## **MEDIKATE**

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Based on real life, 'cuz life's a bitch and then you die.

INT. VISIONARY ARTISTS GROUP LIVESTREAM ROOM - DAY

KATE, late 20s, charismatic yet internally fragile, is hysterically tearing down pieces of a decorated backdrop.

She ninja-kicks a chair against the wall. It bounces back and hits her in the shin.

KATE

FUCK!

Kate collapses to her knees.

KATE (CONT'D)

Fuck you. I was happy!

She repeatedly punches a nearby prop until it splits in half.

KATE (CONT'D)

Or at least I was about to be happy, until you showed up!

Kate stands up and throws a piece of cardboard into the distance.

Unhinged, she lets out an animalistic scream and continues her rampage.

INT. KATE'S BATHROOM - DAWN

Kate stares wide eyed under water, lying motionless in the bath. She appears dead until -- RING RING! She blinks. The sound of her phone ringing pulls her up for an overdue breath.

INT. KATE'S BATHROOM - DAWN

Fresh out of the bathtub, Kate leans on the counter perusing Instagram and Snapchat. She plays a voicemail from her mom, MISSY, 60s, bohemian gypsy.

MISSY (V.O.)

Good morning my indigo daughter!
Just wanted to let you know that
I'll be meditating for you an --

Delete.

She opens her texts, all congratulating her on the "Big promotion." She clicks and closes each message, solely to get rid of the blue iMessage dots.

Back to Instagram. No new DMs.

"TIME TO MEDITATE" -- A phone alarm.

She refreshes her Instagram feed for one last fix, then reluctantly puts down her phone.

She stares in the mirror, taking deep breaths.

KATE

I am a powerful goddess. I am grounded in who I am. I am deserving of good things.

Kate closes her eyes.

Beat.

Beat.

Beat.

She continues her affirmations.

KATE (CONT'D)

I love myself. I love myself. I
love --

"TIME FOR THE BIG DAY!" -- Another alarm.

She speaks over the alarm, tears welling in her eyes.

KATE (CONT'D)

I love myself.

## TITLE CARD: MediKate

INT. KATE'S BEDROOM - DAY

Kate FACETIMES with her boyfriend JAMES, 30s, warm and sophisticated.

KATE

I should've done laundry at your place, I have nothing to wear.

James laughs.

**JAMES** 

You've got more clothes than anyone I know. Wear that blue suit I like or somethin'.

Kate puts on a black dress and looks in the mirror. She's unimpressed.

KATE

Of course I'm bloated right now.

**JAMES** 

You look beautiful, and that dress is sexy.

She puts a red blazer over the dress. Still no.

KATE

I don't even know who I am right now! I thought I'd be happy today...

James disappears from frame.

KATE (CONT'D)

Babe?

Kate sets her phone on the dresser and tries on the blue suit. She gives herself a final one-up in the mirror and decides it will suffice.

A picture of Kate as a little girl fills her iPhone screen. Age 5, she's giving the camera a thumbs up and holding a sign: "Career day is my favorite day!"

KATE (CONT'D)

James, c'mon, you know I hate that picture.

James appears back on screen.

**JAMES** 

This is who you are. Ultimate boss woman, Head of Creative Marketing!

Kate rolls her eyes.

KATE

Technically speaking, I'm not "head" until after the livestream.

**JAMES** 

Well technically speaking, you've built that company with Robert since day one and it's about damn time you get promoted.

She takes this in.

I meannnnn, it's not like I sacrificed my 20's to help him build a top tier boutique marketing agency or anything like that...

**JAMES** 

Or turned down a 6-figure offer from his leading competitor, or anything like that...

Kate jokingly motions a puking gesture.

KATE

Blah, don't remind me. My loyalty will be the death of me!

Her and James lock eyes and share a smile. She leans in to kiss the camera when --

"TIME TO HURRY UP!!!" -- Alarm #3.

Kate snaps back into rush mode.

KATE (CONT'D)
Wish me luck! I love you!

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

Kate anxiously switches back and forth between a lookbook on her computer and a pile of mail. She puts aside a letter from the DMV and throws the rest of the mail into a recycling bin.

As her N'espresso brews, she takes a selfie next to her mug.

Caption #1: Fueling up for the big day!

Caption #2: Coffee makes the world go round.

Caption #3: Much needed for the BIG DAY!

She goes with caption #3, then settles on the "Lagos" filter.

Post!

Her roommate, SAUSH, 30s, mysterious burnout, enters the kitchen, half asleep.

KATE

Morning... coffee?

SAUSH

Nah, thanks. There was an outbreak of salmonella in the Mexican coffee plantations. I don't trust anything K-cup right now.

KATE

Right, yeah. Heard about that.

Kate hesitantly swallows the coffee already in her mouth, pouring the rest of her cup into the sink.

She immediately pulls up her Instagram and adds to her photo caption: "(don't worry I didn't drink it, I know about the salmonella!)"

Saush lights a joint next to Kate.

KATE (CONT'D)

Saush! I can't be reeking of weed at the office today.

SAUSH

Are there days when you can?

KATE

Very funny. You know how important today is.

Saush gets all stoner-philosophical.

SAUSH

Not nearly as important as the day that you learn to slow down your energy and settle into your flow.

Kate considers this for a moment until -- RING RING! It's Kate's assistant, SOPHIE, 30's, overwhelmingly quirky.

