



#MindTheSigns

# Episode 1-12

## 1: Social Circles



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AY! STOP RUNNIN'!



HAHA!  
LOL

WA-DING!



DID YOU SEE WHAT SHE POSTED LAST NIGHT? I'D HAVE LAUGHED IN HER FACE IF SHE'D HAVE SHOWN ME THAT.

NOT AS BAD AS THIS ONE. LOOK! SHE LOOKS AWFUL IN THAT WITH THOSE LINES SHOWING.

WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE DOING?



OH IT'S NOTHING.



WHO LOOKS A MESS? LET ME SEE.

AMY LAWSON IN YEAR 10.

HER MAKE UP LOOKS WELL SH\*T. LIKE SHE PUT IT ON IN THE DARK OR SUMMAT! HAHA!

DAFT INNIT? PLENTY OF VIDEOS ONLINE FOR HOW TO DO IT RIGHT.

"OH, HIYA..."



I DIDN'T MEAN TO MISS YOUR CALLS, I'M SORRY OKAY...



SOUNDS LIKE WHAT'S-HIS-NAME IS CALLING AGAIN.

HE'S ALWAYS CHECKING UP ON HER.



I'M JUST AT SCHOOL, WHERE ELSE WOULD I BE?

I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU.

I DIDN'T MEAN TO, I'M SORRY.

I'LL REMEMBER NEXT TIME

SEEMS BAD THIS TIME.

WHATEVER, HAPPENS EVERY BREAK DUNNIT.



LOOKS SICK WHAT THAT YEAR 11 POSTED LAST NIGHT, I CAN'T WAIT TO DO SH\*T LIKE THAT.

I KNOW, THAT GUY'S HOUSE PARTIES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE WELL GOOD.



SEE YA GUYS.

MATHS, I CAN'T STAND IT, MISS WELLER CAN P\*\*S OFF. I'M GOING TOP FIELD INSTEAD.

WHAT'VE YOU GOT NEXT?



WHAT D'YOU RECKON? I'LL PROBABLY SKIVE WITH THEM.



ERMMM...

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# Episode 2

# Home Life



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HAVE YOU DECIDED ABOUT TOMORROW YET?

YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME ON MY OWN JAZZ.

YOU'LL BE THE ONLY ONE WHO ISN'T THERE.

YOU KNOW I'VE GOT FOOTY TOMORROW...

YOU CAN MISS IT JUST ONE TIME C'MON...



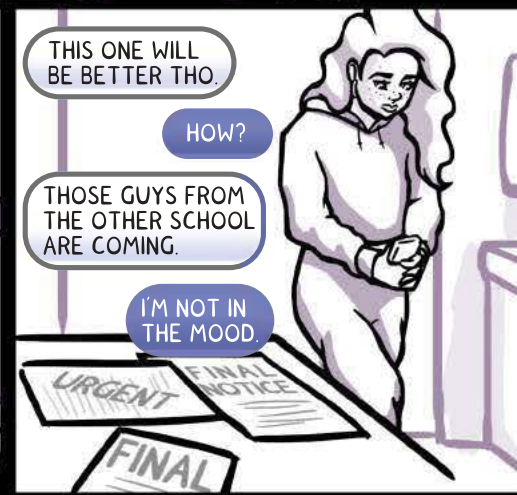
WHY'S SHE SO DESPERATE TO HANG OUT WITH THAT LOT? SHE'S ONLY KNOWN THEM FOR LIKE FIVE MINUTES.



HAVE YOU GONE YET?!



I ALREADY MISSED IT FOR THAT LAST SH\*\*Y THING YOU INVITED ME TO. IT WASN'T EVEN WORTH IT.



THIS ONE WILL BE BETTER THO.

HOW?

THOSE GUYS FROM THE OTHER SCHOOL ARE COMING.

I'M NOT IN THE MOOD.



HAD TO DROP THE GIRLS AT YOUR AUNTY'S AN ARSE. SORT YOUR OWN DINNER OUT. DON'T ANSWER THE DOOR!



NO POINT LOOKING IN THERE THEN. IT'S ALWAYS EMPTY. TIME TO GO SCROUNGING.

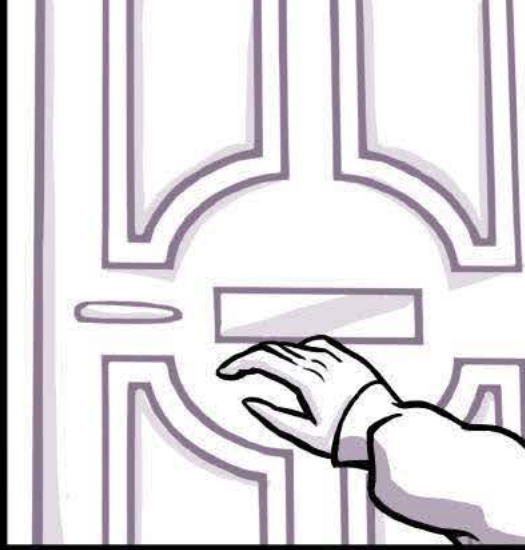


KNOCK KNOCK!





KNOCK KNOCK!



ONLY ME LOVE PACKAGE 'ERE.



YEAH. ER. THANKS.

MUM OUT AGAIN?

I 'SPOSE. LIKE ALWAYS.

HM... ALRIGHT, WELL...



TAKE CARE THEN.



SLAMI

PHEW



GUESS THIS'LL HAVE TO DO.



HM. A LITTLE DIFFERENT TO HOW DINNERS USED TO BE. COOKING RATHER THAN FUSSING OVER LOOSE CHANGE.

MUM AND I SHOULD HAVE TALKED MORE.

BEING ALONE THAT MUCH ISN'T GOOD FOR ANYONE. JUST LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.



WHO COULD I HAVE TURNED TO?...



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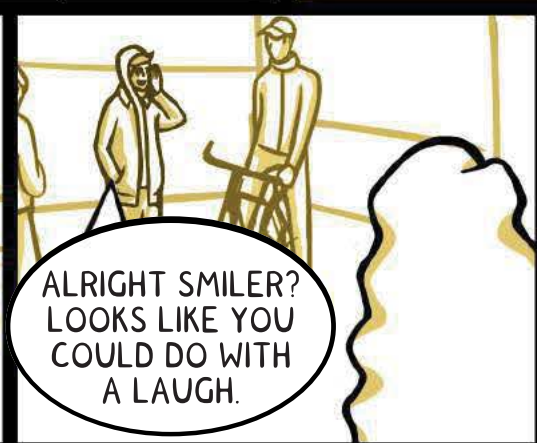
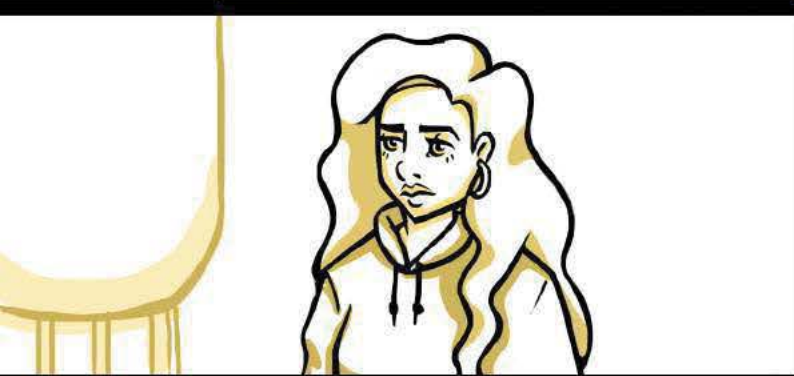
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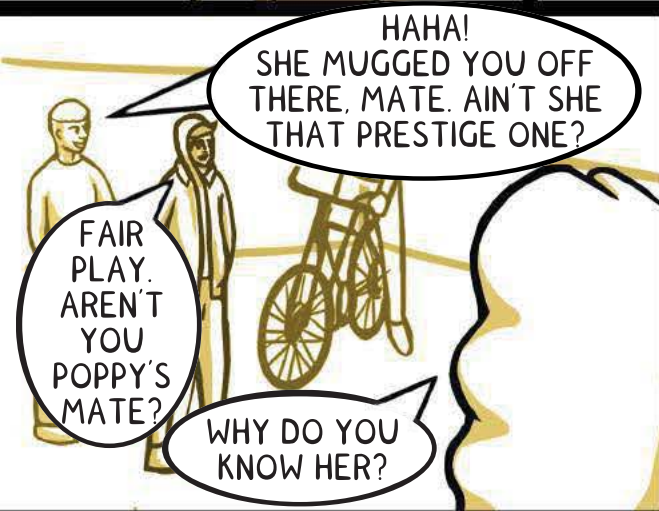
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ALRIGHT SMILER?  
LOOKS LIKE YOU  
COULD DO WITH  
A LAUGH.



