

| INT. GRACE'S APARTMENT BEDROOM - DAY

Alarm goes off at 8:45am. GRACE sits up and turns off her phone. The phone screen shows family picture of her father and younger brother. Grace picks up clothes off an accent chair.

INT. PRIVATE BATHROOM - DAY

A freshly dressed Grace puts her phone down, screen up on counter. Everything is laid out perfectly in a line, organized by the order of use.

The phone PINGS and the screen lights up showing it is 9:15. Under the time is a reminder saying she needs to leave at 9:30.

Grace meticulously brushes her teeth, staring in the mirror. The mirror shows a very organized bathroom nothing out of place.

INT. GRACE'S BEDROOM - DAY

Phone PINGS, showing the time is now 9:25 with a reminder that it is time to walk out.

Grace looks in mirror by door. She checks to make no hair is out of place and that there are no wrinkles in her clothes.

She grabs her keys and backpack off their respective hooks near her bedroom door.

INT. COMMON AREA OF APARTMENT - DAY

Grace instantly stops and looks in shock at the trashed common area.

GRACE

LUCY!

Half awake, her roommate, LUCY, rushes out of her room and looks around.

LUCY

Umm...yeah?

Grace gestures all around to the mess.

GRACE

What is all this?

LUCY
Yikes...I definitely went harder than
I thought.

Grace looks around again then rushes to a laptop on the floor
She opens the laptop and the screen is visibly busted.

GRACE
You broke my laptop! What have I told
you about taking my stuff...oh no my
paper. I forgot to submit my paper.

LUCY
Relax-

GRACE
Don't tell me to relax. I don't have
time for this!

LUCY
It probably looks worse than it is,
just go to that tech store and have
them look at it.

Lucy turns and walks back into her room. Grace just stares in
shock as the door closes.

EXT. ROAD IN TOWN - DAY

Grace sits in traffic.

Car display screen shows time is 9:50am.

Road Work blocks the road, and a man directs traffic to take
a detour.

INT. GRACE'S CAR - DAY

Grace slows driving with confused face and pulls out her
phone opening the maps app.

Red and Blue lights start flashing behind her.

Grace crushes under her breath and pulls over to the side of
the road.

EXT. GRACE'S CAR - DAY

A COP walks over and taps the window glass.

Grace rolls down the window.

COP

Do you know why I pulled you over?

Grace starts freaking out.

GRACE

I am really sorry! I have no clue where I am. I promise I won't...its just my paper. And I am in a rush. And my laptop..that is worth half of my final grade. My laptop isn't have the grade the paper is but my laptop its broken...and now I am lost

The cop awkwardly rubs back of neck and fidgets on his feet.

His mouth goes to make words but no noise comes out.

COP

Ummmm...I am going to just let you off with a warning. Just stay off phone and take a minute to breath. You will be okay kid.

Grace looks at him on the verge of crying and nods.

INT. GRACE'S CAR - DAY

Grace takes a minute after the cop pulls away to catch her breath.

GRACE

Just breathe. Like it's that easy.

Her phone PINGS, and the screen lights up showing it is 10:10am with a reminder under the time to go study at the library.

GRACE

Well I can't do that without a laptop.

Grace looks up to see grey clouds starting to form.

INT. TECH STORE - DAY

Grace causes a scene by trying to push the pull door open, making the few people in the store stare at her.

Grace awkwardly walks over to the repair counter, where JOSH is smiling her way.

JOSH

Welcome to-

GRACE

I need my laptop fixed. The screen is doing this thing.

JOSH

Looks like a little more than a "thing".

GRACE

I need you to fix it...like right now. I have a paper due at noon. Plus my teacher is actually the worst so this paper can not be late. That means you need to fix the laptop now.

JOSH

Ma'am -

GRACE

I am not a "ma'am"! Do I old to you?

Josh looks Grace up and down before giving her an easy smile.

JOSH

No, you don't...my ma just raised me right...let's start this over.

Josh straightens and speaks in a more professional voice.

JOSH CONT.

Hello, my name is Josh and I will do my best to fix your laptop in a very timely manner. Now can I get your name?

Grace stares for a moment before taking a deep breath.

GRACE

Grace...and sorry. It has just been a bad morning.

JOSH

Well ma'am...sorry Grace, people who come to this counter usually ain't having a great day.

Grace lets out a small laugh.

Grace's phone PINGS, and both her and Josh look down. The screen shows the time as 10:40am with the reminder under it.