Kate quickly gathers her things and answers the phone.

SOPHIE (V.O.)

Kate!

KATE

Hey Soph, I gotta stop for coffee -- you know how I hate the office brew.

Saush blows a cloud of smoke into Kate's face as she walks by.

SOPHIE (V.O.)

Wait, have you --

Kate shoots Saush the look of death.

KATE

See you in 20.

She hangs up before Sophie can respond.

She grabs a can of air freshener from beneath the sink and mists herself, accidentally spraying some of it in her mouth. Saush lets out a belly laugh.

KATE (CONT'D)

Not cool, Saush!

Kate storms out.

INT. MARKET - DAY

Kate waits in line to pay, sipping her coffee and listening to *Headspace* through her AirPods. Her brief moment of tranquility is interrupted by another call from Sophie. She begrudgingly answers.

KATE

I'm 5 away --

Sophie is distraught on the other end.

SOPHIE (V.O.)

Are you sitting down?

KATE

Uhhh... no?

SOPHIE (V.O.)

You should probably sit down.

KATE

Or you could just tell me what's going on.

A WOMAN joins in line behind Kate.

SOPHIE (V.O.)

Are you sitting down yet?

KATE

Soph! Spit it out.

Beat.

SOPHIE (V.O.)

Okay... I just sent it. Check your DM's.

Kate checks Sophie's message. It's a TMZ video link.

Kate clicks on the video to see her boss, ROBERT BASTRO, 50s, CEO of Visual Artists Group, being escorted out of his mansion in handcuffs.

The woman in line behind Kate suddenly shrieks and hits Kate's coffee out of her hands, spilling it all over the floor.

KATE

Whoa! What the --

Kate turns to confront the woman, who's now nowhere in sight.

She scans the market, confused.

SOPHIE (V.O.)

Kate?

Kate realizes she's still on the phone. She tosses a \$5 bill to the CASHIER CLERK and hurries out the door.

KATE

Sorry about the mess!

EXT. SIDE WALK - DAY

She resumes her phone call with Sophie.

KATE

What the hell is happening!?

SOPHIE (V.O.)

Embezzlement. So scandalous... did you know? You can trust me, Kate. I won't tell anybody, you know that, right?

KATE

Are you kidding me!?

Kate realizes she's yelling; passersby are glaring. She lowers her tone and continues walking.

KATE (CONT'D)

Of course I didn't know. Ughh, damnit! When did this air?

SOPHIE (V.O.)

10 minutes ago. I called you the second I got to the office.

The woman from the market pops up next to Kate.

WOMAN

Everything you've worked for is ruined!

KATE

Can I help you, ma'am?

SOPHIE (V.O.)

Huh?

KATE

This woman is following me, I'll be at the office in a sec.

Kate hangs up and stops to confront the woman, who once again has vanished.

KATE (CONT'D)

What the hell...

Reality sets in as Kate processes the news of Robert's embezzlement. She calls James for counsel.

EXT. MOVIE SET - DAY

James, in all his A.D. glory, yells commands on set.

**JAMES** 

Background action. Lets see those lights. Okay and --

BZZZT! James' phone vibrates in his pocket. It's Kate. He ignores it. It rings again, still Kate.

JAMES (CONT'D)

I'll be right back, roll without me.

The DIRECTOR, 40s, frail, steps out from video village.

DIRECTOR

What gives?

**JAMES** 

I'm sorry, just...

He holds up his pointer finger as if to say, "one sec."

JAMES (CONT'D)

Babe, lemme call you back --

KATE (V.O.)

Did you see it!?

**JAMES** 

See what?

KATE (V.O.)

Robert royally fucked up and now I'm totally screwed!

Kate gets emotional on the other end.

KATE (V.O.)

I didn't slave my 20's away so that this could happen, James! This CAN'T be happening!

JAMES

What? Baby, calm down. Just take a deep brea --

DIRECTOR (O.S.)

Let's go!

**JAMES** 

Practice the deep breaths. Four count inhale, four count exhale.

James exemplifies the breath work.

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

Kate breathes deeply in unison with James. She closes her eyes and settles into a moment of calm.

KATE

I feel better.

JAMES (V.O.)

Whatever Robert did, you'll find a way to fix it, just like you always do. Go show em' who's boss, I'll call you back asap!

James hangs up. Kate takes another deep breath. She repeats her affirmations.

I am a powerful goddess. I am grounded in who I am. I am deserving of good things.

Refreshed, she approaches a high rise building -- VISIONARY ARTISTS GROUP.

INT. VISIONARY ARTISTS GROUP - DAY

Kate enters to find the office in chaos. Sophie greets her with excitement.

SOPHIE

Kate!!! Oh my gosh, YES! You're
here!

Kate beelines for Robert's office, Sophie follows.

SOPHIE (CONT'D)

The IRS took all the files from Robert's office.

INT. ROBERT'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Kate enters to find all the cabinets have been stripped.

KATE

Why didn't you call me!?

SOPHIE

I called you as soon as I got here! I tell you everything, Kate, you know that!

Kate frantically rummages through Robert's desk -- empty. She collapses into his chair.

KATE

What am I supposed to do now?

Kate mimics a man's voice.

KATE (CONT'D)

"Stick with me, kiddo, and I'll bring ya to the top!" THANKS FOR NOTHING ROBERT.