JOB DONE.  
I JUST LOOKED  
AT YOUR SMUG  
FACE.



FAIR  
PLAY.  
AREN'T  
YOU  
POPPY'S  
MATE?

HAHA!  
SHE MUGGED YOU OFF  
THERE, MATE. AIN'T SHE  
THAT PRESTIGE ONE?

WHY DO YOU  
KNOW HER?



YEAH, SHE  
HANGS OUT  
WITH SOME OF  
MY MATES  
FROM THE  
OTHER SCHOOL.  
SHE'S A RIGHT  
LAUGH. HOW  
COME YOU'RE  
NEVER  
THERE?



SHE ONLY  
EVER ASKS  
WHEN I'M  
BUSY, I HAVE  
FOOTBALL  
PRACTICE  
IN THE  
WEEK.

"HIYA!"



WHAT'RE  
YOU UP TO?

HEY! NOTHING REALLY,  
JUST NEEDED SOMETHING  
FROM THE SHOP. SEE  
YOU GUYS TOMORROW.





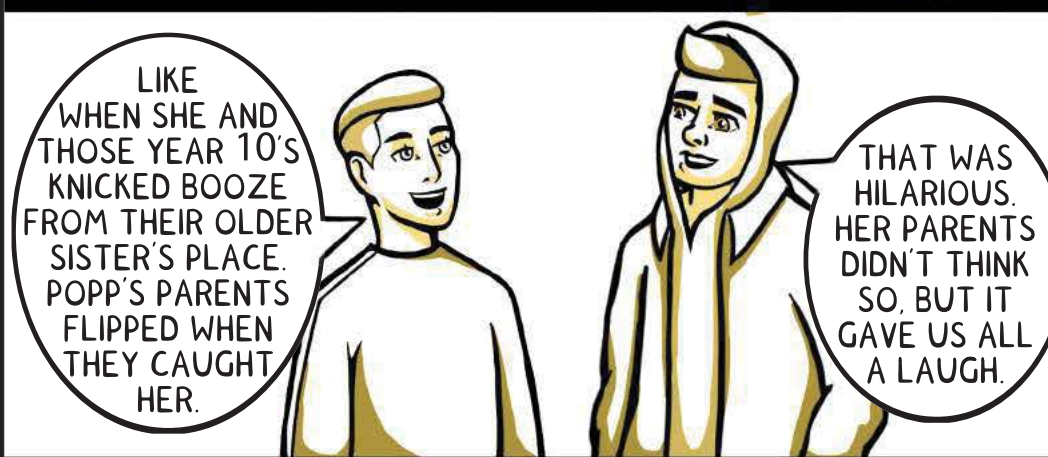
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE ME?

NEED TO KNOW YOUR NAME FIRST! MAYBE NEXT TIME.

FAIR POINT, IT'S JAKE.



DIDN'T PEG YOU FOR A FOOTBALL PLAYER. I CAN'T IMAGINE POPPY DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT. SHE MAKES HER OWN GAMES UP.

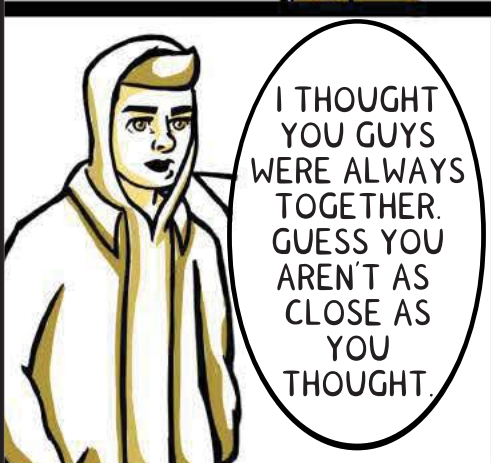


LIKE WHEN SHE AND THOSE YEAR 10'S KNICKED BOOZE FROM THEIR OLDER SISTER'S PLACE. POPP'S PARENTS FLIPPED WHEN THEY CAUGHT HER.

THAT WAS HILARIOUS. HER PARENTS DIDN'T THINK SO, BUT IT GAVE US ALL A LAUGH.



DIDN'T YOU KNOW?



I THOUGHT YOU GUYS WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER. GUESS YOU AREN'T AS CLOSE AS YOU THOUGHT.



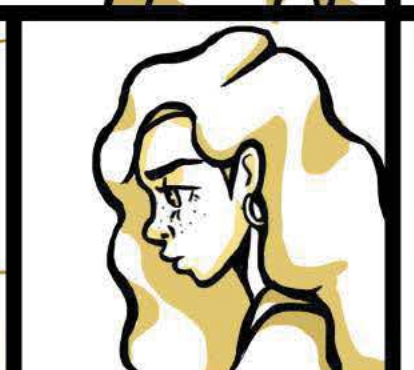
SHE ERR, SHE DIDN'T TELL ME...



ANYWAY I CAN LET YOU KNOW WHEN THE NEXT THING IS. WHAT'S YOUR INSTA.



IT'S FINE. I'LL SEARCH YOU. I NEED TO GO. SEE YA LATER.



WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT ABOUT?



WHAT HAS SHE BEEN DOING WITH THAT LOT?

DO I REALLY WANNA GET INVOLVED...?



TO BE CONTINUED...



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# Episode 4

# Football Practice



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GET SOME NEW ONES. THEY'RE ON SALE IN TOWN FOR LIKE £20.

HMPH... THESE BOOTS ARE KNACKERED.



HM. MAYBE...



WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?

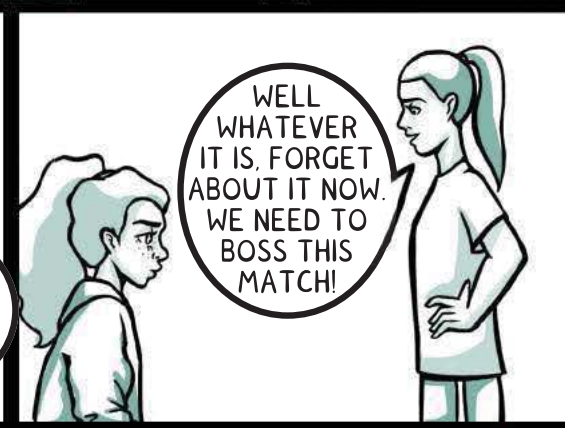


IT'S NOTHING I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT POPPY, NOT THAT SHE SEEMS TO BE.

