

DON'T SHOW UP

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The kettle sizzles.

JULIA (21) turns off the stove while an initial credit of the movie is paused on the TV. She picks a cup and one tea on the cabinet.

Leaving the bedroom *ALICE* (23) appears tired and lazy wearing a pajama, and walking to the sofa.

Julia watches Alice walking like a zombie with a cellphone on her hand.

JULIA
(ironic)
Good morning, princess... zombie!

Alice shakes hands with a fake smile to Julia and throws herself on the couch.

Julia pours the water on the cup.

JULIA (CONT'D)
How's the hangover from drinking until morning at the party?

ALICE
(with the mouth on the cushions)
It's terrible!

Julia laughs and finishes making tea.

JULIA
Do you want tea?

Alice raises her arm with a positive sign.

JULIA (CONT'D)
Okay!

Julia picks a new cup and pours water in it until she finishes.

Alice turns to the front of the TV.

ALICE
What the hell is this on TV?

Julia picks the two cups of tea and walks to the couch.

JULIA
It's a new movie by Xavier Dolan.

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ALICE
(ironic)
Oh... nice!

Julia pushes Alice to sit on the couch and gives her a cup of tea.

JULIA
(charming)
I think that you've liked it, all of
Xavier's movies are cool.

Sitting and warming hands with the cup of tea, Julia turns the head to Alice.

ALICE
I don't like... you know...
(low)
cult things!

JULIA
(ironic)
You never tried...

ALICE
Of course... the actors in these
movies are ugly!

JULIA
No! They aren't ugly!...
(babbling)
This movie... This movie, for
example... has Kit Harrington!

Alice laughs and drinks the cup of tea, and burning her mouth.

ALICE
Oh my god, this is hot!

JULIA
(laughing)
Well done, girl!

Alice makes a grimace to Julia and drops the tea on the coffee table and picks her cellphone.

Julia laughing blows the tea quietly and picks the TV control and starts the movie "The Life and Death of J. Donovan".

The movie starts and Alice looks weird to her cellphone.

ALICE
(shocked)
Holy shit!

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Watching the movie, Julia sees Alice fast.

JULIA

What?

Julia gets back to the movie.

ALICE

(off)

Stop this movie, right now!

Julia looks to Alice shocked.

JULIA

Why?

ALICE

(stressful and shocked)

Please, just do it!

Julia picks the TV control and pauses the movie.

JULIA

(not understanding)

What's happening?

Alice breathes slowly and looks at Julia.

ALICE

You know, Miguel Bitencourt, right?
That Instagram boy that makes a lot of
success on the IGTV and tik tok,
videos and etc... right?

Julia confirms.

ALICE (CONT'D)

So... he was at the same party that we
were... last night.

JULIA

Oh yeah, I saw him there... He was as
crazy as you...

ALICE

Okay!... I was watching his stories
now, and I think that he was
kidnapped!

JULIA

Why?... This can be an Instagram joke
like the others!

ALICE

I don't think so... I don't know...
showed him... drunk... and mak...

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ALICE (CONT'D)
whatever, I will show you!

Alice backs the stories and closes to Julia with a cell phone on the hands.

2 **INT. STORIES - DAY**

2

MIGUEL (22) appears on the camera.

ALICE (V.O)
Look here!

The stories start.

MIGUEL
(happy)
Hi, guys! I decided to answer some interesting questions from you... here! On the stories! Maybe five... So... make an interesting question and can be hereeee!

Miguel, it points out the question box and gives a smile.

3 **INT. STORIES - SOME HOURS LATER**

3

Miguel appears to lie down and looks to the camera.

The question on the "question box" is " Are you Brazilian?"

MIGUEL
Let me answer the question here, this is an interesting thing that almost nobody knows about me... Yeah, I'm...

JULIA (V.O)
Can't you pass this?

ALICE (V.O)
No! It's important to see everything!

JULIA (V.O)
Okay!

MIGUEL
Brazilian, I'm born in the south of Brazil and I moved out here, in Dublin, when I was fifteen years old, I guess... So that's is, I'm Brazilian, and... and I miss my friends and family, and... oh... and a funny thing, is that I never went back there, because of my job that started as soon that came and always I working and I couldn't go. So that's it, Eu
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MIGUEL (CONT'D)
sou Brasileiro!