Kate mocks banging her head on the desk.

KATE (CONT'D)

So much for being titled Head of Marketing...and so much for our epic livestream with Cameran Dallas. AND, not to mention but also DEFINITELY MENTION that my signature has been all over every Visionary Artists Group document for the last nine years!? What if Robert takes me down with him, Soph? I really wasn't involved with this...

SOPHIE

If they had anything on you, they would have brought you in with Robert. Plus, TMZ is a bottom feeder that fabricates deets on the daily. We don't know the real facts yet.

Sophie bends down to meet Kate at eye level.

SOPHIE (CONT'D)

AND, not to mention but also definitely mention -- thanks to this Robert scandal, the expected audience for today's livestream has tripled! We're gonna pull in record numbers, Kate.

Kate resumes banging her head. Sophie awkwardly grabs Kate's face and pulls her close.

SOPHIE (CONT'D)

Kate! Focus. A) With Robert gone, the board is going to need someone to step in as acting President -- B) Guess who just so happens to know this company better than anyone? And C) Today's live-stream is going to rack in viral numbers, and Robert won't be here to claim the credit. I'd say things are actually working out in your favor Miss Myers.

Kate soaks this in.

KATE

You think?

Sophie giggles with excitement.

SOPHIE

Everyone's talking about it. You basically run this place anyways!

For the first time all morning, Kate shows a genuine smile.

KATE

I'd be the youngest president of a Fortune 500... like ever... Me... President.

SOPHIE

You! PRESIDENT!

Sophie jumps up and down in celebration, coercing Kate to join. Kate indulges in the joyous moment.

INT. VISIONARY ARTISTS GROUP - DAY

Frenzied COWORKERS approach Kate with questions, shoving papers in her face. She's clearly the one who keeps this place running.

COWORKER #1

How should I address this Robert situation? TMZ wants a statement.

KATE

Tweet saying today's livestream will tell all.

COWORKER #1

Will it?

KATE

Nope. Numbers, think numbers.

COWORKER #1 nods and runs in the opposite direction.

COWORKER #2

Cameron Dallas requested a private makeup room, where should we put him?

KATE

Have the MUA team set up in the board room, and make sure they have new brushes. Cameron hates face germs.

COWORKER #2 skedaddles. Employees continue to bombard Kate. She handles it like a pro.

Amidst the craziness, Kate notices a tiff out of the corner of her eye. One of the interns, MANDY, 20s, meek, is crying in the break room next to ZACH, 30s, well-to-do slime-ball.

Kate investigates.

INT. VISIONARY ARTISTS GROUP BREAK ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Kate enters to hear Zach calling Mandy a cunt.

KATE

Uhhh, is there a problem here, Mandy?

Zach steps in front of Mandy.

ZACH

No problem here, Katie-poo. How 'bout you mind your own business?

KATE

The last time you called me Katie-poo, I said I would report you to H.R. if you called me it again.

ZACH

Yeah, so?

KATE

You just said it again.

Mandy cries harder.

ZACH

Don't worry, KATE. This one already beat you to it. Reported me to H.R. like she doesn't know who the fuck I am around here.

Mandy hangs her head, avoiding eye contact with Kate.

Kate feels a wisp of confidence and decides to cover for Mandy.

KATE

What if she didn't beat me to it?

ZACH

'Scuse me?

KATE

What if I'm the one that reported you to H.R.?

ZACH

Wha --

KATE

You're the office perv, Zach. Everyone has reported you. You just so happen to have family in high places which makes you think you're untouchable. But we're living in the #MeToo era my friend, times up.

ZACH

You better walk away right now, or else --

Kate steps closer, challenging him.

KATE

Or else what? Threaten me one more time and I'll have I.T. block pornhub on your computer again.

Zach struggles for a come back.

**ZACH** 

Pfft...

Kate smirks, she's got him.

KATE

Mandy, will you go make sure all the walkies are charged?

Mandy mouths "thank you" to Kate and scurries out of the room.

ZACH

I'm going to get you for thi --

KATE

Not today, Zachie-poo!

Victorious, Kate walks away before Zach can finish.

INT. VISIONARY ARTISTS GROUP LIVESTREAM ROOM - DAY

Buzzing iPhones and gossiping EMPLOYEES fill the room. A half built backdrop, props everywhere. Nobody is focused.

Kate stands on top of a desk to make an announcement.

Listen up everyone! I know things are unsettled with Robert gone, but I want to remind you that we have one goal today and one goal only: hosting the Cameron Dallas livestream.

The room quiets down.

KATE (CONT'D)

Come to me with questions for now. The most important focus is making sure the livestream panel is fully built and ready for show time. Cameron Dallas wants everything blue, so make sure to stick to the color scheme when arranging the set.

No one moves. She attempts to pump them up.

KATE (CONT'D)

Let's make this the best damn livestream Instagram has ever seen, shall we!?

Silence.

KATE (CONT'D)

Uhh... let's break the Gram!

Sophie chimes in with a chant.

SOPHIE

Break-the-Gram! Break-the-Gram!

It catches on. Everyone joins in.

**EMPLOYEES** 

Break-the-Gram! Break-the-Gra --

TOPHER

What's up fuckers!!!

TOPHER, 20, Gen-Z fuck boy (Logan Paul prototype), makes a dramatic entrance, surrounded by a posse of replicas, all riding hover-boards.