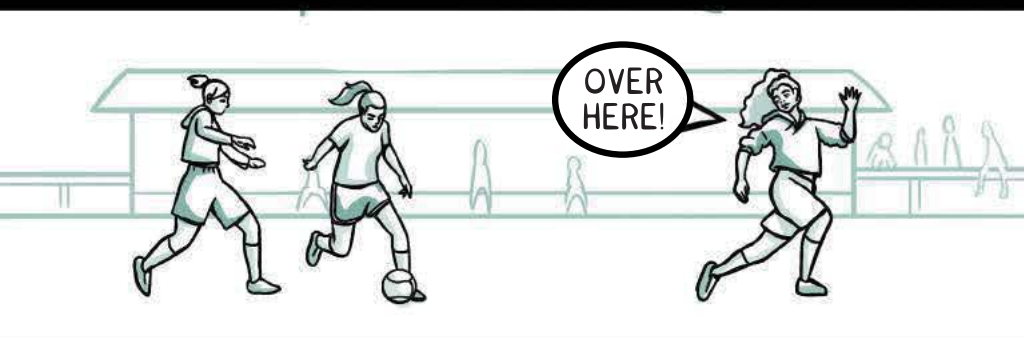


WHAT D'YOU MEAN? I'M SURE SHE KNOWS WHAT SHE'S DOING.

I S'POSE. IT JUST SOUNDS LIKE... DOESN'T MATTER. I'LL JUST TALK TO HER.



WELL WHATEVER IT IS, FORGET ABOUT IT NOW. WE NEED TO BOSS THIS MATCH!



OVER HERE!



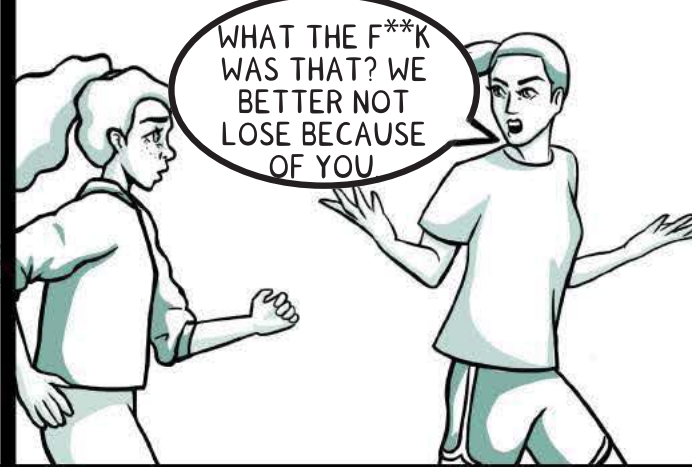
JESUS, SHE LEFT A RIGHT DENT!



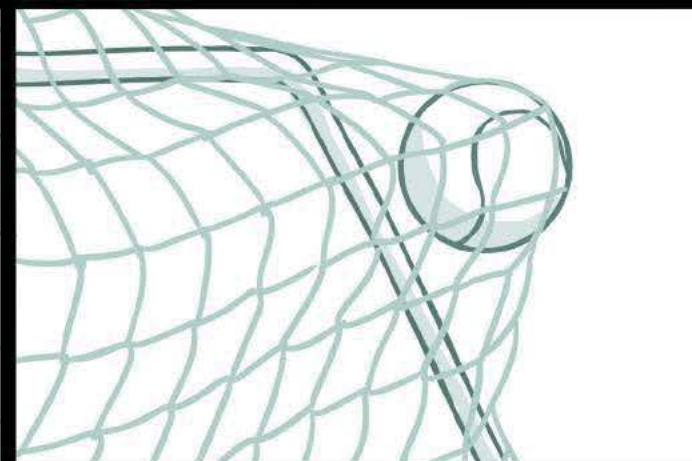
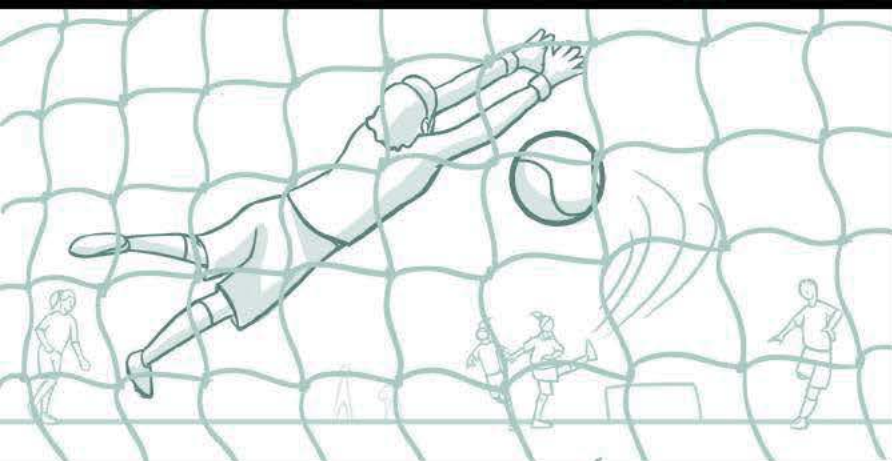
NO SHOCK SHE FELL OVER. CAN'T RUN ON THOSE TREE TRUNKS.

NO TIME FOR TAKIN' A NAP, ON YER FEET!

DON'T GET A FACE ON, JUST A BIT OF BANTER MATE!



WHAT THE F\*\*K WAS THAT? WE BETTER NOT LOSE BECAUSE OF YOU



NICE ONE D\*\*\*HEAD!

WHEEYY NICE TRY LADIES. STICK TO THE NETBALL NEXT TIME!

SO MUCH FOR WANTIN' TO BE THE NEXT ENGLAND CAPTAIN!



THAT'S TIME!

F\*\*\*ING GREAT. SEE WHAT YOU DID?



DON'T BOTHER SHOWING UP NEXT WEEK IF THAT'S ALL YOU'RE GONNA DO!



I'M SORRY...



THEN I SAID, "TAKE IT EASY PAL, IT'S ONLY A BIT OF BANTER!"

I WOULD'VE BEEN LAUGHING IF IT WAS ACTUALLY FUNNY. INSTEAD I FELT ALONE. EVEN MY TEAMMATES PUSHED ME OUT.



MAYBE IF I'D SHOWN JUST HOW HURT I WAS, THEY MIGHT HAVE UNDERSTOOD, STOPPED EVEN.

HM, 'BANTER' CAN HURT, TOO. LIKE A PUNCH IN THE STOMACH.

HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN HONEST ABOUT HOW I FELT?...



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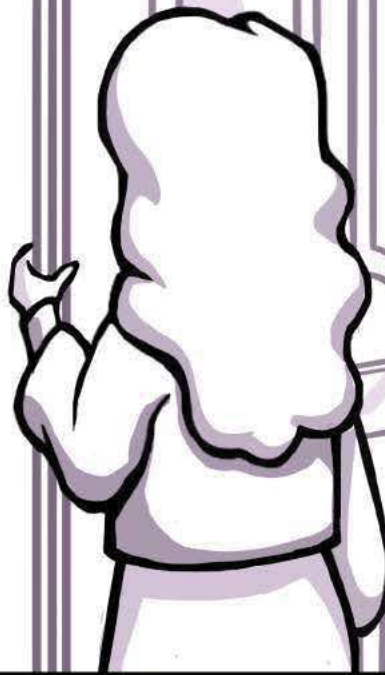
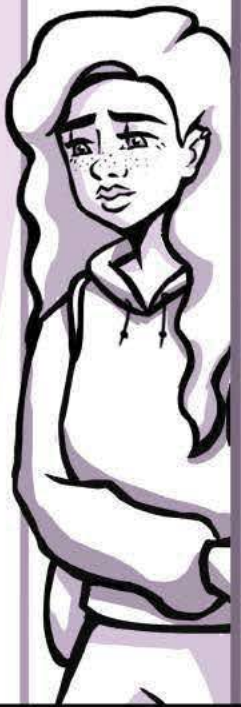
# The Ultimatum



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OMG YOU'RE MISSING OUT RIGHT NOW. THESE GUYS ARE A REYT LAUGH!!!

