

1. MICAH'S ROOM

NAOMI IS OVER THE PHONE

NAOMI

And you're okay with us crashing there if we need to?

MICAH

Yeah of course! It's better than you driving back in the pitch black, plus you can drink a little and not have to think about it this way

NAOMI

You're the best micah!

MICAH

I know- So you said you might be running late? How come?

NAOMI

Charlie said today's session so far with the gender therapist might run over a little. So that combined with us getting home and making ourselves look a little more human...

MICAH

Take all the time you need! The first part's always Salem and Bailey arguing over what we're playing anyway. Count yourself lucky

NAOMI

Put my vote in for racing games! Or any sort of video games- less cheating that way!

MICAH

Oh you'd be surprised what these guys are capable of

BUZZ

NAOMI

That's Charlie calling! I need to go!

MICAH

Drive safe naomi!

NAOMI

Don't I always?

BEEP

2. INT. KITCHEN

DOOR OPENS, FOOTSTEPS

BAILEY

I come bearing nosh for all! Vegetarian and vegan all round!

SALEM

Why's there so much popcorn?!

BAILEY

Popcorn's always a winner and this one's spicy and homemade, this one's sweet, and this one's- oh- candles- were you praying?

SALEM

It's fine, I was done anyway, just- *trying* to meditate. There's a reason my teachers got frustrated with me at school

BAILEY

I thought you were homeschooled?

SALEM

Exactly! Both my moms never understood why I couldn't sit still. Or why I couldn't show my working out but still managed to get the right answer. Or- or how i said i couldn't eat certain foods or wear certain clothes because they weren't heavy enough and had strange textures.

BAILEY

Do they- still get upset with you about those things?

SALEM

I think they accepted that's what it was after a while. Like it was just how I was- am still? I got good grades and it wasn't like I was a bad kid. I was just different. I thought maybe it

was because I didn't have many friends growing up so I had a lot of time with myself y'know? But you and Micah don't act like me... And I still act like me.

BAILEY

Have you ever spoken to anyone about this? - some sort of professional?

SALEM

I didn't really think having a few preferences warranted something to be wrong with me?

BAILEY

No! No- nothing's wrong with you!

SALEM

Micah if you're going to stand behind that wall and listen in like that, you could at least put some input into the conversation

FOOTSTEPS

MICAH

For someone who wears glasses, you can see weirdly well

SALEM

Im wearing them, that makes my vision better than yours- and i heard you

MICAH

[nervous]

Look, nothings ''wrong with you'' But no amount of meditation and self reflection can help when you don't have the words to explain it or the knowledge of what you're looking for

SALEM

And what am I looking for?

MICAH

I-

SALEM
Micah?

PAUSE

BAILEY
We need to tell them.

SALEM
Tell me what? What are you hiding?

MICAH
We think... um... me and Bailey have been talking about it for a while now and we think you might have ADD

BAILEY
I've heard there's a few tests online that could help you get an idea as to what category you could fall under if you wanna start there? I could help or compare experiences because y'know we could be wrong and-

MICAH
Bailey, give her a moment to breathe, yeah?

PAUSE

SALEM
so... this is why you've been trying to convince me to talk to a therapist?

MICAH
Sort of? Thought maybe it'd sound better coming from a professional. But, it wouldn't change how we think of you, you know that right? I mean, basically everyone around here seems like they're some flavor of neurodivergent.

PAUSE

SALEM
I- i'll think about it? Not tonight, we have guests and i was looking forward to taking my mind off things for a little while

MICAH
Of course.

BAILEY
...do you want popcorn?

BAILEY SHAKES A BAG
FADE IN: DISTORTED MUSIC

MICAH
Salem held a distant look on her face I don't think I'd ever seen before. It's only for a second before they push forward like nothing ever happened but it burns into my brain. I'll be the first to admit it wasn't the smoothest way to tell them but sometimes the world's plans don't align with your own. Count that under the ''things that haven't gone wrong today'' list for now. The night is still young and I am still an idiot. So we'll see where we end up.

SALEM
Why would we own a jug in the first place?

CUPBOARD RAIDING

BAILEY
Everybody owns at least one jug! Everything tastes better from a jug!

MICAH
We definitely don't have a jug

SALEM
Jug has never been on the shopping list. Its pointless washing up

BAILEY
But jugs makes you feel fancy

MICAH
Is jug even a word anymore?

SALEM

Oh- lets not- not again- not today!

BAILEY

Oy, what's your problem with jugs?

SALEM

Stop saying jugs, they no longer exist

MICAH

What did he want one for in the first place?

BAILEY

The popcorn of course

SALEM

Please! Who puts popcorn in a jug?

BAILEY

You said jug again

SALEM

Oh- shut up!