TOPHER (CONT'D)

I'm your new President! Boss man sent me to take over. The name's Topher. These are my bros. Topher's bros chime in.

**BROS** 

Sup!

Everyone stares in confusion at Topher, except for Kate. She's distracted by the woman from the market, who appears to be crouching under a nearby desk, intensely biting her nails and scowling at Kate.

Topher notices Kate's lack of attention and calls her out.

TOPHER

You! Blue suit chick!

Topher hovers over and claps in her face.

TOPHER (CONT'D)

Yo, I find it mad disrespectful that you're standing on my father's merchandise. Get down like pronto, por favor.

Kate blinks. The woman is gone.

She looks around. Everyone is staring at her.

KATE

Umm... what?

TOPHER

G.T.F.D. -- like get the fuck out, except, get the fuck down.

Topher fist bumps his bros. They all dab in unison.

KATE

Who are you again?

Topher stops mid dab.

TOPHER

Are you slow? I just announced my name.

Topher looks at his posse -- they all laugh.

KATE

Right... which was?

TOPHER

Topher Bastro. Aka Robert Bastro's son.

(MORE)

TOPHER (CONT'D)

Aka the heir to Visionary Artists Group. Aka basically the new President of VAG.

Kate processes this.

KATE

But... Robert said you were in rehab...

TOPHER

Pfft, I was. But now I'm not. And now I'm in charge! So... G.T.F.D.

Kate realizes she's still standing on the desk and rushes to get down, embarrassed. She composes herself.

KATE

Hi, sorry! I'm Kate Myers, I oversee creative development.

She holds out her hand for a handshake. Topher scoffs.

TOPHER

Ha, look brosephs! She's trying to shake my hand like it's 1999 or some shit.

Topher ignores Kate and hovers over to the livestream set.

He sifts through props, throwing them on the ground.

TOPHER (CONT'D)

This blue isn't going to work for me. I want red. Red is fire.

Kate picks up the props as Topher throws them on the ground.

She tries to keep her cool.

KATE

While I agree that red is fire, Cameron Dallas specifically requested a blue set and he's going to be here in less than 6 hours. So, it's imperative that we stick to the plan.

Topher continues ripping down props.

TOPHER

Yeah, nah... it's just not going to work for me. Your matching outfit was a cute touch, though.

Huh?

Kate looks down -- her suit is almost identical in color to the backdrop.

KATE (CONT'D)

Ughh...

She catches up to Topher.

KATE (CONT'D)

See the thing is, Topher, we've spent two weeks prepping this *blue* background. Per request of Cameron Dallas.

Beat.

KATE (CONT'D)

With all due respect, how about I take care of things here, and you go hang out in your dad's office. He's got kombucha on tap and a ping pong table...

Topher hovers above Kate, getting uncomfortably close to her face.

TOPHER

Though I do love myself some booch on tap, I also love me some red backgrounds. I'm not asking for much, Kate. Be a doll and make it happen for your new bossman, capeesh?

Topher motions his posse to the door.

KATE

But we don't have time to --

TOPHER

Make it fire, or no promotion.

Topher turns to Kate with a conniving grin.

TOPHER (CONT'D)

That's right, Kate Myers. My dad told me all about you. I guess we'll see who gets the board votes shall we...

Topher snaps his fingers. His bros follow him out of the room.

Kate feels a panic attack coming on and bolts to the utility closet -- her secret hideaway.

INT. UTILITY CLOSET - DAY

Kate slams the door behind her, only to notice a stranger, WOMAN #2, sobbing in the fetal position.

KATE

Uhh... hi there.

Woman #2 cries harder.

WOMAN #2

Fuck off, you worthless piece of shit.

KATE

Excuse me?

WOMAN #2

You heard me, loser.

Suddenly, the other woman from earlier enters the closet and stands in front of the door.

WOMAN

Your life is over, Kate Myers!

Kate is trapped between both women.

KATE

You!

Woman #2 gets up and joins the other woman; they grab hands and block the door.

KATE (CONT'D)

Of course you know each other...

WOMAN #2

You know us too.

KATE

Right.

WOMAN

You don't remember? I'm ZiZi, your anxiety.

WOMAN, aka ZIZI, aka Kate's anxiety manifested into physical form, rigorously bites her nails.

WOMAN #2

And I'm DiDi, your depression. We were kids when we last saw you.

WOMAN #2, aka DIDI, aka Kate's depression manifested into physical form, collapses to the ground in tears.

It all clicks. Suddenly Kate remembers --

## FLASHBACK SEQUENCE:

- Kate, age 11, sits silently as her parents talk to a therapist. He announces that she has "prepubescent anxiety and depression."
- Kate's mom performs an ayahuasca ritual to heal Kate. [Kate sits in the middle of a crystal circle; Missy chants and dances around her.]
- Kate awakes the next morning to find two girls sitting on her bed. They introduce themselves as her anxiety and depresion, aka ZiZi and DiDi. [ZiZi obsessively bites her nails, DiDi weeps quietly.]

END FLASHBACK SEQUENCE.

Kate snaps back into the present moment and stares wide eyed at ZiZi and DiDi.

KATE

No.

DIDI

My favorite word.

KATE

I was a child! You were just my imaginary friends!

Kate slowly backs away from ZiZi and DiDi.

7T7T

Not your friends, Kate!