FINALLY BACK ARE YA?



YEAH, AND?

HAVE YOU HEARD FROM YOUR STEP DAD? HE'S BARELY SAID TWO BLOODY WORDS TO ME.

MORE THAN I GET. DON'T THINK HE EVEN KNOWS I'M 'ERE HALF THE TIME.

BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS SKULKIN' AROUND UPSTAIRS IN YOUR BLOODY ROOM, THAT'S WHY!



YOU NEVER HELP ME OUT WITH YER SISTERS AND YOU OPENED THE BLOODY DOOR AGAIN WHEN I TOLD YOU NOT TO, DIDN'T YOU?



IT WAS THE POSTMAN, ALRIGHT? I'M NOT A F\*\*\*ING IDIOT! YOU'D COMPLAIN EVEN MORE IF YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR STUPID PACKAGE!

DON'T YOU DARE SWEAR AT ME LIKE THAT! YOU CAN FORGET GETTING SOME NEW FOOTY BOOTS NOW! UNGRATEFUL COW...



YOU HAVE TO COME SATURDAY. IT'S GONNA BE MENTAL.

IT'S A WEEKEND TOO SO NO EXCUSES!

WHAT IS IT THEN?

A HOUSE PARTY, THAT GIRL IN YEAR 11, THE ONE THE GUYS AT SCHOOL WERE TALKING ABOUT YESTERDAY.

THOUGHT THAT THEY SAID THAT WAS A LAD'S HOUSE PARTY?

YEAH, THEY'RE TOGETHER. HE ORGANISES THEM BUT THEY HAVE 'EM AT HER HOUSE. PARENTS WORK AT THE WEEKEND.

SO, WHO IS THIS GUY THEN? IS HE IN YEAR 11 TOO?

YEAH, HE'S JUST NOT AT OUR SCHOOL. OBVIOUSLY.

ANYWAY, NOT THE POINT! YOU NEED TO COME TO THIS ONE, YOU CAN'T BAIL ON ME AGAIN. YOU ALWAYS HAVE MY BACK, FEEL LIKE I BARELY SEE YOU ANYMORE.

YOU KEEP HANGING OUT WITH THOSE GUYS. THAT'S WHY.

LOOK, STOP BEING A MOODY B\*TCH AND JUST JOIN IN FOR ONCE. YOU'RE REALLY STARTING TO ANNOY ME WITH ALL THIS SH\*T.

I'M BEING A GOOD FRIEND, INVITING YOU TO FUN THINGS AND ALL YOU CAN DO IS GET ARSEY WITH ME.

WHY IS SHE GETTING LIKE THIS? WHY'S SHE SO OBSESSED WITH THESE GUYS?

I'M BEING A GOOD FRIEND, INVITING YOU TO FUN THINGS AND ALL YOU CAN DO IS GET ARSEY WITH ME.

THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'M INVITING YOU TO ANYTHING. FINAL CHANCE.

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YES OR NO?

THOSE GUYS AT THE SHOP SEEM TO THINK ALL SORTS ABOUT HER. THEY DON'T KNOW HER LIKE I DO THOUGH.

BUT...DO I REALLY? SHE'S ACTING SO STRANGE, I THOUGHT SHE COULD TELL ME ANYTHING BUT SHE'S BEING SO SECRETIVE.

WHY DOES SHE HIDE THINGS FROM ME, BUT STILL INVITE ME TO THESE THINGS? WHY DOES SHE NEED ME THERE?

I KNOW PART OF ME WANTS TO GO ...BUT CAN I TRUST THEM?

YOU'VE REACHED THE FINAL ROUND. YOUR ONE CHANCE TO WIN THE JACKPOT, TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOREVER. NO MORE LIFE LINES. THE CHOICE IS YOURS, WHAT'LL IT BE?

ERM, I'M NOT SURE. I DON'T THINK I'D GET TO THIS POINT.

TRUST YOUR GUT...

I SPENT SO MUCH TIME WONDERING WHETHER I COULD TRUST THE OTHERS. I SHOULD HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON TRUSTING MYSELF

I'M BEING A GOOD FRIEND, INVITING YOU TO FUN THINGS AND ALL YOU CAN DO IS GET ARSEY WITH ME.

THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'M INVITING YOU TO ANYTHING. FINAL CHANCE.

YES OR NO?

FINE, I'LL COME WITH YOU

I KNEW IN MY GUT SOMETHING WASN'T RIGHT, AND NOTHING DID GO RIGHT AFTER THAT NIGHT.

POPPY WASN'T GOING TO TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER, I DIDN'T EVEN QUESTION WHY.

SHOULD I HAVE AGREED TO GO?...



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# The House Party

# Pt 1



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I'M SO EXCITED FOR THIS PARTY. GONNA BE SO GOOD!



CAN I BORROW SOME EYE LINER OR SOMETHING?

NOPE...



YEAH SURE, USE WHAT YOU WANT.

NOPE...



WHAT'S THAT?

NOPE...



SERIOUSLY? IT'S VODKA, HA! D'YOU WANT SOME?

NOPE...



ERR YEAH, POUR SOME IN HERE.

IT'S NOT EVEN THAT BAD ON ITS OWN THOUGH.



PRE DRINKS GET YA IN A REYT GOOD MOOD.

REMEMBER WHEN WE TRIED A COUPLE OF YOUR MUM'S MIXERS?



MM-HMM...

I'M STILL STARVING. CAN YOU GET ME SOME NUGGETS?

NOPE...



BLEHK! WHAT!



YOU KNOW I DON'T GET MUCH MONEY FROM MY MUM.

WELL YOU DO OWE ME. I COULD'VE STOPPED INVITING YOU TO THINGS, BUT I'M A GOOD FRIEND, SO IT'S TIME YOU DO THE SAME FOR ME



GOD FINE, BUT I CAN ONLY AFFORD NUGGETS.

THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING FOR ANYWAY, STOP WHINING.



HEY, THEY'RE HERE!

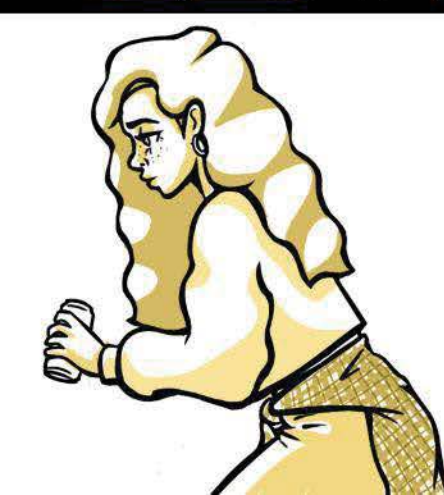
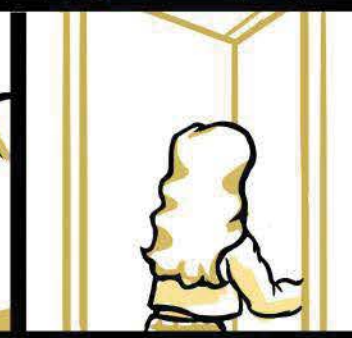
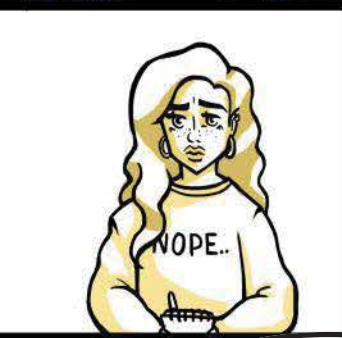
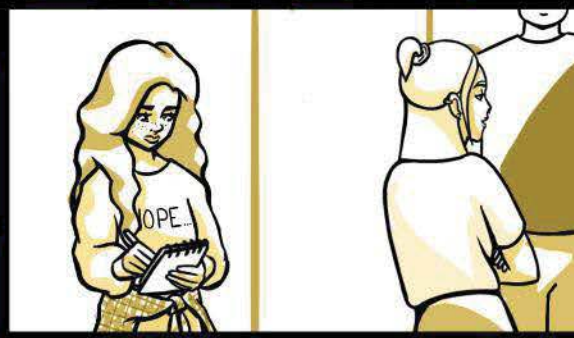
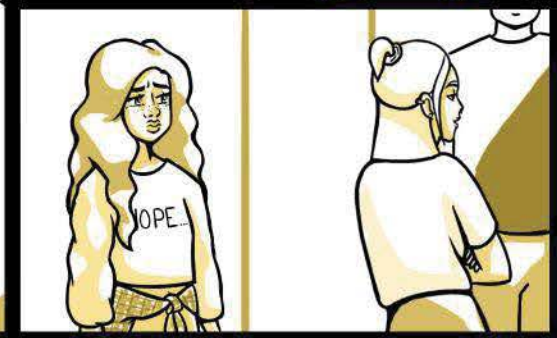
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COME ON, IT'S ALREADY STARTED!

