

Tracy And Regina

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FADE IN:

INT. ART SCHOOL - DAY

TRACY, office worker in an art, design and media agency, poses in front of an ART SCHOOL video wall to her colleague NICHOLAS, a photographer. He has a camera.

They have a photo shoot for a few minutes. Tracy is not the most beautiful model in the world but her cheerfulness makes up for her lack of supermodel's features. Snap. Snap. Snap- her pictures are taken.

Their colleague, REGINA, passes by.

REGINA

Tracy?

The colourful mood is over. Tracy loses her pose and tries to shrug. Nicholas looks away, arms going limp.

Regina walks off.

Nick looks at Tracy.

TRACY

No, I'm supposed to have lunch with her.

NICK

Anyway, I know she doesn't like me.

TRACY

It's not that. We always do this on Friday. Just that today- I don't know.

Slowly, they walk off in the opposite direction.

INT. ART CAFE - DAY

REGINA buys takeaway food for two from a cafe. She walks down a corridor.

INT. OFFICE - DAY

The office light is already switched on. Tracy's bag is also in the room where she left it. Tracy sits down. Nick enters behind her, closing the door behind him.

Still standing, he puts the camera on the table.

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Tracy digs into her bag for her water bottle. Takes it out, about to open it, when-

NICK

Tracy, could you pass me the SD card?

Tracy puts her bottle on the table and pops open the camera to remove the memory card.

The card is missing.

TRACY

Nick. Where's the card?

NICK

The card? Isn't it inside? Check it again.

TRACY

Yeah, you see- it's not here!

NICK

I'll go look for it.

TRACY

OK.

Nick exits.

Tracy looks at the camera.

TRACY

Of all things to lose, why did you have to lose Regina's stuff?

Tracy takes her bottle, about to drink, when-

Regina enters and sits down beside Tracy.

REGINA

Hey Tracy, how was the photo shoot with Nick?

Tracy steals a drink of water, swallowing loudly.

TRACY

Hmm. Not bad.

REGINA

Yeah? Now you can be our model for next week's project!

TRACY

(laughs)

But I can't hold my breath very long, you know?

REGINA

It's OK, I know what I'm doing. I've done ten underwater shoots this year.

Tracy caps her bottle and returns it to her bag. At the same time, Regina puts her packet food on the table, knocking into the camera.

REGINA

(crumbling)

You know I got this for us, as usual, right?

Tracy is silent for a blink.

TRACY

I was just hanging out with Nick, he's always fun.

REGINA

Yeah. And you know he dented my other camera lens right.

Tracy looks at Regina- Regina looks at her camera-

Regina notices the empty SD card slot.

Nick enters.

REGINA

Did you lose my SD card again?

NICK

Yeah.

REGINA

You know what, Tracy you can take Nick, and I'll take my stuff.

TRACY

Regina-!

Regina takes her stuff and exits.

The air is heavy.

Nick sits.

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A minute goes by.

Tracy exits.

INT. ART CAFE - DAY

Regina eats alone. Tracy joins her.

REGINA

I'm sorry.

TRACY

I'm also sorry. I'll get you a new SD card.

REGINA

It's alright. Eat your food.

TRACY

Thanks Regina.

INT. ART SCHOOL - DAY

At the video wall, Nick poses with his back to the camera, as if asking us to take his photo.

FADE OUT