DIDI

We're inner reflections of your mental health, here to stay until you can heal yourself yada yada yada and all that bullshit. We've gone through this already.

Someone knocks on the utility closet door, startling Kate.

KATE

Go away, I'm pooping!

ZIZI

You can't avoid us forever, Kate.

Knock.

SOPHIE (O.S.)

Kate...? Are you okay?

KATE

Yeah, Sophie, I'm good! Just give me a few!

SOPHIE (O.S.)

Everything is going to work out. You'll still be the board's pick!

KATE

Give me a moment, Soph!

SOPHIE (O.S.)

Are you really pooping? Want me to come in there with you?

DIDI

I literally want to die.

ZIZI

Ahhh!

ZiZi paces. Sophie continues knocking.

KATE

Everybody just SHUT UP!

Knocking ceases.

Kate has a moment of quiet. She recovers the deleted voicemail from her mom and replays it.

MISSY (V.O.)

Good morning my indigo daughter!
Just wanted to let you know that
I'll be meditating for you and
evoking the ascended masters to
help you manifest your ultimate
well-being! And so it is, and so be
it, amen.

Kate looks horrified.

ZIZI

This isn't about your mom, Kate. This is about you.

DIDI

You've been denying us for years. You need mental help, literally.

Kate quickly dials her mom. It goes to voicemail.

KATE

Mom. What did you do!?

She follows up with a text: "CALL ME ASAP!"

Kate takes a deep breath, then readdresses ZiZi and DiDi.

KATE (CONT'D)

I blocked you out once, I can sure as hell do it again.

Kate closes her eyes and takes deep breaths.

DIDI

Ha! Breathe deeper, that will definitely make us go away.

Kate speaks softly to herself.

KATE

I am in control of my own mind. I am in control of my own mind. I am in control of --

Knock.

SOPHIE (O.S.)

Kate, I'm sorry to bother you but --

Kate peaks her head out of the closet.

Hey! Please go oversee the livestream background and make sure everything is still blue... I'll be out in a minute.

Sophie blocks Kate from closing the door.

SOPHIE

So, quick thing... Topher actually sent me to find you. He wants you to personally help convert everything to red. He says, and I quote, "Your promo relies on it."

Sophie dabs while quoting Topher.

KATE

Of course he did.

Kate hops out of the closet, yelling over her shoulder --

KATE (CONT'D)

I AM IN CONTROL OF MY OWN MIND!

She slams the door and props a chair in front of the handle. Sophie watches her suspiciously.

INT. VISIONARY ARTIST GROUP LIVESTREAM ROOM - DAY

Kate enters to find everyone in a panic. The room is a mess.

She stops in her tracks, figuring out what to do.

ZIZI (O.S.)

I feel like someone's punching me in the solar plexus.

KATE

Ah!

ZiZi stands next to Kate. DiDi drops to the ground in front of her.

DTDT

You're a failure, Kate. Just give up already.

Kate steps over DiDi and continues walking.

This is all in your head. You have the power to block them out.

Sophie sees Kate talking to herself.

SOPHIE

You good, girl?

DING! Kate gets a text from Topher. It's a GIF of him dabbing with the caption: "Red is fire!"

DIDI

Yeah, you GOOD girl?

Kate charges past DiDi.

KATE

I'm fine!

She stands on top of a desk.

KATE (CONT'D)

Code red, everyone! Bring anything red you can find to the livestream room and start replacing the blue set. I'm pushing lunch until after the event, so fuel up on snacks from the staff room if need be.

Silence. Everyone glares at Kate. Sophie tries to lighten the mood.

SOPHIE

Do period pads count as something red? Hah!

Crickets. ZiZi bites her nails in Kate's ear.

ZIZI

Nobody takes you seriously.

Kate shoots ZiZi a look, wanna bet? She snaps into boss mode.

KATE

Let's MOVE, people!

The room breaks into action.

She gets down from the desk and notices ZiZi and DiDi have disappeared.

Kate regains her confidence.

KATE (CONT'D)

That's right bitches, I am in control of my own mind.

EXT. MOVIE SET - DAY

James sits at a TV monitor with the director. He keeps checking his phone. No word from Kate.

DIRECTOR

Is that going to work for the wide?

He texts Kate: "Nobody even watches TMZ. I love you."

DIRECTOR (CONT'D)

James, what do you think?

James refocuses.

**JAMES** 

Huh?

INT. VISIONARY ARTISTS GROUP LIVESTREAM ROOM - DAY

Kate is adding the finishing touches to the livestream set. Almost everything is red.

She tries to repair a broken prop. She pins it up, it falls. She pins it up again, it falls.

ZiZi and DiDi spring up behind Kate.

ZIZI

What happens if you can't pull this off?

DIDI

She can't.

Kate takes a deep breath, then attempts to pin the broken prop one more time. It stays. Small victory.

KATE

Take that, fucker.

ZIZI

I'm really worried that this Topher thing is breaking you!

DIDI

It already has. You're a weakling. And you look fat in that suit.

Kate calls Missy. It goes to voicemail, again. She calls her younger sister, LOLA. Voicemail.

KATE

Remove any and all ayahuasca and crystals from Mom's possession and call me ASAP! K THANKS BYE.

Kate hangs up and shoots ZiZi and DiDi a look of intimidation.

KATE (CONT'D)

I am in control of my own mind.