OK, I'M COMING.





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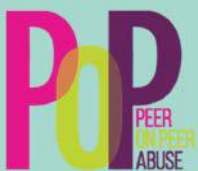


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## The House Party

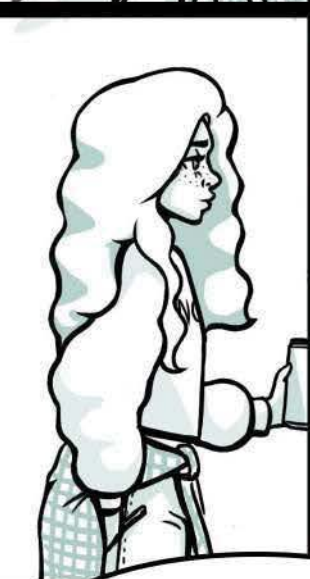
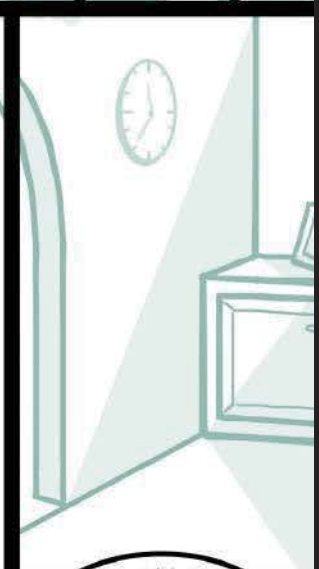
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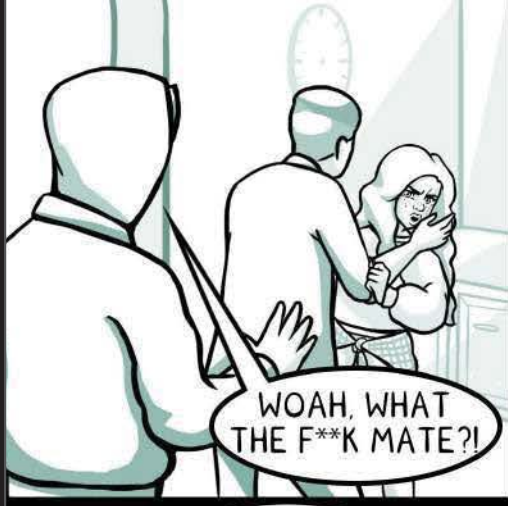


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WOAH, WHAT THE F\*\*K MATE?!



JUST MOVE ON MATE, SHE'S NOT INTERESTED

WHAT THE F\*\*K'S YOUR PROBLEM D\*\*\*EAD?



THINK SHE CAN MAKE UP HER OWN F\*\*\*ING MIND.

SHE HAS DONE. NOW F\*\*K OFF AND SOBER UP.



YOU ALRIGHT, HE DIDN'T HURT YA DID HE?



WANNA STEP OUT FOR A BIT, YOU LOOK KINDA PALE?

NO THAT'S OKAY, THANKS. I NEED TO FIND POPPY. I WENT TO THE BATHROOM CAME BACK AND SHE WAS GONE.



SHE'S PROBABLY UPSTAIRS OR SOMETHING. I CAN HELP YOU LOOK FOR HER.

THANKS, THAT'S SO NICE...

NOPE..



S'ALRIGHT, CAN'T STAND SEEING S\*\*T LIKE THAT.

IT'S MUCH WORSE BEING AT THE OTHER END.



YEAH, I BET...



F\*\*K ME! HAHA!

WHAT? WHAT'S UP?!



WELL I THINK WE FOUND HER!



WAS ABOUT TO SAY SHE BEST BE CAREFUL TO NOT GET A BAD REP, BUT THINK IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT...

WHAT?

THAT'S THE MOST SHE'S TAKEN ON IN ONE GO.

NOPE..



I KNOW YOU HEAR PRESTIGE ALL THE TIME BUT IT'S NOT BAD. YOU DON'T WANNA END UP LIKE HER DO YOU? I WOULDN'T BE IMPRESSED, BUT I CAN TELL YOU'RE NOT LIKE THAT.

WHY WHA.



LOSING CONTROL ONLY MAKES YOU MORE VULNERABLE

WATCH OUT LOVE!

POPPY HAD MORE CHOICE THAN SHE REALISED. WE WERE BOTH PUSHED IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

NO NEED TO GRAB MY ARM LIKE THAT. AT LEAST HE LET GO. NO KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR NEEDED THIS TIME

NOTHING GOOD EVER COMES FROM FORGETTING WHO YOU ARE.



THIS ISN'T LIKE POPPY, WHAT WAS SHE THINKING?

NOPE..

DID I HANDLE IT AS WELL AS I COULD'VE DONE?



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# Episode 8

# The Flashback



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6 YEARS AGO...

MOVE FURTHER BACK!

I WANNA SEE HOW FAR I CAN KICK IT!

HOW'S THIS?

PERFECT!

WAIT, DID YOU HEAR THAT?

SEE WHAT YOU MADE ME DO?!

THAT WAS SO FAR!!

YOU STUPID F\*\*\*KING B\*TCH!

WOAH... WHAT WAS THAT...?

HEAR WHAT?

THOUGHT I HEARD A VOICE.

THAT LOOKS LIKE...

WHO WAS THAT?

