

Connection Dropped

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Music is playing, Charmaine is laying out snacks and preparing for the party. She picks up her device and posts a status update on Facebook.

Charmaine: Party at my house. Tell whoever! LOL #TGIF #partytime

Mark: *(thumbs up)* yeaaa boi! Hey Jerry, you want to come.

Jerry: *(thumbs up)* I'm in. Get the food out and make room on the couch! I saw Sandra and Brenda earlier, youse coming?

Sandra: OMG! I'm G2G! TTYL! #CNWTGMPOT !!!!

Brenda: Sounds great I'm in! And seriously Brenda? #CNWTGMPOT ?

Sandra: OMG SRSLY? Can not wait to get my party on tonight! Duh! LOL!

Preston: Hey everyone. This sounds fun... Mind if I stop by after my homework?
(1 hour ago)

Preston: Guys?

Sandra: *(Awkward smiley face)*

(door bell)

Charmaine: Hey Mark! Hey Jerry!

Jerry: Oh man... I'm so hungry. Got any chips awa?

Charmaine: *(surprised)* Umm. Yeah, I've got some...

Jerry: *(interrupting)* That's okay. I know where food is. I can smell a bag of ketchup chips from a mile away. *(walks out of sight to the kitchen)*

Mark: It's true. They were even expired too.

Charmaine: Really? That's impressive. When did they go bad?

Mark: 2011

Charmaine: That's not so bad for the coast! I once ate a bag that went bad in 2009. They were ry good.

Mark: (*nervously*) So... Charmaine... Umm... I just wanted to...

(*Jerry appears from the kitchen*) Says nothing flops on the couch. Starts eating.

Mark: I just wanted to say... I'm really happy you asked me to come here and... and... I... ummm:

Charmaine: Mark you're always so talkative online! Are you feeling okay?

Mark: Ha... Yeah. You're good. I mean I'm good. I'm good. Maybe I'll message you online and see how you're doing later.

Charmaine: Huh?

(*Ding dong*)

Brenda: (*runs in the room out of breath*) Hey guys! Sorry I'm late. I just had to do 10k before I could come over. Provincials are coming up soon. Gotta practice. You know how it is. I just topped my Personal best by 1 1 millionth of a second.

Charmaine: Wasn't provincials last week?

Brenda: Yeah, but I got to start training for next years. I don't want to be all lazy like Jerry.... No offense.

Jerry: (*pouring chips all over himself*). None taken.

(*Ding Dong*)

Charmaine: Sandra! You came... Thanks...

Sandra: Password?

Charmaine: (*confused*) what?

Sandra: OMG! Wi-fi? Hello? I need a connection. I haven't checked my facebook in the last 38 seconds. And my ipod isn't connecting to your network. You must have changed your password... so... password?

Mark: Whoa... 38 seconds. I thought I was bad.

Sandra: Seriously! What's the password, I need to take a selfie ry bad!

Charmaine:...It's caterpillar.

Sandra: So like, CTPLR, izza?

Charmaine: No... like c..a..t..e..r

(Preston appears)

Preston: Caterpillar?

(everyone keeps their faces down and pays attention to their devices)

Preston: Umm... that's what you were going to spell right, caterpillar? You guys talking about insects? Well, I just finished my biology assignment. I know it's not due until next semester, but you know what they say, right? Early bird catches the worm. Hey, worms! You know, some people think worms are insects...

Sandra: OMG! Guys! I just got 4 more likes on my status update.

Mark: What's your update?

Preston: Hey guys, since we're talking about ipods. Does anyone have a charger? I forgot to charge my phone. I was so busy studying arachnids... did you know that..."

Sandra: "Just got to Charmaine's. TGIF!!! Wooooooooooooo"

Jerry: So, my last selfie just got 12 likes.

Brenda: Mine's back home. But I was just checking my stats. And I am due for another run. I'll whip home and get it. And then do a quick 6k. Back in 4 minutes...

Charmaine: Brenda! Here Sandra, I've got mine here you can have it.

Preston: Oh thanks Charmaine, I just need a little...

(Sandra walks right over Charmaine and grabs the charger)

Sandra: Thanks doll! I just need a little more juice.

Brenda: Do you know I've walked 462 steps since I've been here. Isn't that incredible? Oh! 484!

(Charmaine goes and looks for something on the table.)

Mark: Did you get my message?

Charmaine: What message?

Brenda: 512!

Mark: I wrote you, and said you seen it one minute ago. Why didn't you write back...

Charmaine: You mean the one that said 'hi?'

Mark: Yeah.

Charmaine: Oh... *(awkwardly)* Hi...

Mark: *(even more awkwardly)* Hey.

Brenda: 600! I'm only another 24000 steps away form my daily goal.

Sandra: OMG! That is the cutest chip bowl I've ever seen Charmaine. I NEED to post that.

Charmaine: It's just a bowl. It has chips in it.

Jerry: Yeah... Why do you want to post a picture of a bowl? There's not any chips in it? What's the point?

Sandra: There would have been some in it if you hadn't wasted them all.

Charmaine: It's okay, I've got some more in the kitchen.

Jerry: Really? I'll be back... *(drags chair with him in it off to the kitchen)*

Sandra removes her iPod from the charger.

Preston: Well, if you're done with it now, I think I'd like to use it. I have some photos on there of my new rock collection. My old rock collection is getting a little boring. I needed to 'spice' up my life. You could say that's how I roll...Oh, get it. Rock & Roll?

(Awkward silence)

Preston: ...You'll laugh later.

Power outage sound is played. Lights go to full black out and then a soft light over the stage so all can still be visible.

Everyone but Preston: Preston!