4 **INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER**

4

Miguel appears to lie down and looking to the camera again.

The question on the "question box" is "Are you dating someone?".

Miguel looks to the camera with an ironic smile makes a zoom in his face and winks.

MIGUEL
Maybe...

5 **INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER**

5

Miguel appears walking in his house looking to the camera.

The question on the "question box" is "Do you work as an actor?".

MIGUEL
Yeah! I'm an actor... I made some musicals and theatre performances, and now I'm starring in a movie. I'm in "Mokosatsu" a new short film that is made here...

Miguel looks to the window to think a moment.

MIGUEL (CONT'D)
...And I will see, I'm ready for the battle that... that this type of job requires, you know!

Miguel gives a smile from the camera.

6 **INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER**

6

Miguel put the cell phone supported on the armory while making a sandwich talks with the camera.

The question on the "question box" is "How was it to meet, Ariana Grande?".

MIGUEL
The best experience of my life... ever! I met her in the backstage of her show, and we laughed and talked a little bit about the dreams and the hear beauty!
(thinking)
To those who didn't know that I meet her, I will put the pictures here!

7 INT. STORIES - 1 MINUTE LATER 7

PHOTO: Miguel smiling with Ariana Grande in a backstage photoshoot.

8 INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER 8

Miguel eats a sandwich and puts on the plate.

The question on the "question box" is "What is your career dream?".

MIGUEL

So... I think that my dream is making the greatest movies and stories with my job on Instagram and youtube, and shows to everyone what is my purpose!"

9 INT. STORIES - SOME HOURS LATER 9

Miguel appears dressed better and in front of the window, serious looks to the camera.

MIGUEL

Guys, I need to say to everyone that...

Miguel stops and breathes, so he doesn't cry.

MIGUEL (CONT'D)

respect is the most important thing on a human being, so thinks bout' what do you say to others.

(breathing)

Maybe you are messing with other people's feelings and if nobody asked you... Just don't says anything!

Miguel looks around seriously.

10 INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER 10

Miguel appears against the elevator, with the camera pointing from the window, he shows his look.

MIGUEL

Hey guys, the stories that I posted previously, it's just a message for some people that...

(ironic)

That cares about me more than normal people do, so... everything is okay, I don't will show up! And life goes on!

11 INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER

11

Miguel on the shopping show some icecreams

MIGUEL
Guys, what is better than ice cream to
calm down?...

Miguel shows a girlfriend.

MIGUEL (CONT'D)
And a nice friend to talk to!

On the bottom, **THE KILLER** appears dressing black clothes.

12 INT. STORIES - 1 HOUR LATER

12

Miguel in his bedroom gets on the bed, looking to the camera.

MIGUEL
(surprised)
I'm at home now and with good news
guys, something so cool was send to me
and I'm very anxious to show you guys!

13 INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER

13

Miguel excited sitting on the bed and with some bags is his
side looks to the camera.

MIGUEL
So guys... that surprise, is that...
Tarara...
(louder)
drum roll!

Miguel picks the invitation to a party in a bag with some
drinks, and invite, and a letter.

MIGUEL (CONT'D)
(showing the bag)
There's where I'll be at... Nebula
Bar! Tonight! Thanks, Nebula Bar for
inviting me to this memorable night
for you, I'm so anxious... Oh, oh, I
need to show the letter to you, guys!

Miguel opens the letter and reads.

MIGUEL (CONT'D)
"Miguel,..." see how fancy, guys!...
Whatever
(reading)
"We from Nebula Bar invite you to our
party anniversary to celebrates with
us, with a lot of drinks and a lot of
(MORE)

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MIGUEL (CONT'D)

funny things, we love your job and
you! Kisses"...

(happy)

It's cute, not guys? I'm in love!...

(passionate)

I'll and wait for everyone at this
party that starts at 8 pm, on

Miguel looks back to the invite to read the address.

MIGUEL (CONT'D)

there... the address you can access on
the @nebulabar and that's it, love you
guy!

