

Narrator: Today you will see a skit of a news reporter interviewing a student who has lost a family member during the 9/11 attack. While the two characters are performing, pay attention to the questions the reporter is asking and how straightforward she is. The student just got a phone call recently ago about her mother's body being found in the building, although this interview did not end well.

Reporter: I am Edona Mema, and this is an exclusive interview with a student who has lost one of her loved one during the 9/11 attack.

Reporter: Hi danielle, how are you today?

Student: I'm fine, thank you for having me today...

Reporter: I'm sorry about your mother, how are you holding up with the situation? Obviously, she was close with you...

Student: It is difficult. Clearly, I didn't handle the situation well because I was close with my mother. She was like my best friend, and it's like a piece of my of heart was missing...

Reporter: How did you handle that phone call that you have received?

Student: No need to cut me off ok? I felt devastated. Depressed, all things running through my mind were negative. I had to stay after school because I didn't have a drive home, and I was just very worried. My teacher was comforting me while I waited, and it was driving me crazy.

Reporter: Oh yes! I heard many students at your school have lost a close one as well...

Student: Like I said, the future is untold and we were not preparing to hear these types of news. It is personal reasons, and of course it would have such an impact in our lives.

Reporter: What was the text message that you send to your mother before the incident?

Student: I never got to say goodbye for sure. It wasn't the right words to say, but I prefer to not answer that. Please just respect my personal life. All I am going to say is that I regret what I said, it was like the last words I said to her before she died.

Reporter: But, she is dead, so why does it matter?

Student: Well, imagine you have lost your own mother, how would you feel then?

Reporter: Aren't I the one who is interviewing you, I mean of course I didn't lose my mother so I don't know how I would feel.

Student: There is no need to keep gathering information about my mother, there are many other students who have lost their loved ones. Go interview them. Look, I'm sorry but this is just too much... *moves around uncomfortably*

Reporter: Please, may I just ask you a few more questions?

Student: No thank you, we are done here! Have a nice day.

Narrator: As you can see, this is a violation of the Code of Ethics that Journalists should follow. During an interview, when you want to gather your sources, be sure to **minimize harm**. Journalists should give respect to the sources they gather. Therefore, Edona should not force any answers out of Danielle. Be sensitive to the victim and be aware that gathering information may cause harm. Although, journalists should be patient and avoid the curiosity of information. Be cautious around people because you might hit a sensitive spot.