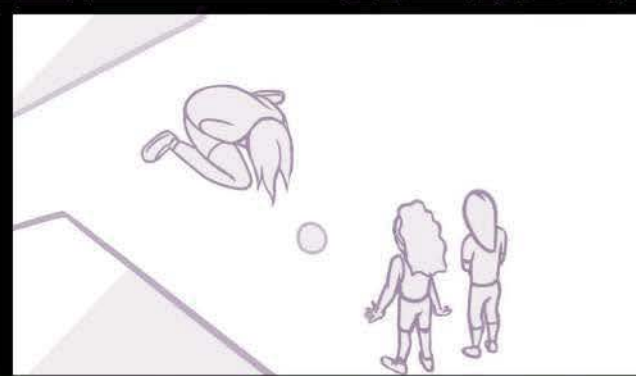
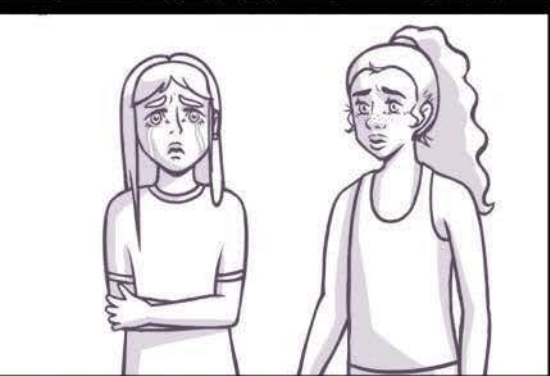
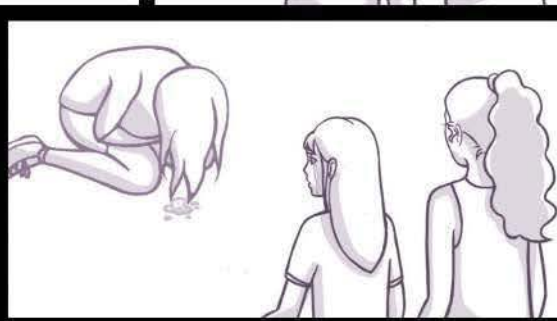
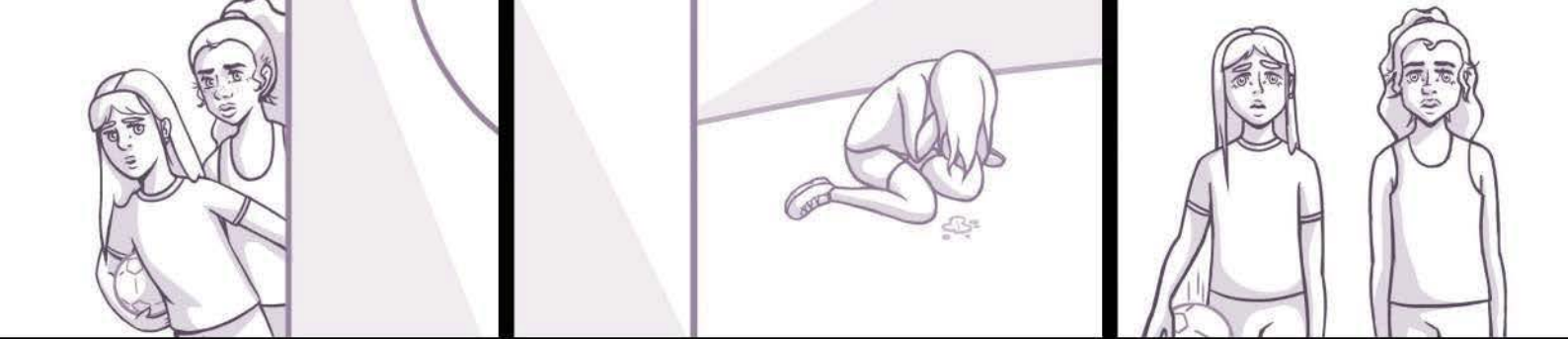
THAT... THAT LOOKED LIKE MY SISTERS BOYFRIEND.

REALLY? WHAT WAS HE DOING?

I DON'T KNOW... THAT'S THE ANGRIEST I'VE EVER SEEN HIM.

SNIFF\* SNIFF\*

SOUNDS LIKE SOMEBODY ELSE IS STILL THERE.



THAT DAY IS ALWAYS IN THE BACK OF MY MIND. I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO SHIFT IT.

WE WERE TOO YOUNG TO SEE SOMETHING SO RAW. TOO YOUNG TO KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT.



I LEARNED MORE THAN I REALISED IN THAT MOMENT. IT CHANGED THINGS.

WE MIGHT NOT HAVE UNDERSTOOD, BUT SOMEONE OLDER WOULD'VE KNOWN WHAT TO DO.

HOW COULD WE HAVE HELPED HER?





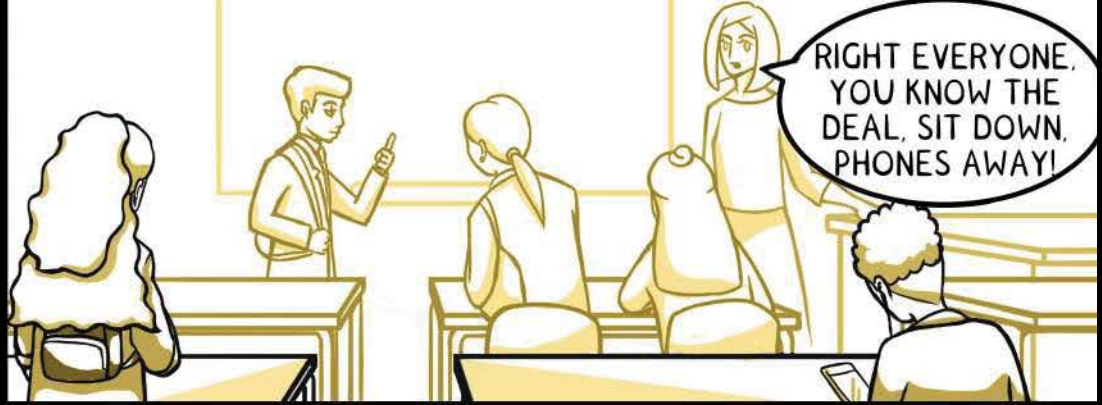
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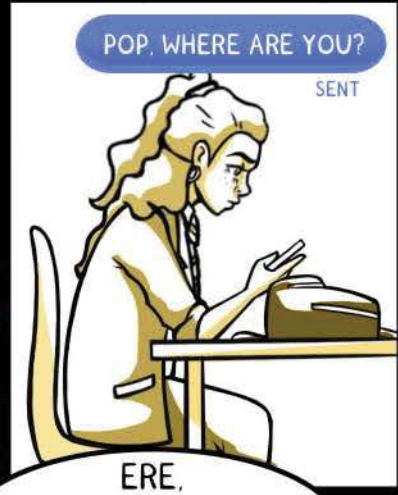
## The Aftermath



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RIGHT EVERYONE, YOU KNOW THE DEAL, SIT DOWN, PHONES AWAY!



'ERE MISS.

YEAH...





WERE YOU THERE THEN...ON SATURDAY?

IT LOOKED SCUMMY...

N-NO I WA-I DIDN'T SEE THAT. I LOST HER WHEN THINGS...

THERE YOU ARE.

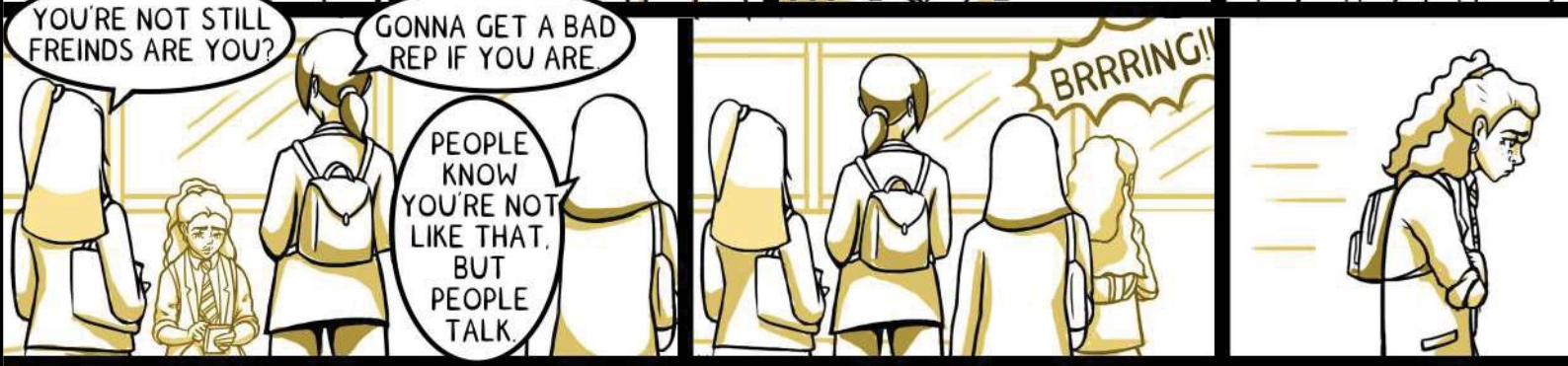


WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

IT'S OK IF YOU WERE THERE, AS LONG AS YOU DIDN'T DO THAT

TAKE POPPY OFF THE GROUP CHAT. SHE COULD SPREAD WHAT SHE'S GOT THROUGH THE PHONE!