Miguel shaking his hands to the camera.

14 **INT. STORIES - NIGHT**

14

Miguel walks into the party and shows the place with some
friends.

MIGUEL

Uhuru, I'm anxious. This night is all
for us.

A Friend makes a grimace to the camera and exciting Miguel
shouts louder.

Miguel

Uuuuuuuuu!

15 **INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER**

15

Miguel shows the party with electronic music, the people at
the party dancing and the lights are strong and beautiful.

16 **INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER**

16

Miguel records a big bottle of vodka that flashes and he and
his girlfriends kidding with the bottle pointing by her
laughing and making funny faces to the camera.

JULIA (V.O)

Holy shit... Look at this bottle!

Alice stopped the stories.

JULIA (V.O)

(Feeling the judgment by Alice)

What? Sorry! That is beautiful, okay?

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The stories back.

17 **INT. STORIES - 1 HOUR LATER**

17

Miguel records him drinking a cup of a drink and dancing following the music that plays, and singing together with the singer.

MIGUEL

Ooh... Ohh...

(To your girlfriends)

I like that...

(Singing)

" Yeah, I beat my face

Movin' fast 'cause the Uber on the way

Takin' pictures, make sure you can't
see any lace

That wig secure like the money in a
safe...

Miguel looks around and makes stranger movements on the camera.

MIGUEL (CONT'D)

... I look like bae

Now I'm on the way...

Miguel drinks more than one drink from the cup.

MIGUEL (CONT'D)

(Singing and dancing)

... way

When I'm outside, please don't make me
wait

The party startin' when we pull up to
the gate...

18 **INT. STORIES - 1 HOUR LATER**

18

Miguel takes an embarrassing photo on the party that is unrecognizable, just with lights and people on there.

19 **INT. STORIES - SOME HOURS LATER**

19

Miguel takes another stranger photo with a guy on his side, but with above embarrassed and unrecognizable.

20 **INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER**

20

The video starts and Miguel appears walking in someplace

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without people. He walks drunks and the camera just follows him.

Miguel looks to the camera and goes to the guy that is filming and looks to him.

MIGUEL

(Drunk)

You... A... Are... So Pre... Tty!

The guy that is filming laughs and Miguel with a nice face just walking stumbling.

21 **INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER**

21

Miguel is recorded again, he is sitting on the floor just with the cell phone lights, and looks to the camera.

MIGUEL

(Drunk)

Ja...

Miguel throwing up.

JULIA (V.O)

What the fuck is this?

22 **INT. LIVING ROOM/KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS**

22

Alice clicks on the phone stopped the stories and looks to Julia.

JULIA

(outraged)

This doesn't make sense!

(picking your phone)

We need to call the police!

ALICE

Calm down, Julia... let's finish this?

Julia looks to Alice, breathe and goes back to your side.

23 **INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER**

23

JULIA (V.O)

Who can do this?

ALICE (V.O)

(Calm voice)

I don't know!

The stories start.

Sounds of steps.

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Unconscious, Miguel is shown tied in a chair.

The Killer catches Miguel's head and shows it to the camera.

24 **INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER** 24

In the dark, the killer rips Miguel's clothes with him unconscious and records.

25 **INT. STORIES - 1 HOUR LATER** 25

The killer records, Miguel just with underwear tied, he wakes up.

THE KILLER
(recording)
Looks who's awake!

The killer laughs.

26 **INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER** 26

The killer records Miguel crawling on the floor. Miguel looks at him and tries to leave the place while crying.

MIGUEL
(crawling)
leave me!

Slowly the killer walks to Miguel.

Miguel watches him and tries to get up, but have difficulty.

The killer approaches him and Miguel starts to shout.

CUT TO.

27 **INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER** 27

Miguel cries a lot to the camera, tied on the chair.

THE KILLER
(crass)
Say something!

Miguel looks to The Killer's eyes and spits his face.

MIGUEL
Bullshit...

28 **INT. STORIES - SOME MINUTES LATER** 28

A strange photo, embarrassed.

29 INT. STORIES - SOME HOURS LATER

29

Miguel records the killer dead on the floor, the chair is thrown on the floor.

