

BLACK MIRROR

REMIND ME TOMORROW

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INT. LIVING ROOM: LACIE POUND'S HOUSE - DAY

Lacie (mid 30s) organizes an outfit and places it gently on the couch. The outfit consists of a fancy dress, an expensive pair of shoes and priceless jewelry.

Lacie ogles at her outfit and is satisfied.

Her brother Ryan comes in stares at his sister in confusion.

RYAN

What the hell are you doing?

LACIE

What does it look like? I'm getting ready for a wedding.

Ryan let's of a laugh of disbelief.

RYAN

That's in 30 days. Why are you prepping now?

Lacie pulls out her phone and shows Ryan.

LACIE

The new update is out.

Ryan lets out a frustrated sigh and walks away into the kitchen.

Lacie follows after him.

INT. KITCHEN: LACIE POUND'S HOUSE - DAY

Lacie sees Ryan angrily look for food in the fridge.

LACIE

What's your problem?

(beat)

The updates give us the finer things in life.

RYAN

Oh I don't know. Maybe it's because you missed out on important family matters!

Lacie crosses her arms.

LACIE

Like what?

Ryan counts in his fingers.

RYAN
Mom's birthday, Dad's birthday. My
90 day sobriety celebration.
(beat)
Dad dying in the hospital!

LACIE
Hey!
(beat)
I made it up by coming to the
funeral! Plus I brought gifts.

RYAN
Gifts can't make up for lost time
with family Lace.

The two siblings sit in silence.

Ryan lets out a sigh.

RYAN (CONT'D)
Why do you even need this update
Lace?
(beat)
Don't you already qualify for the
wedding itself?

LACIE
I do but look...

Lace shows Ryan her phone.

LACIE (CONT'D)
Free valet parking, you'll always
qualify for 5 star hotels,
nutrition and work out plans,
access to the most exclusive stores
in the area...

Ryan still doesn't understand Lacie's point.

LACIE (CONT'D)
There's a special party after the
wedding and only people with this
update will be allowed in.
(beat)
Naomi has friends in high places.
If I can get into their good
graces, we could live a life
without worry!

Ryan smiles and shakes his head in disbelief.

RYAN

There it is. It always goes back to Naomi. Naomi this and Naomi that.

(beat)

You care so much about what she thinks that you're willing to sacrifice your time to get her and her prissy rich friends to like you!

LACIE

I don't CARE about what she thinks of me!

(beat)

I just don't want to embarrass her at her own wedding.

Ryan lets out a sigh of frustration.

RYAN

Whatever Lace. You do what you wanna do.

Ryan puts together a sandwich while Lacie stands there and watches him.

LACIE

Why do you hate updates so much anyway?

Ryan ignores Lacie.

LACIE (CONT'D)

You and I would get so excited over them and we would do our updates together.

(beat)

What changed?

Ryan stops his sandwich making process and faces his sister.

RYAN

Jenna.

Lacie scoffs.

LACIE

Your girlfriend made you stop doing updates.

RYAN

EX-girlfriend.

Lacie falls silent.

RYAN (CONT'D)

At first the updates were great.
They were quick and easy and Jenna
and I enjoyed the benefits.

Ryan takes a deep breath.

RYAN (CONT'D)

But then the updates got longer. 2
days. A week. 2 weeks.

(beat)

Jenna didn't like that we were
spending so much time apart all for
an update.

RYAN (CONT'D)

She told me that all she ever
wanted was to spend time with me.
She didn't care about the gifts.

(beat)

All she wanted was genuine human
connection.

Ryan sniffs and wipes away the tears that threaten to spill.

RYAN (CONT'D)

So yeah.

(beat)

That's why we broke up.

LACIE

I'm sorry Ryan. I didn't know.

Ryan scoffs.

RYAN

Yeah. How could you?

(beat)

You were too busy improving your
life that you didn't see how it was
affecting your relationship with
family.

LACIE

Look. I'm sorry I was never there
for the important family events but
there is another reason why I'm
doing this update.

Ryan rolls his eyes.

RYAN

Oh really? And what non selfish
reason would that be?

Lacie takes a deep breath.

LACIE
 There's a really good retirement
 home that has everything mom needs.
 (beat)
 I'm doing this for her.

Ryan slow claps.

RYAN
 Wow. The Lacie Pound is doing
 something for others for once.

It's Lacie's turn to roll her eyes.

LACIE
 I still have a heart you know.

RYAN
 Not if you keep doing those
 updates.

Ryan and Lacie share a laugh.

RYAN (CONT'D)
 But seriously Lacie, this has to be
 the last update.

LACIE
 I promise. Don't you worry about
 me.

Ryan leaves the kitchen and Lacie goes back to the living
 room.

INT. LIVING ROOM: LACIE POUND'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Lacie's update station is all set.

Lacie syncs up with her update chair and clicks on the latest
 update. It reads "ACCEPT THE TERMS & CONDITIONS?"

Lacie accepts and she goes into a trance.

The timer on the chair reads "25 DAYS PLUS 2 DAY COOLDOWN."

The wedding invitation on Lacie's table has a countdown that
 shows "25 DAYS" as well.

FADE TO BLACK.