

BE PREPARED

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This sketch is based on Matthew 25: 1-13, the Parable of the Wise and Foolish virgins. Numbers have been cut to aid with casting! But the words and actions of (Foolish) Flo and (Wise) Wendy could be shared if more actors are available. Flo and Wendy are in the crowd lining the street waiting for the royal couple to process by.

Harry and Meghan could be changed for another prominent couple or even single star. It should be possible to purchase suitable face masks to aid with looking like the intended people.

CAST

Flo The foolish, unprepared girl
Wendy The wise, well-prepared girl
Harry Prince Harry – with suitable facemask
Meghan Meghan Markel – with suitable face mask.

[Enter Wendy and Flo. Wendy is carrying a large bag. Both are holding their iPhones.]

Flo *[Yawns]* Why do we have to get up so early?

Wendy You want to get a good spot don't you?

Flo I suppose so. But it is still dark. I can't see where I am going.

Wendy We can use the torches on our phones.

Flo Oh yeah, good idea. *[Both tap phones and hold ahead of them as if acting as torches.]* Ah, that's better.

Wendy What about here? It is right by the route they will take.

Flo *[Feeling the ground]* But the ground is damp. I don't want to start the day with a wet behind.

Wendy *[Looking in bag]* I've got a rug. You can share that.

Flo Oh, cheers. *[They lay out rug and sit down. Both look at phones once seated]* My Royal Wedding App tells me we are in A1 position here. We should have a brilliant view of Harry and Meghan.

Wendy See, Flo, I told you it was worth getting up early.

Flo Maybe, but I'm starving. I didn't have time for any breakfast.

- Wendy Don't worry, you can share some of my food. How does a sausage and ketchup sandwich sound? *[Offers food to Flo – probably easiest to pass a plastic food container. Wendy also gets out food for herself.]*
- Flo Brilliant, you are a star Wendy. I don't suppose you have anything to drink in that Mary Poppins bag of yours?
- Wendy *[Sighs]* I might have a can to spare. *[Takes out can from bag and passes. Also gets can for herself.]*
- Flo Cheers. *[They clink cans.]*
- Wendy Cheers. *[Pointedly taking up her iPhone.]* Right! Time to tell everyone on social media exactly where we are. They'll be dead jealous.
- Flo What we need is a selfie – with Windsor Castle in the background. *[They get up. Turn away from audience and take a selfie each.]* That should get a response. *[Both sit down staring at phones]*
- Wendy Oh, Jess has replied already. Does that girl ever sleep?
- Flo Messages will be pinging in once everybody's awake.
- Wendy That should keep us busy and while away the time as we wait.
- Flo And if we get bored there is always Angry Birds.
- Wendy What would we do without our iPhones?
- Flo Probably end up playing I-Spy.
- Wendy Oh boy, I hate I-Spy.
- Flo *[Holding hand out]* Oh no, it's starting to rain. I may not get a wet behind, but I will get a wet everything else.
- Wendy Have no fear. *[Looking in bag and producing umbrella.]* Dahdah – I have an umbrella.
- Flo Wendy, you are a genius.
- Wendy No, just remembering the Guides' motto.
- Flo What is that?

Wendy Be prepared.

Flo Well, now it is be prepared to wait. I think I will watch the next episode of Game Of Thrones.

[Pause. Both are busy on phones]

Wendy *[Holding out hand and collapsing umbrella]* Oh, great, I think it has stopped raining. It was just a short shower.

Flo And the sun is coming out. Just in time for Harry and Meghan's arrival.

Wendy Yeah, not long now.

Flo *[Standing up and pointing to back of church where Harry and Meghan have appeared.]* Oh look! They are coming.

Wendy *[Also standing]* Okay, let's get ready for some serious filming.

Flo Oh no, my phone!

Wendy What's the matter?

Flo I'm out of battery. It's gone dead.

Wendy I'm pretty low too.

Flo What are we going to do?

Wendy *[Looking in bag]* Well, I've got a powerpack that I can plug in. I thought I might have this problem with such a long wait.

Flo Oh, great! Can I borrow it?

Wendy Well, no. It only does one phone at a time.

Flo Oh, go on!

Wendy I'm sorry – but it just can't be done.

Flo So what can I do?

Wendy You'll have to go and buy one. There's a phone shop in the high street.

Flo OK – I'm off.

[Exit Flo backwards. Meanwhile Harry and Meghan process up the aisle to be right next to Wendy.]

Wendy *[Filming the couple]* This is brilliant. Oh, how exciting, they are stopping right by me.
[Stopping filming and talking to Meghan and Harry. Communication is largely by signs.]
Can I take a selfie with you? Yes! Oh fantastic!
[Harry and Meghan nod and go up to her. She takes a selfie with her in the middle. Harry and Meghan then walk on and exit.]
That was incredible.

[Flo returns, running and breathless. Wendy is looking at her phone.]

Flo What happened? Did I miss anything?

Wendy Yes, you could say that

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