

RED ROSE

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NOAH

Wren? Wren?!

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3/03 INT. WREN'S HOUSE - WREN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT 3/03

Noah and Wren are on her BED, distance between them $\ensuremath{\mathsf{W}}$ en is still shaken -

WREN

It was Roch. It was her, I swear down.

Their eyes connect.

WREN You believe me, don't you?

NOAH I do. But... I'm scared.

Wren is moved by Noah's honesty. She sees the toll things have taken on him <u>He's vulnerable</u>. Noah feels the change. Can they be together? For a moment it looks like they're going to evolve to intimacy. But no - Wren's eyes cast down to her PHONE. The temporary softness is swallowed by reality. Noah looks from Wren's PHONE to Wren.

NOAH

I don't think we should be doing this.

WREN Do you wanna know what happened to Roch? Or do you just wanna bury your head in the sand like Ant?

NOAH I'mhere aren't I?

Wren breathes deeply -

NOAH But Ant's right. This is dangerous. And doing what it says... it might not help.

WREN Do you think we should ignore it? Coz I know I can't, Noah.

Wren's stare causes Noah to search deep.

NOAH

No.

Noah reads how freaked out Wren is. He sits beside her.

NOAH I won't let anythin' hurt you. (then) Do you want me to stay?

They're close. The heat between them is strong. They move closer, ready to KISS. Their hands touch, they press their legs against each other's, when - Noah's PHONE lights up:

> NOAH It's Ash. Wren, did you post a selfie with the mirror?

> > WREN

No.

Wren stares open-mouthed at Noah and grabs his PHONE. There it is. LIKES and COMMENTS, including Big Jenna: 'copycat'. Off their scared looks...

3/04 INT. WREN'S HOUSE - WREN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT 3/04

Noah lies on the FLOOR under BLANKETS, Wren's head hangs over the side of her bed. They stare at each other. Wren plays with Noah's hair. Noah pushes himself up and kisses Wren, before easing himself back down. She looks longingly at him then turns on her side, facing the wall. She won't sleep tonight. Her eyes are wide, wired and fearful.

3/05 INT. WREN'S HOUSE - WREN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT 3/05

The room is dark - when the familiar RED GLOW emanates from $\ensuremath{\mathsf{W}}\xspace$ of the second secon

ROCHELLE (V.O.) Wren? Wren?

Wren's eyes DART OPEN, seeing the RED GLOW on her ceiling. Noah sleeps nearby. She turns to face her PHONE. The clock reads 3: OOam She reaches for it, a semi-desperate look on her face.

WREN

Rochel I e?

Then - the RED GLOW VANI SHES. Wren freezes - was that real?

RACHEL (O.S.)

(softly) Wren...? Is that you?

Wr en pretends to sleep as Rachel checks on them Rachel's about to exit when she sees on the mirror - 'I want my friend back'.

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It hits Rachel, as she closes the door gently behind her. Wren's eyes flicker open. She reaches for her PHONE and taps the screen. But it's normal - a pic of Wren and Rochelle. Wren lies down, eyes wide open.

3/06 INT. CAFE - DAY (MORNING)

Ant sits by himself. He reads 'The Eye of the World' as he has a COFFEE. He tries to read. But he can't help it - he opens his PHONE and CHECKS KRUSH. It's not long before the HOT, LEAN CHEST of EMOBOY messages him 'wuu2?'. Antony's eyes dart round, nervous. No one's watching. He begins to type. As he does, Antony feels his non-existent muscles.

EXT. ANTONY'S HOUSE - DAY 3/07

Antony approaches his home from the back, across a beautiful green space. As he arrives at his BACK DOOR, he stops, listening, to gauge the mood inside. He hears MUSIC. Relaxing, he puts his key in the door.

3/08 INT. ANTONY'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

Ant enters an empty KITCHEN with the RADIO playing. No one's there. Weakly:

ANTONY

No answer. Ant turns off the RADLO. He hears a NOLSE from the LI VI NG ROOM

3/09 INT. ANTONY'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY 3/09

> ANDREA, in a dressing gown, lies on the COUCH, HUNGOVER. Ant goes to chat, but reconsiders. He exits. She doesn't see him

3/10 INT. ANTONY'S HOUSE - ANTONY'S BEDROOM - DAY 3/10

Antony and Liam share a BEDROOM with BUNK BEDS. Ant enters. /

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RACHEL (CONT'D) saying it were on her phone. But there were nowt.

