

DICPIC

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INT. ONLINE. ZOOM PAGE. 2AM.

Uma is sitting on screen, waiting.

The screen reads "Waiting for others to join".

Bella's face appears.

UMA

Bella, thank God.

BELLA

Uma. What the hell? It's two in the morning.

UMA

I'll explain when the others get here. I do not want to say this more than once.

Hannah appears on screen. She is animatedly talking but is on silent

UMA (CONT'D)

Hannah! Turn your Mike on.

Bella impatiently taps the 'microphone' icon on the screen.

UMA (CONT'D)

Turn your mike on!

Hannah continues to chatter on, unaware.

Bella types in the chat box whilst speaking.

BELLA

Hannah you're on mute.

Hannah realises and clicks the speaker icon on her screen.

HANNAH

Sorry! I was just telling you all about Chris and my virtual dinner date... So we made our own food, I had pasta and he had baked beans... but then we had also decorated the tables to match... kind of//

BELLA

(interrupts)

Hannah. It's 2am. I don't give a shit about your fake dinner date with Chris. Where's Maisey? Can we just start without her?

UMA

No. She knows about this stuff.

HANNAH

(intrigued)

Ohh. What stuff? Why are we here?

Bella picks up her phone and swipes.

BELLA.

I'm ringing her. She keeps her phone under her pillow.

(Maisey answers)

Maisey! Get on Zoom right now. It's an emergency... apparently... I don't know what sort of emergency, (glares pointedly at Uma) But it will be a police emergency, a homicide actually... if I don't get back to bed soon.

UMA

This is so worth it. I promise. You will be shocked!

HANNAH

Oohhh.

BELLA

I'd better be.

Maisey pops up on screen

MAISEY

What's up, bitches.

UMA

Maisey, I really wish you would stop calling us bitches. It's really derogatory to women you know.

BELLA

I'm about to get really derogatory to a certain Zoom calling woman if she doesn't get on with it and let me go back to bed!

UMA

Ok. Are you ready?

ALL

(irritated)

Yes!

The girls in various forms of sleepiness stare intently at their screens.

BELLA

Pete McIntyre sent me this!

She flashes her phone with a dic pic on the screen.

The girls all squint into their screens and are a bit taken aback.

Maisey takes a closer look at it.

MAISEY

Yep. That's Pete for sure.

UMA

What the? How the hell do you know?

MAISEY

Pete loves to send a dic pic.

UMA

And?

MAISEY

Well see how it's curved?

The girls all look closer into the screen and tilt their heads to the side simultaneously.

HANNAH

Oh yeah.

MAISEY

And there's a little birthmark, right there, underneath his...

The girls all get a closer look

UMA

Alright! Stop.

She whips her phone away from the screen.

MAISEY

You were worried I was going to say ball-sack, weren't you?

Hannah choke-laugh.

UMA

But he's such a nice guy.

BELLA

Is he?

MAISEY

Nice guys send dic pics.

HANNAH

Ewh, no they don't.

UMA

But why do they? No one wants to see that. His thingy and wrinkly walnuts.

The other girls are pissing themselves laughing by now.

BELLA

Wrinkly walnuts!

UMA

And he acts so normal... Like in class, it's like nothing has happened.

MAISEY

I guess he doesn't think it's a big deal if he sends them to everyone.

UMA

He sends them to everyone?

HANNAH

Yeah, I've got them from him.

MAISEY

Same. Obvs.

UMA

Oh God.

BELLA

Hey I don't. What the hell. Why didn't I get a dick pic? You guys all got one.

UMA

Do you actually hear what is coming out of your mouth right now?

BELLA

Should I be feeling disappointed or relieved?

UMA

Relieved!! Oh my God. Relieved!

(a beat)

I just don't understand why guys think it's ok to send pics of their...

(mouths)

penises?

BELLA

You got us out of bed at 2am so talk about dic pics?

UMA

Yes! And ask you what I should do about... mine.

Maisey has her phone out and is scrolling.

MAISEY

Well Mr Google says that "a man who sends a dick pic is projecting their own desires on those to whom they send it to, in the hope that their sexual desires will be reciprocated and they might just get sent a nude for their own viewing"... Hmm... Fascinating.