Grace looks back up at Josh.

GRACE

Yeah. I guess you have me there.

JOSH

Also I get it. I swear some professors pretend that their class is the only thing in the world.

GRACE

I know right!

JOSH

Give me an hour and I promise to do my best to fix your laptop or to at least access your hard drive for your paper.

Grace gives a huge smile and turns to leave with an upbeat walk.

EXT. PARKING LOT OF TECH STORE

Grace rain drop hits her face, causing her to look up. Grey clouds now fill the sky and it is lightly sprinkling.

GRACE

Well this doesn't look good.

Grace stops by her car and tries to open the door, upset she starts yanking on the door handle repeatedly.

She starts digging in her bag, getting more erratic as she searches.

Grace peers into the car and can see her keys in the ignition.

She once again starts yanking the door.

Frustrated turns and kicks her tire. She loses her balance and falls down.

She SCREAMS and grabs her ankle.

As Grace sits on the floor, the rain starts to pick up.

INT. TECH STORE - LATER

A soaked Grace limps to the repair counter.

JOSH

Are you-

GRACE

Where is the bathroom?

Josh points.

INT. BATHROOM

Grace pats herself dry with paper towels while staring in the mirror.

Her phone PINGS. She pulls it out. The screen lights up, the time is now 11:00am, with another reminder under it.

Grace traces a finger over a new crack in the corner.

INT. TECH STORE - DAY

Grace limps back to repair desk. Josh stares.

GRACE

Please tell me you fixed my laptop.

JOSH

I am sorry but you may have to hold your horses a little longer.

Grace lets out a humorless laugh.

GRACE

You know I am never this irresponsible. I never leave it to the last minute to turn stuff in.

Grace looks up to stop from crying.

GRACE CONT.

But because this paper was so important I wanted to make sure it was perfect. Now it doesn't matter.

Grace gestures to herself.

GRACE CONT.

Now I am wet. My keys are still locked

in my car. My ankle is on fire, and it is safe to say I will be missing my deadline.

JOSH

I wish there was more that I can do, but it will take time to fix your laptop.

GRACE

I just need a minute to calm down.

EXT. TECH STORE - DAY

Grace stands against a wall of building, staring out as it pours.

She starts crying.

Grace's phone starts RINGING, but before she can get it out to answer the call ends.

Grace stares at her phone wallpaper.

A voicemail from "LITTLE BRO" comes on to the screen.

Grace opens the voicemail and brings her phone to her ear to listen.

INT. DAD'S CAR - DAY - FLASHBACK

DAD and LITTLE BRO sit in the front of the car with the phone connected to the speaker.

LITTLE BRO

"Hey Gracie, you wouldn't believe what we are doing right now. Dad just checked me out of school and is taking me to lunch! Then he said we can do whatever I want after! Say hi dad..."

DAD

Hey Gracie! I love you sweetie! I hope everything is going good.

LITTLE BRO

Anyways I just wanted to call you and say I miss you and wish you were here with us. I love you."

EXT. TECH STORE - END FLASHBACK

Grace brings her phone down and smiles as she looks at her lock screen picture, the time reads 11:22am.

Grace sucks in a deep breath and closes her eyes.

She exhales, opens her eyes, and stands up.

Grace's phone PINGS, but she swipes away the reminder as soon as it pops up and looks for the number of AAA.

INT. GRACE'S CAR

Grace is driving in, when a call from Lucy comes over the car Bluetooth.

Grace answers the phone.

GRACE

If your calling to ask me if my laptop was fixed, it wasn't. Which means-

Lucy's sobs over the speaker interrupts grace from talking. Grace's face falls.

GRACE CONT.

Lucy...what's wrong? Are you okay?

LUCY VO

I just got a call from my mom and my dad is in the hospital.

GRACE

What happened?

LUCY VO

He had a heart attack and it seems bad.

GRACE

Where are you?

LUCY VO

The apartment.

GRACE

I am on my way.

INT. COMMON AREA OF APARTMENT - DAY

Grace sits on the couch, holding Lucy as she cries.

Grace's phone PINGS. Without checking her phone, grace turns it completely off and tosses it aside.

GRACE

Shhh...I got you. Let it out. It's
okay.

Grace softly rocks Lily and rubs her back.

EXT. SIDEWALK OF TECH STORE - NEW DAY

Grace stands outside of the tech store. Josh can be seen through the window standing behind his counter staring out at her.