Liner saw it as the mom, and she said without mama, there is no life, I think that is what she said. If the mom did not do the housework, do you feel like it would still get done? How would that work?

OSCAR: In my case my mom worked as the manager of a bank all the time since I remember. And my dad too. We used to have a person to help us with cleaning house and cooking things. My mom used to not be involved in that. And sometimes when the person cannot come to our house, because I was the older son, I used to cook and I learned to cook and I used to know everything in the house, and I really appreciate that. Because right now here, of course everyone is involved doing things. And for me it was not any problem. I love to cook. For example, right now there are some friends here. We want to cook a soup. It is like a Venezuelan recipe. There is a Venezuelan guy. And he wants to be with us. For me it is amazing to be cooking. Sometimes I don't like, for example I don't

want to wash the dishes. It is something I don't like to do. But if I have to, at my house right now, my turn is every Sunday. So, many times on Sunday I go outside because I don't want to clean up. But we separate these things. Right now, my family we are focusing on why my wife has to do everything. I mean she is the mom. But it's not like that.

MIRANDA: That is awesome. One of my biggest rules with my partner or my family is if you cook, I clean. If I cook, you clean up after. So, I will cook it all. but I will not do all the dishes too.

OSCAR: Amazing. For example, right now if I'm cooking, I have to clean everything.

MIRANDA: That is a lot.

OSCAR: Yeah, it's heavy. For example, last weekend we received here some friends. And I think I cooked for two or three hours. And then I had to clean everything because I wanted everything clean for when they came. And my children were playing with the iPads and everything. That happened on Saturday. On Sunday, I said you have to clean everything. The whole house. Not the dishes. But they had to clean everything else. Put the trash outside and all of that.

EMILY: One less thing and then you can go because you have soup to make for the friends. Last week you were practicing the word valuable.

OSCAR: *(Laughter)* Valuable.

EMILY: That is amazing! That is awesome! Awesome! I was wondering how that was going. That was great.

OSCAR: You know my children were listening to that and they pushed me to say that the whole day. I said "Hey don't do that to me please!" I am not so sure why that was a problem for me to say that. But I practice a lot.

EMILY: It was great!

MIRANDA: Wonderful!

OSCAR: Thank you.

EMILY: All right. You guys can go. Oscar, I loved talking with you again. And Miranda, I loved learning more about you and your life. We will see you guys, hopefully both of you next week.

OSCAR: Yes.

MIRANDA: I will be there next week.

EMILY: All right. Sounds good. Have a nice day.

OSCAR: Goodbye. Thank you for everything.

CAPTIONER: Meeting dismissed.

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