

SOLD OUT

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INT. CINEMA LOBBY - DAY

KATE, a staff member behind a desk, tries to control the crowd.

KATE

Alright, alright...calm do...Yes, the doors are open, you can go
in... no, I'm sorry but we...we have sold out today's
screenings, there's no more...we have sol...LISTEN LISTEN, WE
HAVE SOLD OU...

CUT TO:

KATE, making a cup of tea, the crowd has dispersed. ADRIN,
another person working at the cinema, comes over.

ADRIN

Hello.

KATE

Hey. You alright.

ADRIN

Yeah, honestly, I'm surprised we're still busy with the WIFI
coming back on soon.

KATE

(sarcastic)

We've been busy? You don't say.

ADRIN

Uh...just letting you know the film's about to start if you wanted
to come in.

KATE

Yeah, I'll just finish this first.

ADRIN

Alright.

CUT TO:

KATE is walking towards the cinema entrance when she hears a knock at the front door. She looks and sees SAM waving at the front door. KATE walks towards him.

KATE

I'm very sorry sir, but we have sold out of tickets for today's screenings. We have more screenings tomorrow if you would like to come back...

SAM

Sorry, sorry, no no no. I'm not here for the film.

KATE

Ok...

An awkward silence

SAM

I...I missed my bus, and I've been waiting across the street at the bus stop for 20 minutes, and nothing's shown up yet. I was wondering if I could come in and wait inside.

KATE

Why?

SAM

Well, it's a bit cold out here.
(laughs)

KATE looks annoyed at SAM.

CUT TO:

KATE is sitting down reading a book, she glances over at SAM who is looking out the window. She returns to her book.

SAM

Not watching the film?

KATE

(looks up)

Hm?

SAM

The film in the cinema? Not going in and watching it?

KATE

I was planning on it.

SAM

Ah...right. Many people in there watching it?

KATE

(getting annoyed, breaths out nose and signs)

Yeah.

SAM

That's good, people have got to have some entertainment these days, you know, considering it's either here or just...

KATE stands up and walks away.

CUT TO:

EXT. SMOKING AREA - DAY

KATE is vaping outside, looking at the street opposite. SAM walks into the smoking area.

SAM

See any buses?

KATE shakes her head.

SAM

Ah...shame

SAM sits opposite KATE, KATE looks at him with disdain.

SAM

Yeah, cinemas have really been popular the past year, haven't they?

KATE does not respond, keeps looking outside

SAM

Shame it won't last long like.

KATE

(looks at Sam)

What you mean?

SAM

Well, the internet's "apparently" going to be back on at the end of the month so people are probably just going to go back to pirating their films online you know.

(laughs)

KATE is unamused.

SAM

You know what I've missed most about the internet?

KATE

What?

SAM

The fact that you could just find an answer to any question you had, like, how tall is the Eiffel Tower exactly? Do you know?

KATE

No.

SAM

Exactly, just a random thought I had and I could just go on my phone and find the answer in a second, can't do that any more.

(pause)

What about you?

KATE

Hm?

SAM

What do you miss...about the internet being gone?

KATE thinks for a moment.

KATE

I miss...being distracted by everything...you know.

SAM

What do you mean?

KATE

Like...you could just go on you're phone and go on sort of autopilot, you could forget anything that was going on in you life and just not think about anything for a while. Like just feel numb for an hour or two.

(pause)

I think I...

SAM

Oh shit, that's my bus, whats you're name again?

KATE

Kate.

SAM

Ah, thanks, Kate, for letting me chill here, see ya.

SAM runs off and leaves KATE, who looks confused.

INT. CINEMA - DAY

KATE is sitting behind the desk again, handing out tickets to people. ADRIN comes and talks to her.

ADRIN

Hi Kate, I'm going to start the film now, okay.

KATE

Yeah alright, I'll be inside in a sec.

ADRIN leaves, and KATE writes something down when she sees SAM outside waving. KATE goes to the door.

KATE

Hey

SAM

Hey...my uh... bus hasn't shown up again.

KATE looks a bit annoyed. We then see a montage of the two meeting over a few weeks, KATE coming to open the door, them talking outside, SAM rushing for the bus. KATE is seen to be warming up to SAM.

INT. CINEMA - DAY

KATE is sitting at the desk again, almost waiting for SAM. However, a WOMAN arrives at the doors to the cinema. KATE goes to let them in.

WOMAN

Sorry, we're late pet.

KATE

It's fine, I think the film's just started.

WOMAN

It was a nightmare getting here; they closed the bus stop right outside where I usually get off.

KATE is taken aback.

KATE

What you mean?

WOMAN

Oh yeah, there's posters up everywhere on a couple of stops, I'm assuming it's just because they're short-staffed now that the wifi's coming back on in a few days. People are quitting since the whole job market is set to return to normal. Anyway...thanks for letting me in pet.

The WOMAN heads to the cinema entrance, leaving KATE alone in the lobby.

EXT. SMOKING AREA - DUSK

KATE sits in the smoking area, vaping, looking outside.

INT. CINEMA - DAY

KATE is sitting down, looking sad. ADRIN comes round

ADRIN
You alright, Kate?

KATE
Yeah...yeah, I'm good, just...just tired.

ADRIN
The film is about to start if you want to come in. Probably going to be the last screening since the WIFI's is getting turned back on tonight.

KATE thinks for a moment.

KATE
I'm alright, I'll just stay here for a bit.

ADRIN nods and walks away. KATE looks out the window.

END.