POLICE OFFICER We can take the phone and check?

Noah considers, then looks at Wren like it's possible:

RACHEL Take my teenage daughter's phone? Do you have any riot gear?

POLICE OFFICER If Wren wants to surrender her phone, that's up to her. If she does hand it over, she'd be lucky to get it back at all.

WREN shakes her head: No fucking way. Movement. A DOOR OPENS.

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RACHEL Thanks for coming.

POLICE OFFICER Any time. Here's my card, call us if anything comes up.

Wren and Noah retreat upstairs.

3/13 INT. WREN'S HOUSE - WREN'S BEDROOM - DAY

Wren closes the door behind them, fuming.

WREN I can't believe she called the fucking police on me.

NOAH She's worried.

WREN She thinks I'm Iyin'.

NOAH It's hidin' itself though. (then) Do you wanna give them your phone? Maybe it'll help?

WREN No. You heard the police - I wouldn't get it back, and my mum isn't listenin'. We're on our own.

They share a solid look.

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3/14INT. WREN'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY3/14Rachel COOKS as Wren and Noah enter. Wren is pissed. Rachel

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RACHEL You need to make things right with Vinny. (off Wren) Wren, what you said at the

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WREN So, um, I - wanted to, erm.. I'm sorry for what I said in church.

There's a long, pensive silence as Vinny looks at Wren.

WREN

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WREN Rochelle was on my phone. Last night. And this morning.

All eyes DART to Wren's PHONE.

WREN I need the toilet.

Wren exits as Ant stands:

ANTONY

l'm going. Make sure she doesn't do anything stupid.

NOAH It'd be better if you stayed. She's becoming obsessed with it. She needs her mates.

ANTONY She needs to drop this. We all do. There's nowt we can do.

NOAH

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Wren nods. They all hug farewells. Ash and Taz leave. Wren and Noah walk in silence. Noah reads his PHONE and STOPS:

NOAH You've just tagged me and you in a post saying we spent the night together.

WREN You know I couldn't have done that.

Noah gets a shiver down his spine. Wren, off this:

WREN

What?

NOAH It's using your camera.

Wren consults her PHONE, dawning dread:

WREN The Two Jennas have already shared it. (reading) Everyone hates me. 'Slut', 'Slut', 'Bitch', 'Whore'.

Wren looks hurt and fed up. They walk off.

3/20 EXT. BOLTON TOWN - DAY

Wren and Noah walk through town, tense. Wren stares around. Are people staring at her? As they move, it seems like other SHOPPERS are staring at them Noah observes Wren's growing paranoia. Wren struggles. Just as Wren's starting to freak out - Noah takes her hand. Wren softens.

> WREN I'mlooking after the twins later. Do you wanna join me?

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WREN We can't be seen together.

ANTONY

You know where I stand on this.

ASHLEY

I do. But this isn't just about Wren. It's for Rochelle too. None of us should be alone right now Can you... just hang around with us? I'll throwin a free chocolate bar.

Ant considers, then holds out a hand, entering.

ANTONY Fine. If I must.

TAZ

Do I not get one?

ASHLEY

Who d'you think I am? Willy Wonka?

Taz eyerolls as he works on his LAPTOP. Ant sits. Ash, relieved, prices STOCK.

3/22 INT. NOAH'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

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Noah arrives home, fed up and sad. He stuffs his BAG in a corner. He roots in the FRIDGE for INGREDIENTS. He begins to make a SANDWICH when SHELLEY appears, concerned.

SHELLEY Noah - are you ok? Where were you?

NOAH (tired) Oh, sorry... I was at Wren's.

Shelley takes in his appearance and his SANDW/CH construction. She hugs him sits him down and takes over making it for him Softly:

SHELLEY Maybe just drop me a text next time love.

NOAH

Sorry.

SHELLEY It's ok. There's a lot goin' on.

She shoots him another concerned look.

SHELLEY I can't imagine how you're feelin'. Or Wren. Bless her.

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ASHLEY Lady Di ana Spencer to you.

TAZ

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ANDREA (CONT'D)

Actually, never mind. I'll just take this. Here. See you later.

Andrea grabs a NEWSPAPER, drops COLNS on the counter and exits, Ant's sad gaze on her back. Ash's heart goes to him As soon as Andrea's gone, Ash stares at her work, catching Ant ashamedly turning to analyse her from the corner of his eye. Ant, relieved at Ash's 'obliviousness' relaxes, but Taz -

> TAZ Jesus, she reeked of vodka. Cheap vodka. Did anyone else smell it?

