

COFFEE BREAK - 30 minute weekly sitcom by Ralph Pritchard

Vivian, a middle-aged, widowed, ivy-league, sophisticated marketing executive loses her 6 figure job and decides to rebuild the relationship with Liz, her 30 something, college dropout daughter and a single mother of 2 by buying a coffee shop and running it together as partners. This “weekly” sitcom series takes place in a coffee shop located in a small community somewhere in Atlantic Canada (which looks amazingly like Shediac, NB). The building belonged to Mrs. Neugleborn, who almost lost it to a greedy developer (Benjamin Crank) planning to turn it into a strip club. Vivian bought it to try and preserve some semblance of dignity for the community.

Although Vivian and Liz are the principle characters who run the coffee shop, they are surrounded by a group of regulars, mostly “irregulars”, whose stories are revealed throughout the season. Most stories will continue as they have been for years gone by however, the audience will see some progress on the main characters relationship with each other.

The producer’s goal is to provide the audience with a humorous and entertaining look at the stories evolving from the relationships which occur in this small town coffee shop as Vivian and Liz attempt to heal old wounds.

Episode	Title	Short Description	Long Description
101	New Beginnings	Benjamin Crank is determined to buy the restaurant and turn it into a strip club but Vivian has other ideas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Typical start to a day at the coffee shop 2. Crank gives Mrs. Flannagan her notice to vacate 3. Liz drops the kids off at the restaurant and heads to work 4. Patsy talks about last night’s bad date 5. Crank delivers cheque and contract to purchase coffee shop but Vivian foils plan 6. Vivian offers to bring Liz in as a full partner in the coffee shop
102	Liz is pregnant?	Liz is tired & everyone seems to think they know the answer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liz is hung over and can’t stay awake but doesn’t want her mother to find out. 2. Vivian has to plunge the toilet because Mitch is in the middle of baking 3. Patsy enlists for yet another online dating service 4. Fred goes on about global warming 5. Benjamin is lurking about with a couple of guys in hard hats
103	She bangs H1N1	Liz is desperate to get her H1N1 shot but she doesn’t have the kids with her to get priority	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liz is freaked out about dying from the H1N1 virus so she rushes to the clinic to get a shot but doesn’t have the kids this week and thus doesn’t qualify so she improvises by borrowing one of her neighbours kids who she ends up losing in the crowd.
104	Patsy’s perfect man	With the help of Vivian, Patsy has used her latest online dating program to create the 10 essential elements of what she is looking for in the perfect man.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patsy and Vivian are working on creating the perfect man in her new online dating program 2. Liz’ grandmother shows up with the kids, but Liz is nowhere to be found so Fred agrees to watch them 3. Crazy Pierre shows up with another terrible painting 4. Mike has a black eye and the gang are giving him the what for
105	Fred’s past comes back to haunt him	Fred finds out that he has twins as a result of an affair while on duty in France	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fred reads an article about long lost brothers reuniting and makes fun of it 2. Wally comes in for coffee and drools over Liz 3. George comes in dressed for a funeral 4. Fred’s 55 year old twin daughters who he does not know exists enter the coffee shop and sit next to Fred’s table. They’re in town looking for their biological father and arrive only for a coffee.

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106	Benjamin schemes to sue the restaurant for food poisoning	In an attempt to put Vivian over the barrel Benjamin plans to fake food poisoning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two male paramedics sit in the hidden booth drinking coffee and reviewing medical journals 2. Benjamin talks on the phone and tells the listener about his plan to sue the restaurant for food poisoning, hangs up and then takes a bite out of a pastry and falls from his chair. 3. Donna runs over and starts to administer mouth to mouth 4. The paramedics take over with one of them giving Benjamin mouth to mouth. They overheard the conversation so they talk about pumping his stomach while they get the enema kit out. 5. Vivian lands on top of Mitch as he is cleaning up Benjamin's mess and we see a moment
107	Liz gets a proposal	Wally gets down on one knee at the coffee shop to propose to Liz	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vivian hints to Liz that the kids need a father figure 2. Debra watches a man arrive at the coffee shop that looks vaguely like the online photo of her next date. 3. Mayor is having a clandestine meeting with a young woman who we find out is his sister but not before the gang has it all figured out 4. Wally comes in and awkwardly begins to propose to Liz but before he gets down on one knee Vivian is there to put paper towels down on the floor 5. Mitch is on the phone in the back trying to keep his conversation very
108	Vivian gets a job offer	Vivian gets a offer to become the next prime minister's image consultant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The place is all a buzz when Vivian gets flowers from an anonymous sender 2. Crazy Pierre waits for the curator of a famous gallery 3. Debra is trying out a blonde wig and contact lenses 4. Dominique Leblanc and Michael Ignatieff arrive at the restaurant and offer Vivian the job of her dreams, Michael's image consultant 5. Fred and the gang start grilling the Liberal
109	Mitch gets arrested	Mitch is handcuffed and taken away by the Secret Intelligence Service	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mitch is speaking secretly on the phone 2. Benjamin is in the restaurant plotting his revenge against Vivian 3. Patsy is describing the evening she had while wearing her new blonde wig and contacts 4. Samantha shows up with a new boyfriend and sizable diamond ring on her finger, but it's just a friendship ring. 5. CSIS arrive and arrest Mitch
110	The coffee shop gets held up	Two gunmen enter the restaurant and demand all the contents of the safe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liz and Vivian talk about the one thing they have in common, they both love shopping 2. Fred decides to give Patsy a little advice about men 3. The mayor arrives with 2 masked men who insist they have a gun and are demanding everything in the safe. 4. Donna stands up and says she recognizes the cologne as the same man she gave mouth to mouth to, the men look at each other and run out the door. 5. Mitch enters the restaurant and claims that his arrest was a big mistake