

Sweet Stories for Modern Minds

Episode Two: Just Because

NARRATOR: This is Sweet Stories for Modern Minds. Episode Two: Just Because.

Have you ever had one of *those* weeks? Those never-ending, hectic, what-else-could-possibly-go-wrong kind of weeks?

Here's someone having one of those weeks right now. Work has been wearing them down, full of meetings that could have been emails and emails that require responses that begin with "per my last email". Their apartment is a bit of a mess at the moment since they haven't had time to do any real cleaning in a while. No chance to treat themselves to a bit of takeout either, not since payday is still a few days away. All in all, it has been a rough week.

They find a bit of time to vent to a good friend, and they feel a little better after that, but they're really not looking forward to such a long wait for the weekend. They drag themselves to work and back, finally reaching the blessed time to clock out for the next couple of days, and make their way home.

They intend to just grab something quick for dinner and settle in to watch some TV for a few hours, turning their brain off until they fall asleep on the couch. But when they reach the door of their apartment, something is waiting for them. A package! That's strange. They don't remember ordering anything.

Sound of a box opening.

Oh! There's a note. It's a message of support and love from the same friend they talked to about their hard week! And inside the package, a lovely gift chosen from their wish list!

Sound of a phone camera taking a picture. Sound of typing and sending texts.

They're so excited about this thoughtful present, they send a selfie with a message in all caps, full of emojis, thanking their friend for their kindness.

It was such a sweet gesture, so unexpected, that they feel the burden of the whole week ease up quite a bit. They relax that evening, happy and content and feeling so loved.

Outro music.

CAROLINE MINCKS: Sweet Stories for Modern Minds, a special Scary Stories for Modern Minds project, was created and voiced by Caroline Mincks. If you're looking for an escape from the new daily routine, I recommend the podcast Girl in Space. It's a thoughtful, exciting, and often very funny story of, well, a clever girl - in space! Scary Stories for Modern Minds is produced in central Virginia on unceded Appomattoc territory.