MICAH

Have I ever mentioned how much I hate these 2 suckers? Because I hate them immensely. They drain my life force constantly. Why do I put up with this? They argue like birds fighting over bread, high pitch sounds and arm flapping to boot... I will neither confirm nor deny if I am in fact part of the problem. You have no evidence either way. Good entertainment though, even if they resort to speaking like video game characters and it's no longer comprehensible.

3. INT. LIVING ROOM

RACING GAME CARS, CONTROLLER FIDGETING

NAOMI

30 seconds left on the clock! All you have to do is stay in the
lead a little while longer charlie!

CHARLIE

Kind of difficult with you screaming in my ear love!

MICAH

Don't listen to Naomi! You can still win this! It's not over
till it's over!

SALEM

Yes yes very inspiring micah, now can you both be quiet?

BAILEY

Go! -both of you!

NAOMI

Where's your competitive spirit bailey?

BAILEY

I think you absorbed it

MICAH

More like the popcorn absorbed it-

BAILEY

Nobody gets to diss the popcorn!

ELECTRONIC MUSIC

CHARLIE

What? How-

SALEM

Yes! My winning streak continues!

MICAH

Salem is our undefeatable champion!

CHARLIE

That was... impressive

SALEM
Why thank you

BAILEY
Mazel tov... I think we should change the game before naomi
combusts

NAOMI
Hey!

CHARLIE
Sit down before you hurt somebody

MICAH
Okay! New game! Preferably something salem cant win at

BAILEY
Or maybe something she could control

NAOMI
What? Like an rpg?

BAILEY
I was thinking more tarot cards but that could work

CHARLIE
If we start an rpg now, no one is going home for the next week

SALEM
Tarot cards aren't exactly a game anyways

BAILEY
No- but you know what i mean

*The above is all overlapping and messy but the next line is
clearer and everyone goes quiet*

NAOMI
Would it hurt us to just talk?

MICAH
Yes, definitely

NAOMI
Shut up micah

CHARLIE
Fine! I'll take the first step if you're all so antisocial-
EVERYONE ELSE GROANS

CHARLIE
Bailey! Oh brother of mine, how's the photography?

BAILEY
It's- going. still mostly just a hobby but I'm having fun with
it! Any other questions from my loyal fans?

SALEM
I hope this isn't a sensitive topic, but why do you live with
your aunt?

CHARLIE
Jumping straight in i see

SALEM
Bad timing?

BAILEY
Not at all! It was closer to charlie and micah than our parents
and our mume's pretty cool anyways so

CHARLIE
Bailey has attachment issues- gets clingy if you know him too
long

BAILEY
Meshuggeneh! Slander! Don't listen to him salem!

PAUSE

NAOMI

I know we don't know each other well but...I forget you weren't
with us since the beginning

SALEM

I forget myself most of the time...

BAILEY

I mean i thought you already knew all of that

CHARLIE

You always assume everyone knows our entire family history!

BAILEY

In my defense, a lot of people do!

CHARLIE

That's because you talk too much! Listen all that matters is i'm
the older brother so that automatically makes me cooler

BAILEY

Only by a year!

NAOMI

And micah's the oldest in the room, how're you feeling old man?

MICAH

Don't remind me you gnome

BAILEY

More like a garden gnome, fits right into charlie's apartment

CHARLIE

You're just jealous of my plants!

SALEM

Okay okay, so i've never seen it, is it really that bad?

NAOMI

It would be a dream come true for crescent

CHARLIE

That cat is not coming anywhere near my plants- he might eat them!

NAOMI

I thought you loved cats

FADE IN: ALL THE LUCK IN THE WORLD BY SEBASTIAN VALENZUELA

MICAH

It was- nice to have everyone in the same room. It felt like we were teens again. Watching films until the sunrise like we didn't have exams that morning. But it was better. Salem made it better. The glue we were missing all this time. I can't help but wonder what it would have been like back then with her. Would it all have ended the same? Would the fights have even started at all? Would she take sides? That was for another reality to answer. Right now, it's better to experience the- peaceful chaos. Afterall, there's no saying what the next minute could hold.

4. INT. LIVING ROOM

DOOR KNOCK, FOOTSTEPS

CHARLIE

That's the door, are you expecting anyone else?

SALEM

Not that I know of, micah?

MICAH

Already on it!

DOOR OPENS

EDEN

Hello micah

FADE IN: GOOD LUCK BY SEBASTIAN VALENZUELA

Credits

Bed frames are made hollow so they can house many friends. Go ahead and knock before you sleep. If they're ready, they'll knock back. In this episode you heard: emma nicolaou as naomi oak, luka miller as micah oak, felyx pozorski as bailey king, teu m shin as salem alice, victor hua as charlie king and angela yih as eden li. Mx bad luck is written and produced by cry MJ with music composed by Sebastian Valenzuela and credits read by kit paterson. Thank you for listening!

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