

Honey, I'm home

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EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING - NIGHT

GLEN, a college student is returning back to his apartment around midnight after finishing a late-night shift at his work. He makes his way inside his apartment building when he receives a phone call from his girlfriend, LAURIE. He quickly grabs his phone from his pocket and answers the phone as he walks inside of the apartment.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Laurie is sitting in a living room, the only light source being the television across from her. She holds her phone in one hand and the television remote in the other.

INTERCUT - PHONE CONVERSATION

GLEN

Hey, Laurie. Everything alright?

LAURIE

Yeah, everything is just great.

There's a small pause, Glen waits expecting Laurie to go more in depth with her statement. Eventually he breaks the quick silence.

GLEN

Um, okay? There a reason you called? I figured you'd be asleep by now. It's almost midnight.

LAURIE

I just wanted to check and make sure you get home safe and all. I can't believe you're working this late

GLEN

It's not that bad. Plus I need the money.

LAURIE

Yeah, yeah, I know. Are we still good to go out tomorrow morning?

GLEN

Um, I don't know. I'm feeling really tired right now. Thought I'd take the opportunity to sleep in.

LAURIE

What about the afternoon then?

GLEN

I actually have something with Eddy then. I'm sorry. I promise I will make myself available another day. Really I will.

LAURIE

I hope so. For your sake...

Glen reaches the door to his apartment as Laurie continues her statement. He pulls his keys out from his pocket and grabs at the door handle. However, the handle moves before he uses his key, the door is unlocked. He looks at it for a second confused.

LAURIE (CONT'D)

Hello? Hello? Glen are you even listening?

Glen snaps out of his confusion and finally hears Laurie's attempt to grab his attention.

GLEN

Yeah, sorry. It's just... the door to my apartment was unlocked. I was just looking at it.

LAURIE

And? What's the big deal? Doesn't Eddy always forget to lock it when he leaves?

Glen starts to hear now the sounds of the television playing from inside the apartment. He now assumes all is well and his two roommates, EDDY and JACK are still awake watching TV.

GLEN

I don't know. Sounds like they're home. I guess you're right it's not big deal. Listen, I'm gonna head in and probably go straight to bed I'll call you...

Laurie interrupts Glen and speaks back to him extremely quick. As she starts to get up from the couch she's sitting on.

LAURIE

Yeah it's okay. I'll talk to you in the morning. Goodnight, Love you.

She hangs up abruptly, cutting off her final words and Glen sets his phone down from his ear and stands outside the apartment a moment trying to figure out what just happened. He talks to himself before entering the apartment.

GLEN

Um, okay.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Glen enters his apartment, walking immediately into the living room. He quickly notices the lights are shut off and the television has been left on. He scans the living room from his position.

GLEN

Hello? Anyone home?

He starts to walk through the rest of the apartment. He checks inside all three bedrooms and then the bathroom. He turns on the lights to the bathroom as he knocks and peeks his head in to see if anyone is there. The bathroom is empty and Glen steps into the bathroom and looks in the mirror for a moment before looking down at a vase of flowers on the counter. Attached to the flowers is a note reading "Love, Laurie". Glen had recently received these flowers from Laurie and placed them on the bathroom counter earlier. Glen steps away from the counter and shuts off the lights of the bathroom as he walks out. Standing again in the living room Glen pulls out his phone and calls one of his roommates, EDDY, to find some answers. The phone rings a moment before Eddy picks up.

INT. LIBRARY - NIGHT

Eddy is sitting in a library, books and his laptop sitting in front of him. He holds his phone up to his ear while still looking at the laptop screen in front of him.

EDDY

Hey Glen. You just get off work?

INTERCUT - PHONE CONVERSATION

GLEN

Yeah I did. Where are you guys?

EDDY

Well Jack went back home for the weekend so he won't be back till Monday.

GLEN

And you?

EDDY

Oh yeah, I had a little late night study thing. I got midterms coming up and I cannot afford to bomb them. But don't worry I'll be back in like... an hour. Yeah an hour.

GLEN

Okay sounds good. I'll stay up till you get back.

EDDY

Sounds like a plan.

GLEN

Wait before I forget. You left the door unlocked and the TV on. Seriously you need to stop doing that.

EDDY

What do you mean? I swear everything was off and I locked the door before I left. I double checked that I locked it this time.

GLEN

Okay sure.

EDDY

I'm not lying. One hundred percent I locked the door.

GLEN

Just forget it, never mind. I'll see you when you get back. Bye Eddy.

EDDY

Bye.

Glen hangs up the phone and puts it back into his pocket before making his way towards the couch to find the tv remote to change the current channel. Glen looks around the couch for the remote but can't find it. He talks to himself frustrated.

GLEN

Seriously? Can't even leave the remote in a spot I can find it. I mean come on.

