

A Peek Into The Past

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INT.DUC.MORNING

STUDENTS SITTING AT THE DUC AND ALL OF THEM HAVE THEIR NOSE BURIED IN HIS OR HER PHONE.

Elena, Sarah and Colin are sitting at the DUC. All three are engaged in their phones. Elena is snap chatting, Colin is texting his friend and Sara is checking her Facebook page. Mary who is busy texting on her phone comes and joins them. The three of them look up, smile at her and then go back to looking into their phones. That's when Sara receives a text from her grand-ma...

SARAH

(looking confused)

I just received a text message from my grand-mom asking me to accept her friend request on Facebook. She wants to know whats happening in my life through it.

MARY

That's a first. Have fun having your grand-mom on your friend list

ELENA

Guys!Doesn't this make you wonder what life was without phones and social networking sites. How did people spend their days when they did not have the technology we have now.

They all are lost in thought but still distracted by their phone. Then suddenly...

COLIN

Springs up from his chair

What if we try to reenact the olden days by putting our phones away for a day and spend a day as people would in the 70's.

All four look at each other and nod in agreement.

CUTS OFF

INT.DORMROOM.MORNING

Sarah, Elena, Mary and Colin are in Mary's room. They have to put there phones away so they are not tempted to use them during the day.

SARAH
(feeling morose)

Looking at the phone which she has held in her hand.
I'll miss you so much. I didn't
imagine parting with you would be
so difficult.

Lays her phone down gently in her jewelry box and stares at it for a while but then quickly shuts it.

ELENA
How tough could it be! Our parents
and grand parents survived without
it. I am sure we can can do this
for a day.

Puts her phone under her pillow and leaves for class.

Colin and Mary put their phones in the drawer. Colin picks up his bag and leaves for his class while Mary just lays on her bed.

MARY CAN HEAR BOTH THE PHONES ARE VIBRATING IN THE DRAWER.

MARY(V/O)
(fidgety and restless)
This is insane. I need to check my
phone. No you can do it its just a
day,just distract yourself.

Walks out of the room so she can keep her mind off not having her phone.

CUTS OFF

EXT.AFTERNOON

Sarah and Colin are walking back from class. They can see all these people on their phone and they feel odd not having it with them.

SARAH
It feels strange not texting while
walking.

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COLIN

Talking about strange I havent
tweeted for THREE hours ! My
friends might just think I am dead
by now. Life is such a struggle
right now.

Continue walking towards the DUC

SARAH

(Pointing to the dooley
statue)

Oh my god I have never seen this.
Did they just put this up ?

COLIN

No Sarah its been here since the
begining. Haven't you ever seen it
before.

SARAH

I guess there are some perks of not
having the phone. I have strated
noticing things around me.

CUTS OFF

INT.DUC.AFTERNOON

After struggling to find each other Elena,Colin,Sarah and
Mary finally sit down for lunch.

ELENA

Is it just me or has the day just
been a struggle with out having the
phone around.

COLIN

Believe me the day has never seemed
so long. I never realized my phone
has become such a huge part of my
life. Right now if someone gave me
an option between having my phone
or eating I would chose my phone.

SARAH

I feel my fingers are paralysed
they haven't been used for texting
since the morning.

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MARY

Guys should we just forget about
the challenge ?

ELENA, SARAH AND COLIN

NO !

SARAH

We have to prove to ourselves that
we can go a day without using our
phones

THE REST OF THE CONVERSATION DURING LUNCH WAS FILLED WITH
LONG AWKWARD MOMENTS OF SILENCE.

They all start gazing out of the window.

ELENA

Its a beautiful day outside

COLIN

Yes it is. Infact let's go for a
stroll to the Lull water Park. It
will just help us keep our minds of
not having the phone

MARY

I have nothing else to do so I
don't mind going

SARAH

Me too! This is so exciting this is
my first time going there.

CUTS OFF

LULLWATER PARK. EVENING

THERE IS MUSIC PLAYING IN THE BACKGROUND.

Mary and Colin are playing with the ball. Elena is playing
some tunes on the guitar. Sarah is lying on the grass and
admiring the sky. They are all chatting and having a good
time.

THE CAMERA SHOWS THE SUN SETTING AND THEM WALKING BACK

CUTS OFF

INT.DUC.NIGHT

ALL FOUR OF THEM SITTING ON THE TABLE

COLIN

Today was quite a day

SARAH

I know! we should be proud of
ourselves we got through the whole
day without using our phones.

ELENA

You know guys! Maybe people in the
seventies didn't do so bad without
having phones.

MARY

we should plan more days like this.
Spending more time with each other
rather than with our phones.

THE CAMERA ZOOMS INTO THE FOUR PHONES THAT ARE STACKED ON
THE TABLE AND THEN INTO THE FOUR OF THEM SHOWING THEY ARE
TALKING AND LAUGHING.

THE END