

## Prologue: December 31, 1999

(INTRO MUSIC)

### Scene 0.1

(New Year's Eve 1999. A flat in north London. A crowded party. Everyone is very drunk. Door opens. JESS and KAT sneak into a room, JESS wants to show KAT something on the computer. Giggling. Party noises.)

JESS

Come on! Close the door!

(door shuts, party noises abate)

KAT (*giggles*)

What? I wanna party like it's 1999! (*tries to sing the Prince song but can't remember the words*)

(Jess sits down, computer clicks, modem dial-up tone)

JESS

*(distracted)* Well it won't be 1999 for much longer... *(muttering)* Where is that link?

KAT

I think Johnno wants to \*kiss\* me. *(makes kissy noises)* He keeps staring at me. He's ok I guess...

JESS

I want to show you what I found yesterday. (Computer clicks) Look!

KAT

What? It's just loading... charging... wait what's it called? *(starts humming again)*

(computer dings - 00s Apple macbook sound)

JESS

Remember I'm leaving tomorrow? And that phone calls to New Zealand are expensive? Not to mention the time difference thing? Well, ta-da!

KAT

Ta-what? *(sits down)* Wait, *(reads)* Free Online Voicemail - the easy way to stay in touch... Catchy slogan *(more serious, slightly more sober)* You mean we can leave each other voicemails? For free??

JESS

Yup! I just need to figure out how to get internet once I'm in Auckland, and then we're all set! Of course the dial-up connection costs a little, but --

KAT

*(interrupts)* That's perfect! *(suddenly sad)* But I will miss you. So much.

JESS

I'll miss you too my dear. Damn! We said no tears and I'm sticking to it! *(beat)* Look, I've set you up as KatLondon and me as JessAuckland, so we can find each other.

KAT

Damn! *(holds back tears)* I mean, that's great. And I \*am\* happy for you. It's just --- *(tries to be cheerful)* what if some serious accounting person moves into your room and just kills all the fun?

JESS

And paints my walls cafe au lait? Yuck!

BOTH

And makes stinky tuna in the microwave! *(laughter)*

JESS

Oh God, he was awful, wasn't he? What was his name? Lou? Lenny?

KAT

Lee. *(starts saying something but stops herself)* Yes, good thing he moved out. *(laughs)*

JESS

You do know that you'll have a say on the next flatmate, right?

KAT

I know. But I might get outvoted... Downvoted? You know what I mean.

JESS

I wouldn't worry about it. *(beat)* Anyways, what were you saying about Johnno before? He was looking at you?

KAT

Yeah. I mean, he's nothing special really but with the luck I've been having... You know. It's nice to be noticed.

JESS

Yeah. It's just I've heard he's not so nice to his girlfriends.

KAT

*(laughing)* I'm not going to be his girlfriend *(laughs)* so, no worries, OK?

JESS

Right. No worries. Wait, do they even say that in New Zealand or is it just Australia? Guess I'll find out--

(door opens, party noise, fireworks)

JOHNNO

Kat! C'mon! It's almost midnight!

KAT

Be there in a sec Johnno!

(door closes, party noises abate)

KAT

Maybe I'll go out and grab that New Year's kiss. *(beat)* Don't worry, ok? It'll be great.

JESS

OK. Let's bring in the new year. Hey, maybe the world *\*will\** end?

KAT

Nah! It'll be fine. The year 2000 is going to be amazing!

JESS

Let's go drink to that!

(They laugh. Door opens, party noise with countdown 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-Welcome to the year 2000! Fireworks! Explosions!)

## Scene 0.2

KARIN

Hi! Karin Heimdahl, creator of Y2K and also voice of Jess here. Thank you so much for listening to our prologue. Episode 1 drops in January and we will have weekly releases throughout 2020. You will hear these wonderful folks:

(fireworks sound effect)

KIRSTY

Kirsty Woolven as Olivia

JANIS

Janis Westin as Kat

KARIN

Karin Heimdahl as Jess

ADAM

Adam Blanford as Johnno

FELICITY

Felicity Boyd as Rachel

ANJALI

Anjali Kunapaneni as Shirin

SHEKENDRA

Shekendra Morgan as Maia

MADDY

Maddy Searle as Claire

ANNA

Anna Jartin as Tammi

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(fireworks intensify)

(OUTRO MUSIC)