She walks to the opposite corner of the room.

She pulls up Instagram and peruses Topher's page, shaking her head while clicking his posts.

KATE (CONT'D)

His follower-to-like ratio doesn't even make sense...

Agitated, Kate opens her camera and uses "selfie mode" as a mirror. She repeats her affirmations.

KATE (CONT'D)

I am a powerful goddess.

ZiZi and DiDi chime in from across the room.

ZIZI

Definitely not feeling too powerful right now!

KATE

I am grounded in who I am.

DIDI

Grounded? More like buried in the ground.

Kate closes her eyes and deepens her breath.

KATE

I am deserving of good things. I love myself.

DIDI

Liar.

Kate opens her eyes, takes one last deep breath, and forces a smile.

She snaps a picture for her Instagram story and captions it: "Get pumped for the VAG livestream with Cameron Dallas!"

She takes a step back to admire her work when --

Topher pokes his head into the room.

TOPHER

Kate. Apparently you harassed Zach?

Kate freezes.

KATE

Sorry, what was that?

Topher scrolls through his phone, not bothering to look at her.

TOPHER

You sexually pedophiled Zach or some shit, and now H.R. wants to file a temporary suspension.

The color drains from Kate's face.

KATE

But that's not --

Topher holds up his finger to silence Kate as he enters the room on his hoverboard.

TOPHER

Shhhh, don't tell me any details, I don't wanna be involved in legalities.

Topher takes a selfie on the main iPhone prepared for the livestream. Unbeknownst to him, he accidentally presses the LIVE button.

Topher turns to address Kate in a phony concerned tone.

TOPHER (CONT'D)

Listen, Kate. I think you're a valuable asset to this company, I really do, but I can't have the men in the office feeling unsafe. I take the #MENtoo movement very seriously. Especially when it comes to Zach Sperry. I mean, come on, Sperry boat shoes are the best!

Topher hovers away.

Topher let me explain, that's --

Topher slams the door behind him. This causes the prop that Kate wrestled with earlier to fall, triggering the entire backdrop to collapse.

ZiZi runs around the room, shrieking. DiDi bangs her head against the wall.

Something deep inside Kate snaps.

She hysterically tears down pieces of the backdrop.

KATE (CONT'D)

I'll show you fire, you fake-follower-fuck-boy-trash-monkey!

She spits on a sign labeled, "Visionary Artists Group."

KATE (CONT'D)

You think I'm gonna spend almost a decade working myself to the bone just so YOU can hover over and take it from me!? I DON'T THINK SO, BRO!

She ninja kicks a chair against the wall. It bounces back and hits her in the shin.

KATE (CONT'D)

FUCK!

Kate collapses to her knees. ZiZi and DiDi watch in the background.

RTRT

You're never going to be happy, Kate!

KATE

Fuck you. I was happy!

She punches a nearby prop until it splits in half.

KATE (CONT'D)

Or at least I was about to be happy, until you showed up!

DiDi slow claps.

DIDI

Famous last words from Ms. fuck up herself, ladies and gentleman.

Kate stands up and throws a piece of cardboard at DiDi.

Unhinged, she lets out an animalistic scream and continues her rampage.

INT. MOVIE SET - DAY

James waits in line for food.

He peruses Instagram and notices the Visionary Artists Group page is LIVE. He clicks on it and sees Kate... having a total breakdown... in front of 1,369,470 viewers.

James exits the line. The director runs to catch up with him.

DIRECTOR

Hey! I wanna go over the next shot before lunch is over.

JAMES

Give me one sec.

DIRECTOR

Don't drop the ball for second half, man.

James ignores this comment and steps away to call Kate.

INT. VISIONARY ARTISTS GROUP LIVESTREAM ROOM - DAY

Mid-rage, Kate hears her phone ring. She answers vehemently.

KATE

Not right now, James!

JAMES (V.O.)

Baby, why are you on the livestream?

Sophie bursts into the room.

SOPHIE

Kate, YOU'RE LIVE!

Kate snaps out of her hysteria.

She turns to face the camera and sees the livestream is not only LIVE but exploding with activity. She glances outside the livestream room... everyone is staring at her in shock. The livestream is playing on a giant TV in the lobby.

Kate falls to the floor. The room blurs. Sophie hovers over her in panic. ZiZi and DiDi's voices blend into a high-pitch ringing. Everything goes black.

EXT. SIDEWALK - DUSK

Kate charges down the street carrying a box of her office things. Her face is stained with mascara streaks.

She holds up her phone as she walks, the notifications are popping up by the dozen. The livestream has gone viral. Her breakdown plays as a GIF all over her feed. ZiZi and DiDi are nowhere to be seen in the videos.

As if on cue, it starts to rain.

KATE

You can't be serious.

ZiZi and DiDi appear next to Kate.

DTDT

You're the serious one.

She screams --

KATE

I AM IN CONTROL OF MY OWN MIND!

-- And sprints to her car.

INT. KATE'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

Kate slams and locks the door. She scans her surroundings, ZiZi and DiDi are gone. She peels out.

INT. KATE'S CAR - NIGHT

Kate speeds down the highway. She repeatedly calls her mom and sister. Voicemail. She tries her dad, NOAH, it also goes to voicemail.

Kate drafts a text to her mom when -- RING RING! It's a FACETIME call from her bestie, GRAYSON, 20s, fashionista who oozes self confidence. Kate repositions the phone for a better camera angle, then answers.