Glen resorts to crawling onto the ground and checking underneath the couch where he finally spots the remote.

GLEN (CONT'D)

There you are.

Glen reaches under the couch to grab the remote when suddenly he hears a loud bang from inside the apartment. He quickly jerks up and looks for the source of the sound. He hears it again and again. The sound starts to grow louder and more frequent. Glen determines the direction the sound is coming from and realizes it's coming from his bedroom. He slowly approaches his room. He quickly jumps into the room and flips the light switch so he can see. Glen looks into his room and determines the origin of the sound. The blinds attached to his open window being blown into the frame by the wind. He walks towards the window and shuts it before leaving the room and turning the lights off. Glen rubs his eyes and holds his face in his hands.

GLEN (CONT'D)

Jesus Christ I am too tired for this.

Glen sits back down in the living room and he changes channel on the TV to an old black and white horror movie. He sits for a moment watching in the living room. Finally relaxed, Glen starts to nod off slightly when he hears another noise. This time the sound of footsteps running getting louder. He also hears distinct human voices talking with one another. Glen quickly jumps up assuming it's another tenant of the apartment as he opens the door to his apartment and checks the hallway.

GLEN (CONT'D)

It's fucking almost one in the morning, there's no way someone is running up and down my hallway right now.

INT. HALLWAY OUTSIDE OF APARTMENT - NIGHT

Glen swings the door to his apartment open, expecting people to be running by him. However, there is no one to be seen. The hallway is completely empty, not a person in sight. Glen shakes his head and talks to himself.

GLEN

I'm going crazy. I am actually going crazy.

Glen rubs his eyes again, the exhaustion starting to get to him. He reenters the apartment while locking the door behind him.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Clearly exhausted Glen sits back down on the couch and continues to watch the tv screen in front of him. He check the time on his phone, showing a photo of him and Laurie out on a date as his Lock Screen. He checks the time, it reads 1:15 in the morning.

GLEN

Come on Eddy. Where are you? I'll text him, maybe he's on his way.

Glen opens the messages app and sends Eddy a text to ask for an update on his arrival. After typing out and sending a text to Eddy, Glen sets his phone down on the couch and continues to watch the television. Once again, he starts to fall asleep on the couch again. Suddenly Glen is woken up from the sound of glass shattering. Assuming the sound came from the bathroom Glen perks up quickly and makes his way to the bathroom. After he gets up, the screen of Glen's phone shows a text from Eddy. It reads "Just wrapped up, I'll be there in 5". Glen of course, doesn't see this message as he walks to the bathroom.

GLEN (CONT'D)

Okay that's it! That's enough! I know you're fucking with me Eddy just come out here.

Glen hears no response from the closed door of the bathroom and gets ready to open it, expecting to see Eddy on the other side. He grabs the door handle and opens it.

INT. BATHROOM - NIGHT

Glen swings the door open, still expecting Eddy to be standing in front of him. He turns the lights on. However, no one is there. Glen looks down to find the vase full of flowers on the floor shattered into pieces. Glen looks back up in the mirror and walks towards the counter. He looks down at the sink and washes his face.

GLEN

What is going on? I am going insane. What am I doing? I just gotta go to bed. Screw Eddy.

As he looks down to the sink and talks to himself a hand reaches to the floor and grabs a long shard from broken vase. Glen finally looks up from the sink and sees someone behind him in the mirror. Laurie is standing behind him holding the shard of broken glass. Glen confused still trying to realize what's going on.

GLEN (CONT'D)

Laurie? What are you doing here?

Laurie charges glen with the shard before he can finish his sentence. He falls to the ground. Cut to black.

INT. LIVING ROOM - A FEW MINUTES LATER

The lights to the living room are still shut off and the tv has continued to play the same movie from earlier. The sound of the door unlocking cuts through the sound of the TV as the door creaks open shining in the lights from the hallway. Eddy walks in his book bag on his back and keys and phone in his hand. He continues looking down at his phone as he walks in the apartment.

EDDY

Hey Glen, sorry I got back so late.
We ran long and lost track of time.

As he finishes his sentence he looks up and sees Laurie standing in front of her, not Glen.

EDDY (CONT'D)

Oh Laurie? Glen didn't tell me you
were coming over. Where is he.

LAURIE

Oh it was kind of last minute. But
he left a little bit ago to grab
some food. But he'll be back in a
little bit.

Laurie smiles to Eddy trying to assure him. Behind her back She is still holding the now bloody shard of glass. Eddy has yet to notice.

EDDY

Oh alright?

Eddy sets his things down on the floor completely oblivious to what had just happened a few minutes prior. Laurie continues to show a clearly fake smile as the hand carrying the glass shard twitches behind her back.

Cut to black