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Skit 1: Belongingness and Love Needs

Setting: School cafeteria

Characters: Maya, Jamal, and Ms. Thompson (teacher)

Maya observes the cafeteria while sitting alone and quietly scanning the room. I wish I had someone to sit with.

Jamal approaches Maya with his lunch tray while saying, "Hey Maya, that's your name, right? You're in my English class. Would you like to join me and my friends?

Maya shows gratitude through a warm smile while expressing her appreciation for the offer. That would be great.

Ms. Thompson: (passing by) That's wonderful, Jamal. The school community benefits from students who help their peers.

Jamal: No problem. Every person requires their social network.

Narrator: The school environment starts to welcome Maya better. The student develops stronger friendships while becoming more engaged and happier because her need for love and belonging receives fulfillment.

Skit 2: Esteem Needs

Setting: After-school robotics club

Characters: Carlos, Ms. Reed (club advisor), and Jamie (peer)

Carlos questions his ability to become the team leader for the upcoming year. What? Your leadership brought us to the regionals. You possess all the qualities needed for success.

Ms. Reed: Absolutely, Carlos. Your creative approach, combined with problem-solving abilities and leadership qualities, have impressed me. I believe you possess all the qualities needed to become an excellent team captain.

Carlos feels grateful after his expression transforms into a smile of increased confidence. I guess I never really saw myself that way before.

Narrator: The development of self-assurance in Carlos enables him to accept his leadership abilities. His self-confidence grows, helping him take on new challenges his esteem needs are being met.