

Best of Friends

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RIVERSIDE LOCKERS, INT. DAY

LAUREN, a teenaged girl is sitting on the floor, her back to the lockers. She takes her lunch out of her bag and starts eating. Another girl, HANNAH walks down the hallway and sits next to Lauren.

HANNAH

(Laughing)

OK guess what? You know how french teachers do that analyse grammaticale thing out loud? Yeah I did that today and I literally forgot everything.

LAUREN

Ha! That sucks!

Hannah laughs and takes out her own lunch. She starts eating a sandwich.

HANNAH

(With her mouth full)

Mm! Oh yeah, did you hear about that crazy tracking thing the government's doing?

LAUREN

Yeah, that's so wack!

HANNAH

I know. I mean, like, I get that they want to use it for "public security", but doesn't that violate some sort of privacy law or something?

LAUREN

(Scoffs)

They're the government, they make the laws.

HANNAH

(Takes a sip of her water bottle)

True, I mean look. The app thing just appeared on my phone this morning.

(Takes out her phone and shows Lauren the app.)

It is SO weird that people can just know where you are all the time.

(MORE)

HANNAH (CONT'D)  
 And who knows what else they put on  
 there? Maybe some weird sensor  
 things or recording device.

LAUREN  
 (Nervously takes out her  
 own phone and checks it.)  
 Yeah...

Hannah and Lauren sit in silence while they eat.

LAUREN (CONT'D)  
 (Putting away her lunch)  
 Let's go walkiinnnggg!

HANNAH  
 Noooo I'm so tired!

LAUREN  
 Come on! I'll buy you something at  
 the vending machine.

HANNAH  
 Okay fine, you hooligan.

LAUREN  
 Hahahaha!

Hannah and Lauren get up and walk down the hallway. As they're passing by another set of lockers, they see Cameron sitting, listening to a podcast talking about how the government has too much control. It mentions the illegality of smoking.

HANNAH  
 Wow, they're banning smoking now?  
 At least the government is doing  
 something right.

LAUREN  
 Yeah... I guess.

Lauren and Hannah continue walking down the hallway. Eventually, they arrive at the vending machine.

LAUREN (CONT'D)  
 (Taps phone to the vending  
 machine pay thing)  
 Which one do you want?

HANNAH  
 (Points to a bag of chips)  
 How about that one.

Lauren enters the number into the vending machine and the bag of chips falls the bottom. Lauren reaches to grab the bag and is about to give it to Hannah but then her phone slips from her hand.

LAUREN  
(Worried)  
Crap! No!

Lauren picks it up quickly and examines it. There's no cracks on the screen. She pushes the home button, it doesn't turn on. Then she pushes the power button and it still doesn't turn on.

LAUREN (CONT'D)  
NO! I need this to call my mom! I have to tell her I'm staying late after school to work on a project. I should've done that earlier.

HANNAH  
Oh, you can use mine!

LAUREN  
Really? Thank youuu!

HANNAH  
No problem!

Hannah unlocks her phone and gives it to Lauren. Another one of Hannah's friends walks by.

HANNAH (CONT'D)  
(Waving at friend)  
Hey! How's it going?

FRIEND  
Good! What about you?

HANNAH  
I'm good!

FRIEND  
Oh, do you know if the analyse grammaticale thing is for homework?

HANNAH  
I don't think so.

Suddenly, the bell rings.

FRIEND  
Ok thanks. Bye!

HANNAH

Bye!  
 (Turns to Lauren)  
 Ok I gotta go.

LAUREN

Bye!

HANNAH

See you tomorrow!

Lauren enters the school bathroom (Actually it'll be Lauren's bathroom) and looks around nervously to make sure nobody's there. She then takes out a vape and puts it to her mouth. She doesn't notice Hannah's phone in her pocket displaying a smoke warning.

Later, Hannah gets home from school and puts her bag on the floor.

HANNAH (CONT'D)

(Taking off her shoes)  
 Hello!

HANNAH'S MOM

(From somewhere inside the house)  
 Hi

Hannah walks into the dining room where her mom is seated at the table on her phone.

HANNAH'S MOM (CONT'D)

How was school?

HANNAH

Good.

HANNAH'S MOM

Oh yeah, Lauren came around not too long ago and gave me your phone. She says thanks for letting her borrow it.

Hannah's mom hand her the phone and Hannah is relieved.

HANNAH

Thank you!

Hannah sits down on her couch and goes on her phone. She has 4 unread texts from Lauren

LAUREN

(Through text)

Did your mom give you your phone  
back?

Haannahhhh

Please respond!!

I just realized something. I don't  
know if I'm right tho. I think I  
might have screwed up.

Suddenly, somebody knocks at Hannah's door. Hannah glances nervously at her phone and then gets up. She goes to the intercom machine in the hallway and puts her phone on the dining table.

HANNAH

(Through the intercom)

Hello, how can I help you?

POLICEMAN 1

This is the Vancouver peaceguard,  
we're looking for Hannah Kim.

HANNAH

(Suspiciously)

Yes, that's me.

POLICEMAN 1

Can you open the door? We would  
just like to talk.

Hannah moves down the hallway to open the door as her phone vibrates with a call from Lauren. She doesn't come back.