

A Peek Into The Past

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INT.DUC.MORNING

STUDENTS SITTING AT THE DUC AND ALL OF THEM HAVE THEIR NOSE BURIED IN HIS OR HER PHONE.[LONG SHOT]

[FULL SHOT CAMERA ANGLE OF TABLE] Elena, Sarah and Colin are sitting at the DUC. All three are engaged in their phones. [ZOOM IN ON ELENA] Elena is snap chatting, [ZOOM IN ON COLIN PHONE] Colin is texting his friend and [ZOOM IN ON SARAH'S PHONE] Sarah is checking her Facebook page. [PAN TO MARY WALKING TO TABLE] Mary, who is busy texting on her phone, comes and joins them. [FULL SHOT CAMERA ANGLE OF TABLE] The three of them look up, smile at her and then go back to looking into their phones. [EXTREME CLOSE-UP SARAH'S PHONE] That's when Sara receives a text from her grand-ma...

[ZOOM IN ON SARAH'S EXPRESSION]

SARAH

(looking confused)

I just received a text message from my grand-mom asking me to accept her friend request on Facebook. She wants to know whats happening in my life through it.

[ZOOM OUT TO WHOLE TABLE]

MARY

That's a first. Have fun having your grand-mom on your friend list

ELENA

Guys! Doesn't this make you wonder what life was without phones and social networking sites. How did people spend their days when they did not have the technology we have now.

They all are lost in thought but still distracted by their phone. Then suddenly...

[ZOOM IN ON COLIN - FULL BODY]

COLIN

Springs up from his chair

What if we try to reenact the olden days by putting our phones away for a day and spend a day as people would in the 70's.

[ZOOM OUT TO WHOLE TABLE]

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All four look at each other and nod in agreement.

CUTS OFF

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[FULL SHOT OF THE ROOM] Sarah, Elena, Mary and Colin are in Mary's room. They have to put there phones away so they are not tempted to use them during the day.'

[CLOSE UP ON SARAH]

SARAH  
(feeling morose)

Looking at the phone which she has held in her hand.  
I'll miss you so much. I didn't  
imagine parting with you would be  
so difficult.

[ZOOM IN ELENA] Lays her phone down gently in her jewelry box and stares at it for a while but then quickly shuts it.

ELENA  
How tough could it be! Our parents  
and grand parents survived without  
it. I am sure we can can do this  
for a day.

Puts her phone under her pillow and leaves for class.

[ZOOM IN ON COLIN AND MARY] Colin and Mary put their phones in the drawer. [LONG SHOT] Colin picks up his bag and leaves for his class while Mary just lays on her bed.

MARY CAN HEAR THE PHONES RINGING IN THE DRAWER.

MARY(V/O)  
(fidgety and restless)  
This is insane. I need to check my  
phone. No you can do it its just a  
day,just distract yourself.

[MEDIUM SHOT] Walks out of the room so she can keep her mind off not having her phone.

CUTS OFF

EXT.AFTERNOON

[PAN TO SARAH AND COLIN] Sarah and Colin are walking back from class. They can see all these people on their phone and they feel odd not having it with them.

[CLOSE UP OF SARAH]

SARAH  
It feels strange not texting while walking.

[CLOSE UP OF COLIN]

COLIN  
Talking about strange I havent tweeted for THREE hours ! My friends might just think I am dead. Life is such a struggle right now.

Continue walking towards the DUC

[MEDIUM SHOT OF SARAH POINTING AT THE DOOLEY'S STATUE]

SARAH  
(Pointing to the dooley statue)  
Oh my god I have never seen this. Did they just put this up ?

[MEDIUM SHOT OF SARAH AND COLIN]

COLIN  
No Sarah its been here since the begining. Haven't you ever seen it before?

SARAH  
I guess there are some perks of not having the phone. I have strated noticing things around me.

CUTS OFF

INT.DUC.AFTERNOON

[LONG SHOT] After struggling to find each other Elena,Colin,Sarah and Mary finally sit down for lunch.

[CLOSE UP ON ELENA]

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ELENA

Is it just me or has the day just been a struggle with out having the phone around.

[MEDIUM SHOT OF MARY, SARAH, COLIN AND ELENA]

MARY

Believe me the day has never seemed so long. I never realized my phone has become such a huge part of my life. Right now if someone gave me an option between having my phone or eating I would chose my phone.

SARAH

I feel my fingers are paralysed they haven't been used for texting since the morning.

COLIN

Guys should we just forget about the challenge ?

ELENA, SARAH AND MARY

NO !

SARAH

We have to prove to ourselves that we can go a day without using our phones

THE REST OF THE CONVERSATION DURING LUNCH WAS FILLED WITH LONG AWKWARD MOMENTS OF SILENCE.

[MEDIUM SHOT]

They all start gazing out of the window.

[CLOSE UP ON COLIN]

COLIN

Its a beautiful day outside

[MEDIUM SHOT OF ELENA, MARY, SARAH AND COLIN]

ELENA

Yes it is. Infact let's go for a stroll to the Lull water Park. It will just help us keep our minds of not having the phone

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MARY

I have nothing else to do so I  
don't mind going

SARAH

Me too! This is so exciting it's my  
first time going there.

CUTS OFF

LULLWATER PARK.EVENING

THERE IS MUSIC PLAYING IN THE BACKGROUND.

[VARIOUS MEDIUM/CLOSE-UP/LONG SHOTS OF MARY, COLIN, ELENA  
AND SARAH PLAYING]

Mary and Colin are playing with the ball. Elena is playing  
some tunes on the guitar. Sarah is lying on the grass and  
admiring the sky. They are all chatting and having a good  
time.

[LONG SHOT OF THE FOUR]

THE CAMERA SHOWS THE SUN SETTING AND THEM WALKING BACK

CUTS OFF

INT.DUC.NIGHT

[LONG SHOT]

ALL FOUR OF THEM SITTING ON THE TABLE

[MEDIUM SHOT OF DIALOGUE]

COLIN

Today was quite a day

SARAH

I know! we should be proud of  
ourselves we got through the whole  
day without using our phones.

ELENA

You know guys! Maybe people in the  
seventies didn't do so bad without  
having phones.

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MARY  
we should plan more days like this.  
Spending more time with each other  
rather than with our phones.

THE CAMERA ZOOMS INTO THE FOUR PHONES THAT ARE STACKED ON  
THE TABLE AND THEN INTO THE FOUR OF THEM SHOWING THEY ARE  
TALKING AND LAUGHING.

THE END