Miguel turns the camera to him and has blood on his face.

MIGUEL

(crying)

I'm here, just to says that everyone deserves respect because we are all human, so...

The Killer wakes behind him and goes to Miguel.

MIGUEL (CONT'D)

Take, the negative people off your life... and not just this, also serve people that don't serve being in your life. When it doesn't make sense, you need to cut it off.

The Killer behind Miguel catches him when he has sent the message.

30 INT. STORIES - 1-MINUTE AGO

30

One Girl with a Guy on the Kitchen looking to the camera.

GIRL

Looks what he's...

BLACKOUT.

31 INT. LIVING ROOM/KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

31

Alice turns off the phone, and crying looks to Julia that is perplexed.

JULIA

Is this?... What a fuck! I'll call the police.

Julia takes her phone and starts to typing to 911.

ALICE

(looking on twitter)

Stop... People already called the police, I'm seeing here on twitter.

Julia stopped and stay quiet thinking.

JULIA

I don't... How?

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ALICE
Maybe, can be his ex, I don't know...

JULIA
(gets up)
I'm going to the bathroom... you try
to find something else about it.

ALICE
Maybe there's something in the
stories... A clue, maybe!

Julis goes to the bathroom and Alice enters again on
Instagram... Searches to "Miguel" Perfil and goes to stories.

Alice passes fast some stories but stopped on the video that
Miguel records on the shopping (SCENE 10), and point a guy
wearing black that is looking to Miguel on the Video.

ALICE (CONT'D)
I find a thing.

Julia puts her head out of the bathroom.

JULIA
What?

ALICE
I think that I know this guy...

JULIA
What guy?

Julia goes to Alice.

ALICE
(showing the video)
Him!

JULIA
(looking strange)
Maybe!

ALICE
(passing the stories)
This makes me nervous.

JULIA
(calm)
Drink a tea, sis!

ALICE
(relieved)
You're right!

Alice drops the cell phone and takes the cup of tea, and

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after this breathe a little bit.

Alice looks at the cell phone and looks at the photos of Miguel on Instagram.

ALICE (CONT'D)
He always was a nice boy...

Julia sits side of Alice.

ALICE (CONT'D)
I don't believe that this happened.

JULIA
(comprehensive)
Everything will be okay, just calm down!

Alice looks at Miguel's photos again and updates the page.

A new story was posted, Alice goes back and pointing to the phone showing to Julias.

ALICE
(lively)
Look at this, look at this...

JULIA
(looking to the cell phone)
What a... Open, now!

Alice breathes and clicks on the stories icon.

On the cell phone, Miguel appears in an external place like weird face, and with a lot of blood on his body, he looks to the camera.

MIGUEL
(on the cellphone)
Hey... I think that all of you, saw this, right?
(showing his clothes)
What happened to me, and whatever...
I'm here just to sends a message to all of my followers.

Miguel sits in a rock.

MIGUEL (CONT'D)
(starting to crying)
Don't show up... That's it, And you know the reason? Is that this attracts the worst people close to us... And nobody deserves this, and at the end of all... life happens... The famous life that we all look for sometimes
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MIGUEL (CONT'D)

goes away in a second.

(crying)

Tell all of your haters to eat shit and getaway. The people that make you sick, they're the ones that need a remedy and you need... Love... We always seek de love of others, so the only love that you need, it's yours?... it's yours! Okay?

(looks around)

Really think about everything that I'm saying... I need to say that... that in one minute this account, will be deleted. A nice life to all and see you, guys!

Alice and Julia look at one of the others.

JULIA

(no understanding)

So that's it?

Alice doesn't understand and put the stories again. Julia looks to her and takes the phone off her hand.

JULIA (CONT'D)

Calm down, girl. He's just a "friend" of yours, so... you see he's okay... whatever happens with him, we'll see later on Facebook... Calm down, and watch the movie, ok?

Quiet Alice looks to Julia, Julia gives her the cell phone and picks the control to restart the movie.

Julia turns on the movie.

Alice opens the cellphone again and looks to his account that she updates and the message that doesn't exist more is showed.

Alice tries updates again and looks to the TV worried faking a happy moment.

FADE OUT.