Ash shoots Taz a filthy look. Taz doesn't get it.

ANTONY

Yes.

Silence. Taz TYPES away. Ash surreptitiously watches Ant. His eyes well with TEARS.

ANTONY I've gotta go. Speak to you later.

3/26 INT. TEA ROOMS - DAY

The Twins enjoy MILKSHAKES with Wren. Rachel clears TABLES. Wren's distracted. She places her PHONE on the TABLE. The room is filled with CUSTOMERS.

> WREN How are the milkshakes?

CLARE

NORA

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Lovel y.

Dee-licious.

Wren notes the tinge of sadness to their voices. She SNLFFS her MLKSHAKE.

WREN That's weird. My milkshake smells funny.

The Twins share a sceptical look.

NORA

What of?

Wren places her MILKSHAKE in the centre of the TABLE.

WREN

Have a sniff.

The Twins lean in - when Wren blows through her STRAW, causing the FOAM to fly in the air. The Twins pull back, laughing. Wren smiles warmly at them, leans in, quiet, scans the room and smiles: RED ROSE - Episode 103 by Tolula Dada - 11.08.21 - 20.

WREN

You know you can tell me anything, right?

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CLARE We wore necklaces. Can we play?

WREN Maybe another day. VINNY I was wondering if you'd take some stuff. Of hers. So it's still used.

WREN I... I couldn't Vinny -

VI NNY

Pl ease.

3/28 INT. ROCHELLE'S HOUSE - ROCHELLE'S BEDROOM - DAY 3/28

Wren hesitates, then enters. The curtains are OPEN. It's just as Roch left it.

Wren's eyes land on Ash's ILLUSTRATION of Wren, Roch and Ash. Wren takes the DRAWING, putting it in her BAG. Her foot hits <u>ROCH'S SHOES from 101</u>. She <u>picks them up</u> like they're the Ruby Slippers, BAGGING them

Rochelle's gone. Wren's eye catches SMUDGED LIPSTICK on the MIRROR: 'MUM. <u>The hairs on her neck rise.</u> Wren grimaces and leaves. We stay. Alone in Rochelle's room

3/29 INT. ASHLEY'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY 3/29

Ash works on her TRAVEL BOOK when JILL and DAVE enter with SHOPPING BAGS. Ashley closes her BOOK as Jill places a LEVI'S BAG right in front of Ash, whose eyes narrow on the bag.

> ASHLEY I thought you were only getting essentials?

JILL The food shop's tomorrow

Ash looks at all the BRANDED SHOPPING BAGS.

JILL What's wrong love?

ASHLEY

I just... it's a bit weird that you tell me you can't pay me, then you go and splurge on all this.

DAVE This? It's our money.

JILL We told you. Your wages are going to the household. Food. Bills -

ASHLEY - Levi Strauss and his mates? DAVE There summat you wanna say Ashley?

ASHLEY

Ι...

DAVE Do you eat? Do you use the shower? Do you use the lights?

ASHLEY Yeah... but I'm your daughter.

JILL Our parents didn't pay us when we worked for them We're only doing what they did. You'll thank us one day.

Ash goes to speak, but Jill puffs up aggressively. Dave stands behind Jill. So Ash Leaves, pulling up Ant's contact info and CALLING him

3/30 INT. ANTONY'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY 3/30

Ant's curled up with his LAPTOP. Andrea gently snores on the SOFA. His PHONE lights up - Ash's CALL. Ant looks like he wants to answer, but ultimately he ignores it.

PING. A message, from EmoBoy: 'This afternoon was fun. U as good with ur hands as u r behind a keyboard? Let's meet.' Ant sits up. Cautious. *Excited*. Ant: 'sure. why not'. EmoBoy: 'got a selfie? so I'll recognise you?'

Ant panics. He looks nothing like his AVATAR - a ripped torso. He finds a PRE-ALTERED SELFIE. It DOES NOT LOOK LIKE ANTONY. In it, Antony looks more BUFF than he does IRL.

EmoBoy replies: 'fucking hot'. EmoBoy sends his own SELFIE: 'Crompton Park loos @ 3?'

Ant looks over to Andrea, open-mouthed, snoring on the SOFA. Ant: 'Crompton Park's fine'. EmoBoy signs off: 'Issadate! CU tomorrow'. Ant BEANS, excited but nervous.

