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Ravi: OK. In this part of the podcast we ask people a simple question – which famous person, dead or alive would you like to meet? And we ask them to explain why. So let's say hello to this week's guest, Vanessa, from Cambridge.

Tess and Ravi: Hi Vanessa.

Vanessa: Hello. It's great to meet you both.

Tess: It's nice to meet you too. And what do you do Vanessa?

Vanessa: I'm a student. I study law.

Ravi: Law? So you're going to be a lawyer – that's a good job to have.

Vanessa: Well, yes, I hope so.

Tess: Were you born in Cambridge or do you study there?

Vanessa: Both actually. I've lived there all my life, - and now I study there too.

Ravi: So you live at home with your parents right?

Vanessa: No, I live in university accommodation – I think it's better.

Tess: Well, you probably have a lot more fun.

Vanessa: Yes, it's good.

Tess: Now it's time to answer the question. So Vanessa, which famous person, dead or alive would you like to meet?

Vanessa: Frida Kahlo, the painter.

Ravi: OK. I've heard the name – there was a film wasn't there? But I don't know anything about her.

Vanessa: Yeah, It was a good film – with Salma Hayek – she was Frida.

Tess: Yeah, great film. Loved it.

Vanessa: Frida Kahlo was Mexican, she was born at the beginning of the century and she died in the 1950s. When she was nineteen she was in a horrible bus accident. She had terrible injuries – I won't describe them all, but she had to have a lot of operations, and she was in bed for a long time. She liked painting, so her mother bought a mirror and put it over her bed. So she started painting pictures of herself – self portraits. And she never stopped painting after that.

Tess: The pictures are a bit strange though aren't they. I'm not sure I'd like one in my living room.

Vanessa: Well yes ... and no. Some people think that she was a surrealist, like Salvador Dali – that she painted dreams – but that isn't true. She painted her life – all the things that happened to her. And her life was a bit strange – or let's say 'unusual' – so the pictures are 'unusual' too. They're her life – her paintings tell her story. Because of the accident she couldn't have children – and you see that in her pictures too. I love her. Madonna collects her paintings – she once said that she couldn't be friends with anyone who doesn't like Frida Kahlo. She's incredibly famous now – one of her paintings – 'Roots' I think it was – was sold in 2006 for five and a half million dollars.

Ravi: Five and a half million dollars! I wouldn't mind that in *my* living room.

Vanessa: Well yes – I think Frida would be very surprised too. That's what I'd like to tell her if I could meet her – how famous she is now, and how much people – especially women – love her work.

Tess: She'd probably like to see the film too.

Vanessa: Yes – that's true. It would be really interesting to hear what she thinks of it.

Ravi: I think I'm going to look at some of her pictures on the internet. You've got me interested now.

Vanessa: And try to see the film if you get the chance.