GRAYSON

Hello super star! I see you got that ten minutes of fame you never wanted.

KATE

Not helping, Gray.

Kate's other best friend, DANNI, 20s, wild and alluring, enters frame swigging a tequila bottle.

DANNI

You lost your mind today chicka. You doin' okay?

Kate stares into camera.

KATE

Do I look okay?

Grayson grabs the phone back from Danni.

GRAYSON

Awww honey! Tell us what's going on, we're 100% here for you.

DANNI (O.S.)

Come drink wiffff us Katieeee! It'll make you feel better!

Grayson shoves Danni out of frame. He's an emotional drunk.

GRAYSON

On the real though, Kate, I want you to call my therapist tomorrow. I really think she can help you.

KATE

I don't need therapy...

DANNI

Or you can go see my guy! He'll write you a prescription, no questions asked.

Kate grows impatient.

KATE

I don't need to see a shrink! I'm fine. I'll be fine.

GRAYSON

You always say that and you never are!

A doorbell rings in the background.

GRAYSON (CONT'D)

Oh-mi-gosh yezzzz, postmates is here!

The call ends.

KATE

Graybaby?

Kate re-dials Grayson, gets "FaceTime Unavailable." She calls her mom. Voicemail.

KATE (CONT'D)

I'm too old to have imaginary friends again, MOM!

She hangs up.

Kate can't help herself; she opens Instagram. Her following has sky-rocketed.

KATE (CONT'D)

12,000!?

She goes to check her DM's when --

WHOOP WHOOP! A cop pulls her over.

INT. KATE'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

Kate sits paranoid.

ZIZI

Your life is falling apart!

Kate jumps.

She looks back to see ZiZi and DiDi.

KATE

I CAN'T EVEN RIGHT NOW.

DIDI

You can't even EVER.

ZIZI

This is how it ends, Kate!

KNOCK-KNOCK-KNOCK. Kate squeals; she's a ball of nerves. A POLICE OFFICER, 50s, burly, stands outside, gesturing for her to roll down the window.

Kate glances at ZiZi and DiDi in the rearview mirror.

KATE

I am in control of my own mind.

ZIZI

JAAAIIILLLLL.

DIDI

Prison is more like it.

Kate takes a deep breath and rolls down the window.

COP

Are you aware that it's illegal to text and drive, ma'am?

Kate puts on an act.

KATE

Oh, I wasn't texting, officer! Just looking at the GPS. I'm geographically challenged, haha.

COP

Mhmm. License and registration, please.

ZiZi whispers in Kate's ear.

ZIZI

You really need to learn when to shut up!

Kate responds under her breath.

KATE

Shhh!

(then)

Sorry 'bout that.

COP

License and registration, ma'am.

Kate rummages for her license.

KATE

Here you go. Sorry for the misunderstanding.

The officer gives Kate a doubtful look, then returns to his squad car.

Kate rolls her window up. ZiZi and DiDi lay it on thick.

ZIZI

You won't even be able to post bail because you're unemployed and soon to be broke!

DIDI

At least prison is better than the hell hole you call life.

KATE

I swear to god if you don't shut the fuck up, I'm going to personally check myself into a pysch ward and have them drug me up so hard that you literally evaporate!

INT. POLICE CAR - SAME TIME

The cop is checking Kate's info. He looks up to see her yelling to herself.

INT. KATE'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

KATE

WHAT do you want from me?

DIDI

You know what we want from you, Kate.

ZIZI

We want you to --

The officer knocks on the window again. Startled, Kate hurries to roll it down, accidentally pressing the lock button instead.

They lock eyes.

Beat.

Kate fumbles, opening every window except the driver's side.

Her window finally goes down.

COP

Did you know your registration is expired, miss Myers?

ZIZI

I'M FREAKING OUT, KATE!

Kate struggles to keep it together.

KATE

I was just about to take care of that, officer. I got the DMV letter in the mail this morning.

It's been expired for 6 months.

DIDI

Worthless.

KATE

I promise I'll take care of it first thing tomorrow morning. Can you please let me off with a warning? Please?

She breaks a little.

COP

Operating your phone while driving with expired registration is enough points to get your license suspended.

ZiZi hyperventilates. DiDi buries her face in her hands.

COP (CONT'D)

But you have no priors...

The officer takes another look at Kate's paperwork.

ZIZI

Do you know what happens to people without a license, Kate!? They Uber!

COP

...so I'm going to let you off with a fix-it ticket.

ZIZI

Do you know what happens to people who Uber? THEY GET MURDERED!

COP

You seem like you're having You're going to die alone, in an off day and I'm trying to an Uber. end my shift in a good mood so --

Kate snaps.

KATE

AHHHH WOULD YOU JUST SHUT THE FUCK UP AND LEAVE!

The officer thinks Kate is yelling at him.

She's horrified.

COP

I'm going to need you to step out of the vehicle.

EXT. HIGHWAY - NIGHT

Kate watches a tow truck pull her car away.

She angrily walks down the side of the highway. ZiZi and DiDi follow. She tries to out-walk them. They catch up. She tries to outrun them. They catch up. She runs in zigzags like a maniac, only to trip and fall.

ZiZi and DiDi sit next to her on the ground. She brushes herself off, accepting defeat.

