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## Introduction.

	Once upon a time, some ware in a dark cold Spanish science lab, there was a little girl and her name was Eli. ( <i>Eli interrupts</i> )
Eli:	I want to become a scientist.
	What?
Eli:	I want to become a scientist!
	During her master degree, Eli got an idea about her future live.
Eli:	I want to become a scientist!!
	She wants to become a scientist. But becoming a scientist is not easy. In Spain it will be quit difficult, and in chemistry,..., wouldn't you first like to expand your horizons and, ( <i>Eli interrupts</i> )
Eli:	Who say's it has to be in Spain? And chemistry? For sure there must be more possibilities! You see, there is a position in biophysics, also very interesting .... What?! ... Look!! It is in Amsterdam! How do I get that position? Let me see, ... Intro... to, ... this sounds like the right way to get there.
	So, Eli applied for a PhD in Biophysics at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, and you know what?
Eli:	I got it! I got it! I got it!

## Act I: her beginning at Biophysica

	Her long and tough job interview went o.k. and Eli was now a PhD in the biophysics group and new member of the Intro2-family. But things in the Biophysics group in Amsterdam were not exactly as Eli had expected. There was this professor, Rienk van Grondelle. Very famous in the world of biophysics, but,... he, ... well, he was a bit scary.
Rienk:	Who are you, what do you want?!
Eli:	Euh,...I am Eli, and euh,... I am the new PhD, and,... I like, ... ( <i>Rienk interrupts</i> )
Rienk:	So you are the new PhD, very good! Jan Dekker will be you supervisor.
Eli:	Doctor Dekker?

Rienk:	Yes, Jan. He knows a lot about biochemistry and light harvesting. He will be your supervisor and you can learn a lot from him. <i>(Rienk calls Jan)</i> Jan!
Jan:	Ah, there is the new PhD student. Welcome! I will be your supervisor during your project. Let me tell you about this spectrum I measured when I was doing my PhD, and ... <i>(Rienk interrupts)</i>
Rienk:	That was a long time ago Jan!
Jan:	Well, I will tell you more about it later. First you have to read some articles about the subject. You also have to follow courses and go to conferences.
	For new PhD students it is important to learn and read a lot about the subject you want to study, because, <i>(Eli interrupts)</i>
Eli:	Conferences! I have to go to conferences!!
	And yes, going to a conference is also very important for becoming a scientist. At a conference the PhD will meet other PhD's and scientists. Talks about biophysics in different fields expense the scientific horizons, making new contacts, get inspiration, and learn to present your work at a conference is a very important aspect of participating a conference.
Eli:	And the VU pay's for it?
Rienk:	Actually you have to leave in few days for Canada. There's an important meeting there.
Eli:	Canada! No! Really! Great! I'll go to have a look to the big forest. Lot of green there!
Narrator	So, Eli applied for her first conference ...
Eli:	OK, let's go for lunch! He Kinga (in her office)! Do you no where is the cantina? I've seen some kind of a little shop to buy crapy sandwiches super expensive!
Kinga	Well... that's it more or less! Here there's no warm lunch..
Eli:	Que? No! You're joking! Wow! Tough life here! Bah! I see you have a microwave so I'll bring some good food!
Narrator	In the coffee room
Eli:	He, guys! You are already leaving! Ah, Sandrine, good that you arrive! He, do you know what!? I'm going to Canada! Never saw a bear! Maybe it's my chance! I'll go hiking in the forest. I already found a cool discount on a wonderful trip!

Act II: in the lab

	But live in the biophysics group is not only going to conferences. Work has to be done as well! Step one: prepare sample in biochemistry lab!
Eli:	Can I switch off the light? It is better for the samples if the lights are off!
	One moment, I have to ... <i>(Eli interrupts)</i>
Eli:	I will switch of the lights right now. Is it o.k.?
Henny:	Strange, the light in the lab are off. I better switch them on, before people make mistakes!
Eli:	SWITSCH OFF the lights NOW. I am preparing the stark samples!
Henny:	Oh, sorry, sorry, I didn't know you needed the lights off.
Alessandro:	I still have to clean the cuvette from last month measurements. Good I didn't forget about it! Why are the lights off. I can't see anything in this way. I better switch them on.
Eli:	NO, who switched on the light? Switch it off, switch it off, NOW!
Alessandro:	I didn't know you want the lights off. I never have the lights off when working in the lab.
Eli:	Alessandro, PLEASE switch it off NOW!
Alessandro:	Than I can't clean the cuvette, but if you want them off, I will switch them off for you.
Rudi:	Alessandro, why do you switch off the lights? Can't you see I preparing my sample for this low excitation energy measurement? It looks all very promising. Step aside so I can switch the light on again.
Henny:	Hé, the lights are on again. That is not good for the samples of Eli. I better switch them off.
Mirek:	Why are the light in this lab always off? It is simply impossible to work under these conditions. I really don't understand why I always have to switch them on.
Henny:	Mirek, I switch the light off if you don't mind, because of the samples of Eli.
Mirek:	How is it possible to work under these conditions?
Rudi:	I think it is better to have the lights on.
Lucy:	Hé everyone! Can you make up your minds? I get creasy about the lights going on and off. Just leave them ON or OFF, but stop switching.

Henny:	It is better for some samples to work in the dark, so let's agree on having the lights off.
Mirek:	O.K. than, let's leave the lights off for the time being.
Cristian:	I am looking for the mini-Pam. Can I switch on the lights for a moment?
Henny, Mirek, Lucy, Rudi, Alessandro, ...	NO!
Cristian:	Sorry, but I was just asking? By the way, why are the lights off?
Lucy:	Because of the samples of Eli!
Cristian:	But Eli is not here! She is the other lab!

### Act III.

Narrator	After long evening in the darkness of the lab...
Eli	Jan, look at my stark data! I did measure all these spinach samples you told me to do...BBY's, G&Y's, core, antenna's. What do you think?
Jan	Oh, it remembers me when I was working in the lab... To prepare the spinach sample... I had tried a lot of things! I always get some green chlorophyll ...on my shirts ...but my Grandma was smart! She was putting them outside... under the sun...and it bleached away!
Eli	But what do you think of all these spectra?
Jan (shoulders going up and down)	Hummmm!
Eli	OK, maybe I should repeat it. It does not look reproducible anyway...
Jan	By the way after this meeting in Sweden

### Act IV.

#### Schtland


Act V.

Lanzarote:


The End.