UMA

Ewh. No way.

MAISEY

"Researchers also found that for some men, the dick pic is used as a method of flirtation." Ohhh fancy.

UMA

Why has this suddenly become normal behaviour? Men sending unsolicited dick pics. Do they actually think that girls like it?

HANNAH

Well, I don't like it.

BELLA

Who does? Those saggy skin twins ain't pretty, that's for sure.

They laugh. Except Uma who is horrified.

MAISEY

All guys send them. I have a folder for them on my desktop.

UMA

(gobsmacked)
You have a folder?

BELLA

You keep them? How many do you have?

MAISEY

I haven't counted them.

UMA

(shocked)
You have that many that you need to count them?

HANNAH

Not all guys send dick pics. Chris would never.

MAISEY

Are you sure?

HANNAH

Yeah, absolutely. We both feel the same about sharing pictures on social media. It's risky. You have to really, really trust the person... and then you don't know whether if you had a fight one day that they'd go back on their word and share them... You know. Not that I don't trust Chris, I do. I'm just glad we have the same, you know... morals.

BELLA

I would never send a nude. I want to work in politics, I do not need that sort of shit cropping it's ugly head up and fucking up my career. But each to their own, more power to ya, I say.

UMA

Well I would never....Obviously...

There is an uncomfortable silence.

UMA (CONT'D)

Maisey you are being very quiet on this.

MAISEY

(exasperated)

Guys.... It's been six months in lockdown. I am so hanging out.

UMA

So you've...?

MAISEY

All the time. Pics, videos, snap chats. The lot.

BELLA

You can't trust Brock!

MAISEY

Yes I can. He promised me that he'd never share anything we do. Anyway, so what if he does?

UMA

Are you serious? You could end up in some sort of weird sex site. What if your mum saw it? Your grandma? Future employer.

UMA (CONT'D)

I'm careful. I never show my face. Hey who are you guys to get all judgey on me? I love him... I really do. He is like a different person when we are alone online together. He's so sweet and caring. He is keeping me going through this shit. I am seriously going crazy. I am so sad... all of the time. I need the escape. I need him.

BELLA

I get it.. I totally do. Nobody is judging you.

HANNAH

God no.

UMA

I'm not judging. I just want you to be careful.

MAISEY

I am. I'm just lonely without you guys. I want this all to end so badly. I need people... I feel like I'm starving human interaction.

HANNAH

Same.

UMA

Same. Same.

BELLA

Take heart. They are making really good progress with the vaccine trials. They also said we will be able to exercise soon. Half an hour a day. Within 5ks of our house... apparently.

UMA

That would be amazing. A taste of freedom... Even if it's just half an hour a day.

MAISEY

You can do a lot in a half an hour.

BELLA

(laughs)

I don't think road side quickies will be allowed within the new Covid regulations, Maisey.

They all laugh.

HANNAH

Why don't we do a walk by each other at the supermarket again... a two minute catch up in the lolly isle?

UMA

Yes! I'll see if my mum will lend me her car.

BELLA

I'm in.

HANNAH

Yay! So ten?

BELLA

Am?

UMA
Today? Brilliant.

MAISEY
... I'll have to check my social
calendar.

HANNAH
Ha. Good one.

BELLA
Better make it midday, some crazy
lady woke me up at 2am.

HANNAH
Ha, ha. Oh my God, I'm so excited.
It's going to be so hard not to hug
you all.

UMA
Don't even try, the Covid Marshall
at Foodland is militant. Joyce
Fairbanks got a \$375 fine for
touching her neighbour on the arm.

BELLA
Bullshit.

UMA
She did. It's true.

BELLA
Ok. I'm done. Never Zoom me again
at 2am, Uma. Goodnight ladies.

Her screen clicks off.

MAISEY
Nighty, night, bitches.

UMA
Maisey!

HANNAH
I love you guys.

Hannah and Maisey click off. Uma is left alone.

UMA
But guys... Wait... You didn't tell
me what to do with the dic pic.
Guys... are you still there?
(yells)
The dic pic?

A light switches on in the corridor behind Hannah. She looks around in alarm and scuttles off into her bed. Only for her face to return in the Zoom screen moments later to switch it off.