

## **Voicemail 1**

CHARLIE

You've reached Charlie's voicemail! Leave a message and I'll get back to you when I remember I have a phone again. Unless this is bailey. I'm not replying until you give me my dinosaur bucket back you traitor.

BEEP

NAOMI

Hey babe! I know you're busy with exams this week but I thought I'd try calling anyway while I had a moment... it's been pretty hectic on this side as well. I actually got to go on air for the first time ever today! Granted it was only because the host had lost his voice but it was still awesome. Maybe one day I'll get to be on the air for real... maybe I wouldn't feel so far away then. You always have the radio on while you study and I know I'm in a different state so I doubt you've got it tuned into where I am but I'd like to pretend you do. I can even imagine the shock on your face if you'd've heard me.

PAUSE, NAOMI LAUGHS

NAOMI

A nose scrunch of denial and a raised eyebrow. No matter how much I travel around, I've never met anyone who's face holds quite as many facial expressions as yours. It's cute... I miss you. These have been the longest 3 months of my life but 1 more and i'm back with you again. I still don't know how long I'll be back for- hopefully longer than a couple weeks this time. Maybe 1 day I can stay for good?

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## **Voicemail 2**

CHARLIE

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back you traitor.

BEEP, NAOMI LAUGHS

NAOMI

You know you should really change your voicemail he gave that  
bucket back months ago. Speaking of dinosaurs, I came across  
this themed cafe and shop next to the museum that would make a  
10 year old charlie explode. They even had plant pots shaped  
like dinosaurs! I didn't really stay long 'cuz I was only  
looking for a place to get coffee but I did grab you something.  
It's a surprise of course but you're welcome to guess. Maybe I  
could bring you up here sometime and you can pretend it's for  
nostalgia reasons. We could make a day of it like we always do.

PAUSE

NAOMI

Is there a rule against me saying I miss my boyfriend in every  
voicemail I send? Do the words stop meaning so much? Because I  
do. A lot. The whole long distance thing has always sucked  
hasn't it? I know we see each other more than most people do but  
it doesn't make it any easier. Sometimes I think about how it  
would be if I was around all the time. How your place would  
always vaguely smell like nail polish and I'd convince you to  
let me paint your middle fingers blue to match my hair streaks  
or maroon to match that jumper you love so much. The rest can  
stay black. No matter how much you complain, I know you like  
them that way. I love you charlie.

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**Voicemail 3**

NAOMI

It's naomi. If your summoning circle of coffee and eyeliner  
didn't work I'm still alive in the world somewhere but if it  
did? Well what're you using my voicemail for? You know what to  
do.

BEEP

CHARLIE

I know you're at work right now but I thought I'd call you while I still remember what I wanna say... your favorite musicals currently playing a few towns over. You've watched it like 8 times but you've never seen it in person before. Hopefully they're still playing by the time you get back, then maybe I could take you for your birthday? I'm not usually one for musicals but I think I could stomach it if you were there. And hey if you like it so much it can't be that bad right? Even if your taste can sometimes be questionable to say the least. And you can't argue with me on that 1- i've seen the kind of stuff you watch on tv.

PAUSE

CHARLIE

I may not have a signal for the rest of the week so I'm sorry in advance if it feels like I'm going ghost on you. Bailey and I are going camping. He says he's ''tired of watching me feel lovesick'' whatever that's supposed to mean. Which, by the way, doesn't even make much sense because I've hardly seen him these past few weeks. But I guess a break doesn't hurt after all the overtime I've been doing. It would be good to get some fresh air away from all the roads and people... I know I don't say it as much, but I miss you as well. Just- come back to me in 1 piece- yeah?

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**Voicemail 4**

NAOMI

It's naomi. If your summoning circle of coffee and eyeliner didn't work I'm still alive in the world somewhere but if it did? Well what're you using my voicemail for? You know what to do.

BEEP, FOOTSTEPS

CHARLIE

It's weird to actually be on campus for once. I spend so much of my course online in that apartment that I forget what it's like to be standing here. I think I'd go mad if I was still in a dorm here though. Living with that many people I don't know really isn't my kinda scene. I think I'm gonna be spending a lot more time here when classes start back up again soon. This place makes me want to study. Oh no I'm turning into you!

PAUSE, CHARLIE LAUGHS

CHARLIE

I don't think I could rock the all black look- and I definitely couldn't rock a skirt. So i think i'll leave the being nerdy to you, no matter how much you try to deny it... I don't know how anybody could survive living on campus when there's almost unspoken rules about what you can have in your dorm. How would I survive if I didn't have all of my plants? Would I have to give them to other people to look after while I lived here? Who could I ever trust with any of them? Last time i gave bailey an aloe vera for his birthday it died in less than a month and i don't want to leave the job to our aunt but i also can't guarantee they'd survive the car ride to mom and dads.

PAUSE

CHARLIE

Micah maybe? Is your older sibling any good with plants? I can't say I remember ever giving them 1 for their birthday so I don't have a reference. Not that I've seen them for a long time anyway so I guess it would be weird to turn up at their door with a crate full of plants... see? It's a good thing I don't live in the dorms. Clearly it comes with unneeded stress. How're things on your end? Have they given any more air time to that beautiful voice of yours?

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**Voicemail 5**

CHARLIE

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BEEP

NAOMI

I'm back in town tomorrow! I know I said next week but we got everything finished up here a lot quicker than we expected- so maybe it's not tomorrow but the day after? That all depends on traffic. I'm excited to see you again... you owe me big time for making me miss your dumbass so much. Oh! And you know what's even better news? They said we don't have anywhere else to be until at least next year- and maybe I'll be in town for the whole of next year? Maybe I can stick around? Afterall, it's much easier to make bets in person

#### **Voicemail 6**

NAOMI

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CHARLIE

You fell asleep on call tonight and you were pretty tired so I didn't wanna wake you but I know you always have your phone on silent so... i love you naomi, sweet dreams

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