3/31 <u>INT. WREN'S HOUSE - WREN'S BEDROOM - EVENING</u> 3/31

The TOWN HALL BELL sounds faintly through an open WINDOW Wren dozes, PHONE in HAND.

<u>THE PHONE GLOWS RED</u>. Wren flinches awake. Lightning fast she reads: 'Come to me'. Wren looks horrified. She panics and writes to the Dickheads: 'anyone about??'. But she deletes it and doesn't send. She goes, putting on Roch's trainers.

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WREN (O.S.) - I can't. I'm sorry... I've gotta go.

NOAH Oh. Ok. See you.

WREN (O.S.)

Bye.

Awkward. Noah wipes his face as -

SHELLEY Was that Wren?

Noah, sleepy, takes in Shelley as she enters. Noah nods. Shelley sits across from him at the table.

NOAH

Yeah.

Shelley reads his face... and says nothing. Eventually:

NOAH What the fuck am I doin? I'm doin' nothing... I...

He sighs, frustrated. Shelley watches him Silence. at ča

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3/35 INT. CHURCH - DAY

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 ${\rm RI}\,{\rm CK}$ sidles in, spotting Wren sitting in the PEWS. His heart goes to her. She eyes where the COFFIN stood.

RICK Sorry I'mlate. Had a job interview WREN Why'd you [kill him] (reconsiders) ...doit?

Wren's hyper aware of his reply. Rick considers, then:

RI CK

It all happened so fast. It's funny, people think 'cos of films that fights are big things. But they're not. It only takes a moment to finish one. I just wish mine'd ended differently.

WREN So do I. (then) I hurt Rochelle.

RICK You didn't kill her.

WREN

I ignored her.

RICK You didn't kill her.

Wren looks down at her PHONE, then faces Rick, conflicted.

RI CK

People love to blame. In my case, they have a right, but with you... they're just looking for a scapegoat. Try not to let it get to you. And if it does, think before you do anything you might regret. (then) What's your gut telling you?

WREN It's not my fault.

Rick gestures: Well, there you go.

WREN There're a couple of right scrotes makin' life 'ard for me right now

RICK Make peace Wren -

WREN - but they're proper savage and -

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ASHLEY

Wren needs us.

Taz nods, then faces Taz the First.

TAZ Grandad, can you give us a lift?

TAZ THE FIRST (Kashmiri) Is that Ashley? The gobby one from the shop?

Ash's ears prick up at her name.

TAZ Yeah. She needs me. They all do. They kind of see me as their leader. That's why I need to go.

Ash pulls a face at 'leader'.

ASHLEY What you on about?

TAZ THE FIRST (wry smile) Very well. Let us go forth and help your friends.

Ash watches Taz and the CLUB with growing fascination. Like she's seeing him for the first time - and likes it.

3/38 <u>EXT. CROMPTON PARK - WOODLANDS/TUNNEL - DAY</u> 3/38

Ant walks nervously through the grounds. He passes through woodlands - and a DARK TUNNEL. Eventually, the TOLLETS come into sight. He does a final three-point check: breath, armpits, shirt. He messages EmoBoy: 'nearly there'. Ant notices beowir scolated the park is. He droo ointo sight. w K

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His voice echoes around him A TAP DRIPS. Then - the TOILET STALL furthest from him CREEKS open a crack. Is that him? Ant hesitates. He steps forward.

LITTLE JENNA It's full fat, which is good for you.

PATRICK It's also rammed with sugar.

BIGJENNA (to Noah) Bet you can eat whatever you want.

Noah looks between the Two Jennas. Are they serious?

CLARAN Rochelle's funeral was sad.

BIGJENNA Really sad. But you looked really handsome.

LITTLE JENNA Bet you wanted to look your best for Rochelle.

TWO JENNAS

Avx/w/

NOAH Look, me and Rochelle weren't -

PATRI CK

- How long were you two together?

The energy shifts around the table. Patrick glowers at Noah. Uncomfortable, Noah shifts his attention, looking at -

- Jaya in her hoodie, drinking SHAKES with Savna. His eyes dart back to Patrick's glowering look.

NOAH We weren't -

BIGJENNA - But you kissed.

NOAH Yeah, but it weren't a real -

LITTLE JENNA - What did you do with Wren last night then? Was that real?

NOAH I just slept on the floor.

BIGJENNA Wrenain'tanun. RED ROSE - Episode 103 by Tolula Dada - 11.08.21 - 32.

LITTLE JENNA She moves fast.

BIGJENNA People with no shame'll do that.