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT WAS GOING ON. I-I DIDN'T STAY LONG. I LOST HER.

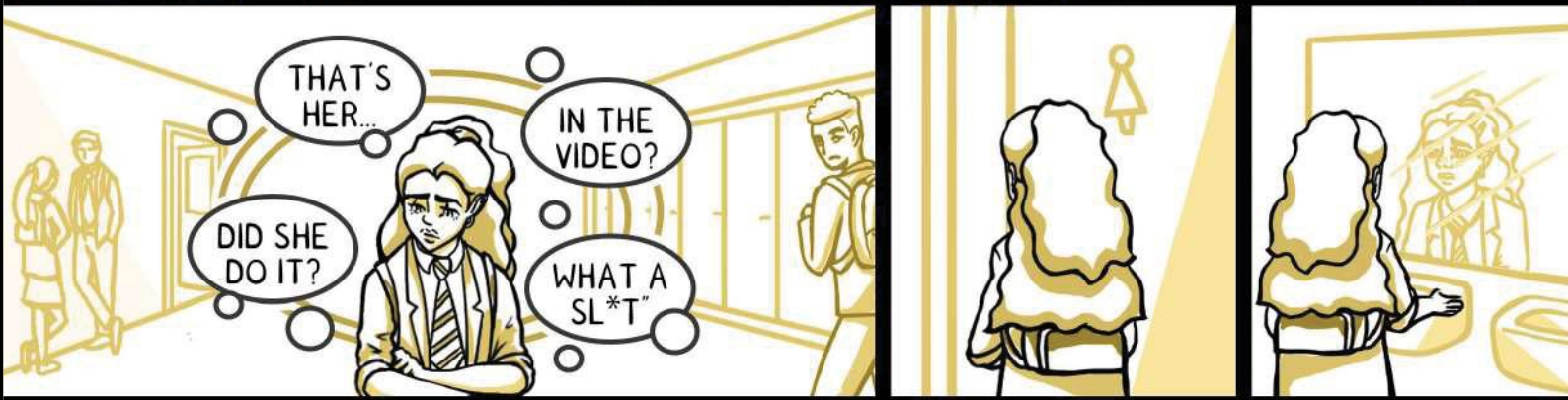


YOU'RE NOT STILL FREINDS ARE YOU?

GONNA GET A BAD REP IF YOU ARE

PEOPLE KNOW YOU'RE NOT LIKE THAT, BUT PEOPLE TALK.

BRRRING!



THAT'S HER...

IN THE VIDEO?

DID SHE DO IT?

WHAT A SL\*T



WA-DING! :-

JAKE  
YOU ARE NOT SAY HI!  
DID YOU GET IN OKAY  
HEY, WHAT'RE YOU UP TO LATER?

TO BE CONTINUED...



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# Episode 10 Jake's Manipulation



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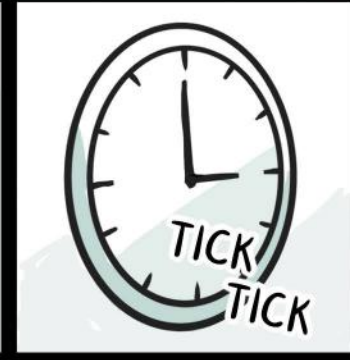
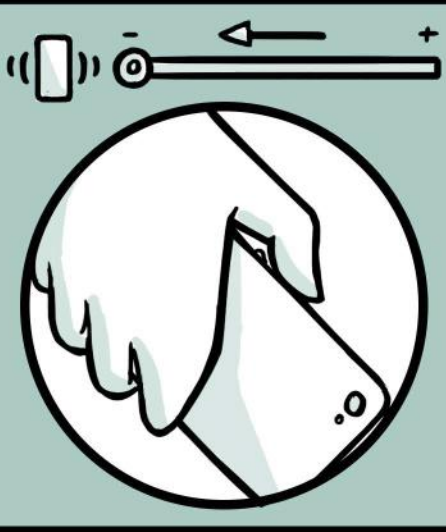


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WA-DING!

IF ANYONE IS TEXTING YOU WILL HAVE YA PHONE TAKEN OFF YOU!



JAKE 14:37

WHY ARE YOU IGNORING ME?

YOU SAW MY FIRST MESSAGE.

YOU WITH THAT SK\*\*K FRIEND OF YOURS?



BEST NOT BE GETTING ANY TIPS FROM HER.

SHE'S NO GOOD.

SORRY! TEACHER WAS BEING A D\*\*K WITH PHONES. DIDN'T WANT IT TAKEN OFF ME.

WAS POPPY THERE?

SHE DIDN'T SHOW UP AND I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HER.

MAKES SENSE. CAN'T ACT LIKE THAT THEN BE ABLE TO SHOW YA FACE.

SHE REALLY ISN'T LIKE THAT!



I DON'T THINK SHE'S TELLIN YOU THE TRUTH TBH...

THERE'S A LOT I'VE HEARD. EVEN BEFORE THE VIDEO.

I'VE KNOWN HER MY WHOLE LIFE PRETTY MUCH AND THIS IS NOT HER AT ALL.

I'M WORRIED...



WHAT IF SHE WAS DRUGGED?

BABE, SHE WAS JUST P\*\*\*\*D OUT OF HER MIND.

AND IT WAS HER CHOICE.

BUT WHEN YOU DRUNK YA NOT EXACTLY THINKIN RIGHT ARE YA?

I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING WHEN I'M DRUNK. I'M NOT A F\*\*\*\*G IDIOT.



I GUESS. PEOPLE WERE ASKING ME ABOUT THE VIDEO TODAY.

THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HANG AROUND PEOPLE LIKE THAT.

BUT YOU REALLY DON'T NEED TO WORRY.

WHAT D'YOU MEAN?



YOU'RE NOTHING LIKE THAT. UR BETTER THAN THAT.

ARE YOU HOME YET?

JUST GOT OFF THE BUS WALKING BACK NOW.

WANT ME TO COME OVER?



I STILL REMEMBER WHERE YOU LIVE FROM WHEN I WALKED YOU HOME. DID YOU SNEAK IN OKAY?

DIDN'T NEED TO. MY MUM WAS OUT ANYWAY.

I STILL HAVEN'T HEARD FROM POPPY. I REALLY HOPE SHE GOT BACK ALRIGHT.

SO IS THAT A YES TO ME COMING OVER?



WHAT IF SOMEBODY TOOK HER SOMEWHERE ELSE?

NAH. SOMEONE TOLD ME THEY PUT HER IN A TAXI AND SENT HER BACK HOME.

WHO TOLD YOU THAT?

A MATE.

CAN YOU JUST ANSWER MY QUESTION...

WHAT?

FFS AM I COMING OVER TO YOURS. YES OR NO?

DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE ME?

ARE YOU JUST MESSIN ME ABOUT?

STARTING TO THINK YOU GOT SOMEBODY ELSE ON THE GO.



