

Guardian Angel
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TAYLOR receives a video call from SAM.
It's late and the call wakes up Taylor.

Taylor
Hello?

Sam
Hey, Taylor it's Sam!

Taylor
I think you called the wrong Taylor.

Sam
Oh no, I woke you up. I always forget that Earth has time zones. We just have one up here.

Taylor
Up where? What are you talking about?

Sam
Oh man, I always forget to do the introduction part. Sorry! I haven't had my coffee this morning and I'm a little out of it!

Taylor
This is you without coffee? I'd hate to see you caffeinated.

Sam
(Laughing)
Oh my gosh, right!? That is too true.

Taylor
Yeah... right... so who are you?

Sam
Right! I'm such a silly willy! I'm Sam! Your guardian angel!

Taylor
My guardian angel?

Sam
Yeah, I was recently assigned to your case. You're going through a tough time right now, and the big guy decided you needed a guardian angel.

Taylor
Is this a joke or something? Aren't guardian angels supposed to show up in person?

Sam

Yeah, about that... we do the first meeting over the computer now. Appearing magically in front of you tends to startle people... and people who need guardian angels tend to have heart problems. It's not a good mix.

Taylor

I think you have the wrong person then. I don't have heart problems.

Sam

I don't know, our records show you're suffering from a broken heart.

Taylor

How do you know that? Who are you?

Sam

I'm Sam, and like I said, I'm your guardian angel. Don't worry, people usually ask me at least eight times who I am, or how I know things about them, or why I'm here. It'll save us both a lot of time if you accept the fact that I'm your guardian angel, I'm here to help you, and I know everything.

Taylor

Okay fine, I accept it. What are you going to help me with?

Sam

Hopefully I'm going to help you with your broken heart problem.

Taylor

I don't see how you could. I just lost the most important person in my life. My mom passed away last week. She had cancer. She was only 46.

Sam

I'm so sorry Taylor. I know how important she was to you.

Taylor

How could you possibly...

Sam

I know everything, remember.

Taylor

Right. But like I said, I don't see how you could help. She's already gone.

Sam

I'm here to make sure you have someone to help you get through one of the toughest times of your life.

Taylor

Well thanks, but no thanks. I don't need you.

Sam
That's interesting...

Taylor
What?

Sam
I've never had anyone tell me they don't need a guardian angel.

Taylor
There's a first time for everything. I'm going back to bed. Good night.

Sam
Wait!

Taylor
What?

Sam
I can't help anyone else until I help you first.

Taylor
I don't want your help.

Sam
You may not want it, but you need it.

Taylor
You know who needed a guardian angel? My mom. Where were you last week? Where were you for the past six months while she went through chemo, lost her hair, woke up every night because she had to throw up? Where was her guardian angel?

Sam
Her guardian angel was with her all along. You were her guardian angel, Taylor.

Taylor
Well I wasn't good enough. I couldn't save her.

Sam
You did more for her than you could ever imagine.

Taylor
How would know?

Sam
I know everything. Remember?

Taylor

Right. Then you know I'm all alone now.

Sam

No you're not, I'm here. I'll be here as long as you need.

Taylor

I miss her.

Sam

She misses you too.

Taylor

You can... you can talk to her?

Sam

Oh yeah, she personally asked me to look after you.

Taylor

She did? Can I talk to her?

Sam

When the time is right. Until then, I'll be here.

Taylor

So I guess I have a guardian angel now.

Sam

Yes you do!

Taylor

That's kind of cool.

Sam

That's the spirit! We're going to have a blast together!

Taylor

Can I make just one request?

Sam

Of course!

Taylor

Can you please not call me in the middle of the night anymore.

Sam

Right... that's my bad. You go to sleep, get some rest. I'll check in with you in the morning!

Taylor
Cool. Well good night, Sam.

Sam
Good night, Taylor. Sweet dreams.

Taylor
You too.

Sam
Angels don't sleep, but I appreciate the gesture. Toodaloo!

End of scene.