

SIBLINGS

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INT. EMMA'S ROOM - DAY

In front of her tablet EMMA (15) records her vlog on YouTube when her sister JAY (8) comes in with a huge board game box.

JAY

Em, will you play my new game?

Emma pushes Jay away gently, while still recording, but Jay is persistent and enters the range of the camera. Emma pushes her sister away harder, Jay stumbles and falls.

Emma looks at Jay, slams her tablet down angrily.

EMMA

How many times have I told you not to touch MY stuff!?

Emma rips a gemstone brooch off Jay's top. Then throws Jay out of the room. Jay screams outside, punches the door.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Sitting on a couch Emma paints her nails. Jay grabs a ball.

JAY

Em, catch!

The ball hits the bottle with nail polish, spills it all over. Emma grabs the ball and steps on it - it deflates. The two start a cushion fight. Emma slaps Jay who starts crying.

MOM (39) comes in and shouts at Emma while comforting a sobbing Jay.

INT. EMMA'S ROOM - DAY

Emma slams her bedroom door. Puts her music on deafening. Then zones out in front of the tablet.

INT. JAY'S ROOM - DAY

Jay packs her toys into a rucksack.

EXT. GARDEN - DAY

Jay gets on her bike and rides away from home. Bike tires leave trails in the mud.

INT. EMMA'S ROOM - DAY

Emma watches her tablet feed confused. Browses the web feverishly: YouTube, BBC news.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY (CONTINUOUS)

Emma walks into the kitchen. Her mom is on the phone, face smeared with tears and make-up. She hugs Emma.

EMMA

Mom... it's fake news, right?

MOM

Go fetch your sister.

Emma searches the house for Jay but can't find her.

EXT. GARDEN - DAY

She sees the bike tracks in the mud. Thinks. Goes back inside. Comes out running.

INT. PLAYGROUND - DAY

People run around frantically, sirens scream. Emma searches the playground. Finally finds Jay huddled inside a playhouse.

EMMA

You are not supposed to go out alone. Mom is really upset.

Emma tries to pull Jay out of the playhouse. Jay pulls further inside. Emma reaches inside her pocket, takes the brooch out and puts it in Jay's lap. Jay's face lights up.

JAY

I thought you didn't want to play.

Emma sighs, bends over and crawls inside the playhouse. The two start playing with Jay's toys. The mayhem outside continues.