CBA WITH THIS...

IF YOU DON'T ANSWER ME I'LL TELL EVERYBODY WHAT HAPPENED WITH THAT GUY.

YOU PROBABLY WOULD'VE N ALL IF I DIDN'T SHOW UP.



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ARE YOU HOME?

YES! OH MY GOD ARE YOU OK???

NO. BUT CAN WE TALK?

DO YOU WANT ME TO CALL YOU NOW?

I'M OUTSIDE.



SEEMS A SILLY IDEA NOW.

JAKE WAS SO CLEVER, MAKING ME THINK I WAS HELPLESS WITHOUT HIM.

I DIDN'T EVEN REALISE WHAT HE WAS DOING. HOLDING THAT NIGHT OVER MY HEAD.



HE CONVINCED ME I NEEDED HIM.

NOW I'VE STARTED BUILDING MY OWN ARMOUR.

SHOULD I HAVE REALISED SOONER?



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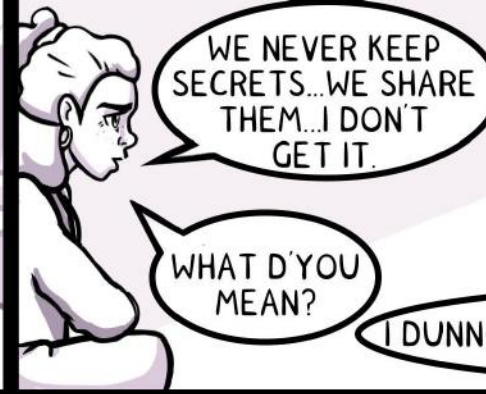


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I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU. YOU SHOULD'VE TEXT ME...

WHAT HAPPENED?



WE NEVER KEEP SECRETS...WE SHARE THEM...I DON'T GET IT.

WHAT D'YOU MEAN?



I DON'T EITHER. I DON'T KNOW WHY THINGS HAVE CHANGED.

I DUNNO! DON'T START PLAYING MUM!



I JUST WANT MY BEST FRIEND BACK. I MISS HER.

I MISS THE STUPID CONVOS AND THE BELLY LAUGHS UNTIL WE CAN'T BREATHE!



I MISS IT TOO...



I MISS BEING ABLE TO TELL YOU STUFF...

YOU STILL CAN.



WA-DING!



WHERE DID YOU MEET THAT LOT ANYWAY?

WHO?

ONE OF THEM SENT ME A DM ON INSTA.

KYLE, FROM THE OTHER SCHOOL. SAID HE KNEW ME...I HEARD HIS NAME BEFORE SO THOUGHT I DID TOO



REALLY POPP? THIS ALL STARTED BECAUSE A GUY SLID INTO YOUR DM'S?

SHUT UP! HAHA!



I NEED TO SAY IT... WHAT WERE YATHINKIN'?

DID YOU THOUGH, OR DID THEY MAKE YOU?

BUT WHAT?



I WASN'T...I HATE MYSELF FOR LETTIN' IT HAPPEN.

PEOPLE KEPT GIVIN' ME DRINKS ...BUT...



I JUST...I JUST FELT LIKE I... COULDN'T SAY NO...



GOT IT IN MY HEAD THAT I WANTED TO BUT...THINKIN' ABOUT IT NOW, I JUST FEEL SICK...



TRIED TO FIND YOU ...I REALLY DID. IF I FOUND YOU I COULD'VE TALKED YOU OUT OF I-

NO, DON'T...IT WAS MY STUPID FAULT AND I'M JUST GONNA HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT...



YOU SHOULD, Y'KNOW... PROBABLY GO GET... CHECKED OUT...

I CAN GO WI-



I DON'T WANNA DRAG YOU INTO THIS MORE. PEOPLE AT SCHOOL ARE SAYING STUFF.

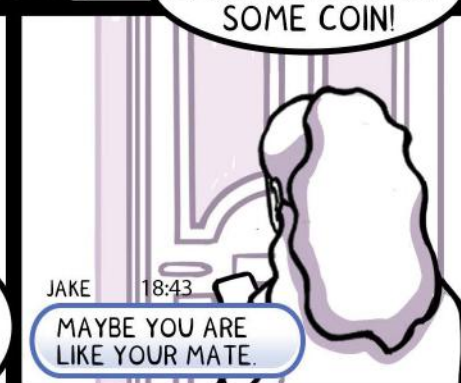
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I KNOW, BEEN REMOVED FROM THE GROUP CHAT.

IF I SEE THE VIDEO ANYWHERE I'LL REPORT IT. WE SHOULD TRY AND GET THE POLICE IN...









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4 YEARS LATER...

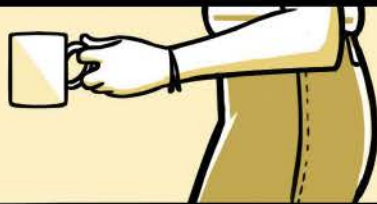
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CLEARED! TAKEAWAY  
TO CELEBRATE BACK  
AT 7. SNACKS IN THE  
CUPBOARD XX

THINK HOW DIFFERENT THINGS  
ARE NOW. NO MORE TURNING THE  
HOUSE UPSIDE DOWN JUST TO  
FIND SOME LOOSE CHANGE.

I CAN'T WAIT FOR MUM TO  
COME HOME. RELAX ON THE SOFA,  
NO ARGUMENTS. JUST TIME  
TOGETHER.

NO NEED TO LOOK IN  
THE WRONG PLACES  
FOR ACCEPTANCE  
ANYMORE. IT WAS HERE  
ALL ALONG. WE JUST  
NEEDED TO TALK.

I MIGHT HAVE MADE SOME  
WRONG TURNS, BUT NOW  
I'M SET ON THE RIGHT  
PATH. FOR NOW ANYWAY.  
NOTHING'S SET IN STONE  
AND I'M READY TO KEEP  
FINDING MY DIRECTION



APPRENTICESHIP  
APPLICATION

COLLEGE



IT'S EASY TO FEEL  
HELPLESS. LIKE  
EVERYTHING IS  
OUT OF CONTROL  
AND YOU'RE JUST  
A PASSENGER.

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TAKING A STEP BACK  
AND THINKING THINGS  
THROUGH MEANS THAT  
I'M STEERING NOW.  
I'M IN CONTROL.



A LOT'S CHANGED FROM EVEN JUST A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO.

I WISH I COULD'VE SEEN THINGS AS CLEARLY AS I CAN NOW.

THE SIGNS WERE TINY, ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE. BUT EVEN THE SMALLEST SIGNS ARE THERE FOR A REASON. AFTER ALL, NOT EVERYTHING IS AS IT SEEMS.



IT'S OKAY TO BE VULNERABLE.



IT'S ONLY WHEN YOU DON'T REALISE IT THAT THINGS START TO TURN.



I MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN READY TO TRUST MY GUT...

BUT I COULD HAVE TRUSTED OTHERS.



SECRETS DON'T END WELL.



BESIDES, THERE WAS MORE SUPPORT OUT THERE THAN I THOUGHT.



AH, FINALLY.



NOW MY VOICE IS LOUDER, STRONGER. I'VE FOUND IT.



CHANNELLING MY MEMORIES HAS MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.



THEY'RE NOT SO TANGLED ANYMORE. INSTEAD, THEY'RE ALL LINED UP. CLEAR TO LOOK BACK AND LEARN FROM.

FINDING YOUR OWN WAY OF EXPRESSION IS MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU'D THINK. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO FIND SUPPORT.



REWIND

WHY SHOULDN'T YOUR VOICE BE HEARD?



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**'Realising that I'm in control let me understand that not everything is as it seems. I found my voice, now it's your turn to find yours.'**



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