

Excerpt - "Modern Holiday"

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INT. LIVING ROOM -- DAY

JULIA sits on the couch in front of the warm fire. The room is quiet and peaceful. She is texting on her phone.

ANNE walks in holding "FUN BUCKET" [HIDDEN FROM CAMERA] and walks by. She stops when she sees JULIA on her phone.

ANNE looks over JULIA'S shoulder to try and read her texts.

ANNE
Who's monkey face, kissy face,
heart-

JULIA
MOM?!

ANNE
No phones.

DAVID walks by, he peeks at JULIA's phone.

DAVID
Anne, that's a kissy face with a
heart.

JULIA
Ughhh!

JULIA stands up to hide her phone from her parents.

ANNE
What's the difference?

JULIA
There is none.

DAVID
(NOT HEARING JULIA)
It symbolizes two different phases
of a relationship!

ANNE
Uh-huh.
(TURNS BACK TO JULIA)
Phone. Now.

DAVID reaches in his pocket and pulls out his phone, placing it in ANNE's hand. ANNE looks at it confused, but hangs onto it as DAVID continues walking by.

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JULIA
Just let me finish sending this-

DAVID pauses on his way to the kitchen.

DAVID
I'll give you one more minute if
you tell me his name.

ANNE
David!

IZZY walks in through the kitchen, grabbing some of her
things off the coffee table.

JULIA
Too late, he already said it!
(SITS BACK DOWN ON THE COUCH,
RETURNING ATTENTION TO HER
PHONE)
His name's Jacob.

ANNE
What happened to Ben?

JULIA
(ABSENTMINDEDLY)
We broke up on Friday.

IZZY pauses while heading up the stairs.

IZZY
It's Saturday.

JULIA
Oh, good for you Izzy, you know
your days of the week.

IZZY
You can learn them too, just stick
with that tutor.

JULIA stands and tries to follow IZZY. ANNE catches her and
grabs her phone from her.

ANNE
And your one minute is up!

ANNE grabs JULIA'S PHONE and drops it into the "FUN BUCKET".

JULIA
Oh my god, the "Fun Bucket"?

ANNE

We wouldn't need it if you weren't
always texting your boyfriend...s

JULIA

Why don't you get on anyone else
about that?

JULIA, annoyed, sits back down on the couch.

ANNE

Izzy's not allowed to date yet and
I think we're pretty safe with
Hannah.

HANNAH (O.S.)

I'm sitting right here...

Shot widens to show HANNAH has been sitting opposite JULIA
on the couch the whole time.

ANNE walks over to HANNAH, attempting to fix what she said.

ANNE

Oh, sweetie, I didn't mean-

HANNAH

(HANNAH STANDS UP AND DROPS
HER PHONE IN THE FUN BUCKET,
SHE HEADS OVER TO THE STAIRS)
Just because I don't dip in Julia's
losers de jour, doesn't mean I
couldn't get a boyfriend if I
wanted.

While ANNE and HANNAH converse, Julia slips her hand into
the fun bucket and pulls her phone back out. She slips it
into her pocket.

JULIA

(SARCASM)

Sure.

HANNAH

Aww, you're pretending you
understand.

HANNAH heads upstairs

JULIA attempts to storm off.

ANNE holds out the fun bucket.

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ANNE
(WITHOUT MAKING INDICATION SHE
SAW)
Phone.

JULIA
Ughhhhhhhhh.

JULIA groans and drops her phone in the bucket, for real
this time.

INTERVIEW -- ANNE AND DAVID

ANNE
Four years ago, when Julia got her
first phone, she was on it all the
time. So when it came time for the
holidays and time to spend time
with family, we-

DAVID
Just you.

ANNE
-created the "Fun Bucket".
(SHE HOLDS UP THE "FUN
BUCKET")
This bucket holds all our
electronics over the holidays so
that we can have fun without them.
Get it? The "Fun Bucket".

DAVID
(DEADPAN)
Oh we get it.

INTERVIEW -- JULIA, HANNAH, IZZY AND DAVID

JULIA
We hate the "Fun Bucket".

IZZY
Even I hate it and I don't have a
phone.

HANNAH
It's the absolute worst idea she's
ever come up with, and that's
saying something.

INT. REYNOLDS HOUSE -- PAST

ANNE walks into the living room where the rest of the family is with a giant laundry basket with a mountain of laundry in it.

ANNE
Lazy Laundry Day!

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The Reynolds family sits at the table, ANNE brings over a big plate of unusual Mexican food and sets it on the table. IZZY is reluctantly wearing a sombrero.

ANNE
International Festival Week!

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ANNE holds up the keys to the car.

ANNE
Drive-yourself-Thursdays.

JULIA squeals with glee and climbs in the front. IZZY and HANNAH give the camera terrified expressions.

INTERVIEW - JULIA, HANNAH, IZZY AND DAVID -- CONTINUOUS

JULIA
And we're only stuck with this because someone doesn't have the guts to tell his wife she has terrible ideas.

All three girls look at DAVID. DAVID looks at camera.

DAVID
I've created a monster.

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