Preston: Oh hi... wasn't sure you guys noticed me.

Charmaine: Wow, power's out. That's crazy! I've got some supplies up back, Brenda come help me!

Brenda: Betcha I can be back in 17 seconds?

Mark: Oh... how are we going to be able to talk now! Charmaine... I'm just going to write down my thoughts and I'll message you to them later. I've had a lot of feelings lately...and they can only be expressed in text.

(Brenda and Charmaine walk off stage)

Sandra: Seriously guys? It's been like 2 minutes since I've taken a selfie.

Mark: You can still take a selfie.

Sandra: What's the point of taking one, if all of my Facebook friends can't see it immediately. Lame!

Jerry: Oh no. No no no no no no!

Mark: What's wrong?

Jerry: I forgot to put my popcorn in the microwave...

Preston: So... Guys maybe we can, you know... talk to each other. Have some fun. Not just always depend on our technology. Like... I'm Preston. The guy you don't always include, yet I'm always there.

Sandra: Look, Peter. It's not that we don't notice you... it's that we don't care!

Mark: Sandra... come on boi!

Preston: It's okay, and it's Preston... the guy in all your classes. Since Kindergarten.

Sandra: Sorry... I know that. I mean, I do care.. it's just... you're not online like everyone else. How are we going to talk? I mean... I messaged you Nov. 4th at 8:20 PM... and it says seen! I know you saw it Preston! Why didn't you message me? O...M...G.

Preston: It said "LOL! Winky face, smiley face, heart, heart, kiss, koala bear. I didn't know what I was supposed to say that.

Sandra: Whatever!

(Charmaine and Brenda return with a box of supplies)

Charmaine: Oh my God guys... look what I found! I've got flashlights, batteries, matches, food...

Jerry: Over here!

Charmaine: And this... Look

Brenda: Oh! Is that really what I think it is? It's a ouija board!

Charmaine: I know! They're so scary.

Mark: I'll protect you... I ain't afraid of no ghost.

Charmaine: Umm... Thanks! You guys want to play?

Sandra: I don't want to mess with no spirits! GAWD! What if I need an exorcism or something... YouTube isn't working, remember!

Preston: Actually... there's no spiritual influence whatsoever. You seem it's a common misbelief that a spirit somehow enters the moving device, but alas, it's the player themselves who are the ones guilty of perpetuating the idea that there is actual spirit. I mean... it's fairly preposterous for anyone to think it in the first place.

(everyone stares at Preston)

Preston: Oh... and it's the bilingual version. So I suppose we could get a French spirit as well. Quelle surprise!

Sandra: Come on Preston. Give it a try... LOL! Winky face, smiley face, heart, heart, kiss, koala bear.

Preston: Wow... I always assumed you spoke the way you texted... now I know for sure.

Sandra: I was j/k. OMG Preston, O...M...G.

(Everyone plays the Ouija board, they laugh and people jump)

Jerry: Hey... I know a good ghost story... It's called the Hook.

Mark: *(to Charmaine)* I once fought off a guy with a hook... Didn't even need a magical fairy named Tinkerbell...

Charmaine: Really?

Mark:... No.

Brenda: My god you guys...How much longer do we have to sit still for. I swear, if I can't get some cardio in here soon I'm going to get all bored and stiff.

Preston: Maybe after this story you'll be.... Scared stiff.

(Everyone sarcastically laughs)

Preston: *(coughs)* Jerry tell your story.

Jerry tells the story:

Brenda: I don't know guys, that was a little scary. I'm actually pretty freaked out.

Charmaine: I know... maybe we should stop playing... I feel like I'm going to be too scared to sleep tonight!

Sandra: I read that online years ago. Tumblr told me it's not even close to true. I'm certainly not going to lose my lunch over a story like that.

Jerry: You're right... I could go for some food. I'm going to go check the kitchen...

Charmaine: Umm... sure Jerry help yourself.

Mark: I've got a story that will really scare you. It's called Bloody Mary.

Mark tells his story. Before he says bloody Mary for the third time Jerry appears with a mask on and scares everyone. Everybody screams.

Brenda: JERRY! Seriously. My heart rate has just increased and I haven't even started a warm up program yet. You're messing with me.

Jerry: Haha, sorry no food.

They all go back to playing the Ouija board. They get scared and laugh amongst themselves. Power outage sound is played. The power comes back on and nobody notices. All of a sudden someone gets a text message. Nobody notices, and then another and another.

Sandra: OMG guys! The power is back on! I gotta post this ouija board.

Preston: Well that was nice while it lasted.

Sandra takes a photo of everyone playing.

Charmaine: Really? You're not taking a selfie.

Sandra: Nah, I wanted to have this photo for myself. For a time without Facebook.

Charmaine: Oh guys... I didn't realize how late it was. We should really call it a night.

Jerry: I can't just sleep here? Okay... I'll go I'll go.

Sandra: Come on Jerry... I'll walk home with you. Preston, you should write back to my message sometime.

Brenda: Outta the way guys! I'm going to keep this pace going and get another 6k in before bed. Bye Charmaine!

Mark: Thanks Charmaine, for having us. I'll send you a message later tonight.

Charmaine: You know you could just phone me at home sometime, or talk to me in person. It doesn't always have to be over Facebook.

Mark: Mark... phone...home?

Charmaine: Hahaha, goodnight!

Preston: Thanks for letting me come Charmaine, I had a great time... sorry I knocked the power out.

Charmaine: Don't be foolish, anytime. Don't be such a stranger, online and off!

Preston: Will do.

Back to a computer screen. Preston makes a status update.

*Fact of the day: No power results in a jolt of electricity
5 likes.*

Sandra posts a Koala bear.