KATE

Why are you back after all these years?

No response. ZiZi bites her nails. DiDi throws dirt.

KATE (CONT'D)

Right.

INT. JAMES'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

James makes a protein shake while getting ready for his second job as a club promoter.

RING RING! Kate's calling. He answers and continues getting ready.

**JAMES** 

Hello beautiful girlfriend whom I love so much! I've been trying to reach you. How are you holding up?

KATE (V.O.)

I need you to drive me to my parents' house.

(MORE)

KATE (V.O.) (CONT'D)

I'm pretty sure my mom is the reason I'm losing my mind.

James jokes.

**JAMES** 

I could say the same thing about my mom.

KATE (V.O.)

James, I'm serious. My car just got towed.

JAMES

What? Damn, my love... you're going through the thick of it today.

KATE (V.O.)

Please just come pick me up?

**JAMES** 

Katie, I gotta head to the club in like 10 minutes and I'm already on my last strike with Eddie. I'm sorry... let me call you a Lyft.

EXT. HIGHWAY - NIGHT

Kate fights tears back.

KATE

Blow cherry.

Their code word.

Beat.

JAMES (V.O.)

I'm coming right now, send me your pin.

INT. JAMES' CAR - NIGHT

Kate and James drive in silence. ZiZi taps her fingers on the center cup-holder. DiDi hangs her head outside the window.

James doesn't know how to handle Kate's fragile state. He puts his hand on her knee, lightly tickling her.

KATE

Don't.

He tickles harder.

KATE (CONT'D)

I'm not in the mood.

**JAMES** 

Well, what about a kiss then?

DiDi makes a puking noise.

KATE

James, please.

JAMES

Will you talk to me, babe? I don't know how to help you.

Kate stares out the window.

KATE

You wouldn't believe me. You just wouldn't.

**JAMES** 

Try me.

KATE

Okay. Do you see the two women in the back seat?

James looks in the rearview mirror -- nothing.

**JAMES** 

Umm...

KATE

Exactly.

**JAMES** 

Kate, please tell me what's going
on.

ZIZI

He's pushing me over the edge, Kate!

**JAMES** 

I just wanna make my sexy woman feel better.

He playfully grabs her boob.

KATE

James! I said stop.

Dejected and confused, James puts both hands on the wheel.

INT. JAMES' CAR - NIGHT

James slowly approaches the Myer's family home and parks.

A tense beat.

KATE

I love you, James Johnson. I promise this has nothing to do with you. I just need to figure myself out right now, okay?

James gives Kate an endearing smile and nods in confirmation.

**JAMES** 

Course, babe. You do you. I love you.

EXT. MYER'S DRIVEWAY - NIGHT

Kate walks to the front door, ZiZi and DiDi by her side. James calls out to her one last time.

**JAMES** 

I love you!

DiDi flicks him off as he drives away. Kate takes a deep breath and enters the front door.

INT. MYERS FAMILY HOME - NIGHT

The house is unusually empty.

KATE

Mom!

ZIZI

This place makes my chest heavy.

Kate smells incense. She follows her nose to --

INT. MISSY'S DEN - CONTINUOUS

Kate investigates the room.

A half deteriorated picture of Kate sits in a bowl of black liquid. The bowl is surrounded by a shrine of Kate.

What the fuck...

She inspects ornaments on the alter.

INT. KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

Kate is on a mission to find Missy -- until she notices a big bag of chocolates sitting on the counter.

DIDI

Chocolate makes me feel better.

KATE

Oh, you want some chocolate?

Kate grabs the bag.

KATE (CONT'D)

Too bad!

She shoves pieces into her mouth.

KATE (CONT'D)

Mmm. You're right, this is making me feel better.

(she chews)

Leave it to Missy Myers to make the most earthy tasting chocolate ever.

Kate opens the fridge to a shelf of mason jars filled with water. She grabs one and takes a dramatic swig, spilling water all over her chin.

KATE (CONT'D)

Maybe I was just hangry this whole time, huh girls?

Kate chuckles, then --

CHANTING (O.S.)

HE. HO. HI. HAY. HE. HO. HI. HAY.

Bingo. She heads for the patio, chocolate and water in hand.

EXT. BACKYARD - CONTINUOUS

Kate's father, NOAH, 60s modern-day-wizard, finger dances in the shadows of the bonfire. Kate's sister, LOLA, 17, wannabe hippie, dances around with Missy.

Mom! I need answers, NOW.

Missy scurries off to the garden, Kate charges after her.

Lola notices Kate for the first time and intercepts her with a hug.

LOLA

Katy-waty!

KATE

Whoa with the pupils. How high are you right now, Lols?

Lola giggles.

KATE (CONT'D)

What is it this time?

Lola struggles to form a sentence.

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Dad's newest reciple of acidic...
Mom is ayahuasca high on though.

She points at the chocolate in Kate's hands.

LOLA (CONT'D)

Yesss! You got the shroomers!

KATE

Wha --

LOLA

Dad's acid water!

Lola grabs the jar and chugs what's left, then rejoins Noah by the fire.

Kate looks at her empty hands, they melt. Everything glows with color. The trees are alive. She's tripping!

ZiZi and DiDi envelope her in a bear hug. She feels herself hugging them back, overwhelmed with a sense of surrender.

For the first time in a long time, Kate acknowledges her anxiety and depression.

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