Awkward silence. Ciaran sniggers at it. Little Jenna's not done and doesn't care about Noah's distress.

LITTLE JENNA She's being a weirdo as well. Why does she keep posting about the two of you? And stuff about Rochelle?

BIG JENNA A like's a like. (then) She's sly -

LITTLE JENNA - just like her dad -

BIG JENNA - killing runs in the family.

NOAH She di dn' t kill anyone!

BIGJENNA Her dad did. Tommy Lostock. He was my Aunty's neighbour.

LITTLE JENNA Basically family.

BIG JENNA Definitely. If it weren't for Rick, he'd still be 'ere.

LITTLE JENNA And if it weren't for Wren -

NOAH

- enough! Can you just leave her alone?! That's all l'masking.

The Two Jennas share another look. Ciaran and Patrick stare at the Two Jennas, waiting for a response. Big Jenna takes out her PHONE, and poses with Little Jenna and their SHAKES. Off Noah, annoyed and incredulous.

3/42 INT. TAZ THE FIRST'S CAR - DAY

3/42

Ashley stares between Taz and Taz the First as a KASHMIRI RADIO STATION plays a REPORT in KASHMIRI. Ashley listens in silence, oblivious to what's being said. When the RADIO VOICE finishes, Ashley sits forward. RED ROSE - Episode 103 by Tolula Dada - 11.08.21 - 33.

ASHLEY

What they sayin'?

TAZ They're debating Little MIx...

They both smirk, despite themselves.

ASHLEY (CONT'D) I hope they're being nice.

3/43 INT. FUDGE FACTORY CAFÉ - DAY

We FOCUS on the SHOP DOOR and beyond, as Wren approaches. In frame, Patrick and Ciaran piss about flicking ICE CREAM

BIGJENNA Stop being a knob.

CIARAN Can't help it. It's in my nature. It's what guys do.

BIG JENNA Noah's not bein' a knob. Maybe take a leaf from his book.

CLARAN He's too busy bein' a player.

Ciaran winks at an unamused Noah. As this takes place, Wren enters, unseen by the others, including Noah. She spots Noah with the Two Jennas - and halts in her tracks. She's pissed. But she's got a job to do. Wren approaches. Noah sees her and his face drops. *Rumbled*.

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WREN Yeah... I bet that's... confusin' to see - BIG JENNA - Confusin'? More like mental.

NOAH Stopit, Wren's –

WREN

- I can speak for myself Noah.

They share a tense look. The Two Jennas are loving this. Wren shifts focus to them, Patrick and Ciaran. As she does, Ashley and Taz arrive, approaching the scene, taking it in.

WREN Look - I'll stop postin'. Just please... I don't want shit. Jaya immediately looks at Noah. Wren stares at him, betrayed. Ashley and Taz sense a coming storm -

> ASHLEY I think we need to all chill and -

BIGJENNA (to Wren) You're sick. You need putting in your place you.

Big Jenna rises, scraping her CHAIR.

WREN

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Ash helps the Two Jennas up from the floor, roughed up and bleeding. They CRY THEIR EYES out.

BIGJENNA WREN She's a fucking psycho. I didn't... I ... It's Red Rose...

Wren is surrounded. Judged. *Feared*. Sound assaults Wren from all angles. She looks for Noah, <u>who storms off</u>.

ASHLEY

Noah! Noah!

Noah ignores her. Wren watches him go. Ciaran and Patrick lead a group of laughing LADS, replaying a VIDEO of the fight. Taz approaches.

TAZ Delete it, mate.

CIARAN I'm not your mate.

TAZ Just delete it you prick!

Patrick steps forwards. His threatening presence forces Taz back, powerless. Wren's frozen by the jeering mob - Ant leads a crying Wren away. Ash and Taz follow Jaya watches them go from a distance.

3/45 <u>EXT. TOWN CENTRE - BEHI ND VI CTORI A HALL - DAY</u> 3/45

The Dickheads, sans Noah, stand awkwardly, waiting for Wren.

WREN She's been speaking to me.

The Dickheads share extremely worried looks.

ANTONY That's not Rochelle.

WREN

Then what is it?

The Dickheads can't answer. The Dickheads can't answer. No one knows anything. Wren, vulnerable and in need:

WREN

I can't do this alone guys.

Taz considers, then:

TAZ

I found something -

All eyes turn to Taz, scared, intrigued, hopeful.

ASHLEY (sotto) - Please be relevant -

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