LIFE STAGE 1 FIRST APARTMENT Characters are in their early 20s Spotlight character is moving into shared apartment with everyone else	LIFE STAGE 2 DREAMS & PLANS Characters are in their late 20s Spotlight character is moving out of shared apartment, the first person to do so
LIFE STAGE 3 COMPLICATIONS Characters are in their late 30s	LIFE STAGE 4 DOORS CLOSING, DOORS OPENING Characters are in their early 50s
LIFE STAGE 5 WAIT, HOW DID WE GET OLD? Characters are in their mid 60s	LIFE STAGE 6 ONE LAST MOVE Characters are in their late 70s

Themes Stage 2	Themes Stage 1
Strains and changes in friendship as people's needs and expectations change (or don't)? Transitioning into adult life with new priorities and responsibilities Planning for the future and/or realizing that things won't stay the same forever	Figuring out friendship & group dynamics First steps of adulting Joys and troubles of the present moment are the most important thing in the world
Themes Stage 4	**Themes Stage 3**
Supporting friends in times of trouble, re-connecting with old friends or wondering what you ever had in common Middle age, being a senior instead of a junior in various contexts, succeeding in your chosen path or having it fall apart or realizing it's no longer what you want Troubles, losses, starting over, realizing that things don't stay the same forever	Keeping up old friendships or drifting apart as lives get full of other things Fully in the swing of adult life, shifting priorities, busy handling responsibilities, activities, and social networks Accomplishments, disappointments, ambitions and fears of failure
Themes Stage 6	**Themes Stage 5**
The endurance of lifelong friendship, mutual support among friends Not being able to live as you did any longer (e.g., because of loss of ability to live self-sufficiently, activities, physical or mental abilities), needing more support from family/others than you are able to give them Reflecting on the past, anticipating the end, loss, acceptance (or lack of it)	Old friends who have shared experiences and knowledge of each other that no one else does, who may or may not have much in common any more Approaching retirement or life after retirement, life contracting or finding a renaissance Contentment, boredom, regret, loss, or nostalgia; what next? is this all there is?