

Episode 34: Interlude - August 27, 2000

(INTRO MUSIC)

Scene 34.1

(00s landline phone dial tone)

JESS
Hello?

KAT
Hi Jess!

JESS
Kat! Yay!

BOTH
(almost at same time)
Happy birthday! *(both laugh)*

JESS
How are you? What time is it for you?

KAT
It's eight in the morning, I just got up!

JESS
Huh. It's early evening here. I'm going out for dinner after this.

KAT
Got my coffee! And a cheese sandwich - Swedish cheese! It's
delicious! *(takes a bite)*

JESS
(laughs) Whatever makes you happy, my dear. Oh, so good to talk to
you!

KAT
So good to talk to you too! *(happy tears)* I've missed you so much!

JESS
(happy tears) Oh God I've missed you too!

(BOTH - happy tears laugh)

KAT *(same time as JESS)*
So tell me-

JESS *(same time as KAT)*

So how are-

(BOTH laugh again)

JESS

Guess we're going to have to get used to this back-and-forth thing - we've been doing monologues for a while now.

KAT

(smiles) This is so much better! So, tell me about your new apartment! *(takes a sip of coffee)*

JESS

Oh, it is really nice! It's on the third floor, and pretty big windows, so lots of light. No elevator, though, so that'll be a challenge when we have a stroller- Oh crap. I am so sorry Kat.

KAT

(sad smile) I know. It happened. We don't have to talk about it.

JESS

(softly) Unless you want to?

KAT

No. I am... Feel like we have talked about it.

JESS

Me too. All right.

KAT

Tell me about Rachel - seems she's having some aches or something?

JESS

Yeah, she has ligament pain, in her hips, her doctor says it's normal - but then it seems they say that about almost everything.

KAT

Yes. *(beat)* So how are you in all of this?

JESS

I'm... good.

KAT

There's a pause there.

JESS

Yeah. I AM good. Rachel is wonderful, we are happy together, and I am so excited about the apartment. And the baby. I guess I just... I'm stressed out.

KAT

So what is stressing you out?

JESS

First of all this move - Rachel can't do that much, of course, and everyone else has been wonderful helping out but I have to be the one coordinating everything and school is a lot and there is not a moment of my day I do not feel like I should be writing and I am worried about leaving Bri (*Bree*) and what if I never get a paying job and I could end up a crap parent and-

KAT

Hey! Breathe! Slow down. (*beat*) OK. You breathing?

JESS

Yeah. (*breathes*)

KAT

So the move is a lot now, but it will be all done in a few weeks, right?

JESS

Right. (*breathes*)

KAT

And is there any reason why Bri (*Bree*) would not be OK living in the flat with Maia and Tia?

JESS

(*beat*) No... not really.

KAT

Bri (*Bree*) seems very capable of taking care of herself - also it's not like you're going to the moon - how far away will you be?

JESS

(*smiles*) About 10 minutes by bus. Or a 20-minute walk.

KAT

(*laughs*) You will still see her all the time. What else was on your worry-list?

JESS

(*laughs*) You are "A-MAZING", you know that?

KAT

(*smiles*) Just trying to look after you. (*beat*) So next was the biggie, I think - not being like your parents.

JESS

(*sighs*) That's right.

KAT

I am definitely no expert at this but... The fact that you *want* to be different than they were, that you want to create another kind of family, that has to count for something. Also, there are two of you.

And from what you've told me of Rachel, she has family love and support to spare, so, you know, follow her lead if you feel lost, OK?

JESS

Oh, I have missed you!

KAT

Me too. Feels so good to talk.

JESS

Yes. Thank you. But enough about me. Tell me about you.

KAT

OK. (*sighs*) I'm at my mother's. But you know that. (*beat*) Been doing a lot of walking these past few days. Going past my old school, playgrounds, the library... It's like a trip into the past. (*sips coffee*)

JESS

Good trip?

KAT

Some of it. I was really happy in high school, but most of these places remind me of the time before that, which as you know was less fun.

JESS

I know. (*carefully*) And... you know I have to bring this up now, right?

KAT

I know.

JESS

(*carefully*) So what's going on with you and Johnno?

KAT

(*sighs*) We... made up, I guess. He's not happy with me being here, but I really needed some... distance.

JESS

Yeah. (*gently*) I don't think you realized, but... Your last message didn't end when you walked into your apartment. It continued recording. (*KAT exclaims*) All through... until you ran out again and started fiddling with your phone.

KAT

Oh... Fuck. (*starts crying*)

JESS

I'm so sorry! I didn't know if I should write it in an e-mail or...
Decided it would be better when... when we can talk about it. I am
so sorry this happened Kat. Fuck.

KAT

I... I couldn't tell you... In a way I wasn't even sure it really
happened. *(sob)* Johnno was so... He was so sorry. And shocked, I
think.

JESS

(carefully) But it's not just this, Kat. This would be bad all on
it's own, but there is so much else. Like that time on his birthday-

KAT

(dismissive) Oh, I was just drunk. We're fine now. The sex I mean.
(beat) And the other thing... I hit him too, remember?

JESS

What? When?

KAT

I'm sure I told you about it. I slapped him in... April maybe. Right
before I found out I was pregnant.

JESS

Oh. Yeah. But that was... That wasn't the same thing.

KAT

Wasn't it?

JESS

No. It was- it was-

KAT

I think in a way we're even now. I hit him, he hit me. And we both
agreed to not do it again.

JESS

Right. That's good. But still, there is so much else-

KAT

We're going to be fine. I love him. And he really is lovely, you
know? Seems all you ever get to hear about is the bad stuff.

JESS

Yes, but... Remember New Year's Eve? I said I'd heard Johnno's not
so nice to his girlfriends?

KAT

Sure. But that-

JESS

Wasn't relevant then, but I'd heard that from Linda - you know, she's really close with Johnno's ex...

KAT
Louise.

JESS
Yes. Never met her, but Linda was talking about it maybe... a year ago? We were down the pub, and we were talking in general about relationships and Linda threw out a warning - she said Louise wasn't herself when she was with Johnno. That he tried to control her.

KAT
Well he says she wasn't so nice to him either. Anyway. Every relationship is different.

JESS
Of course. But-

KAT
(*closes the conversation*) I don't think I can talk about this anymore.

JESS
All right. I am here when you do.

KAT
Thank you. Always. (*sighs*) I should probably get off the phone. Don't want to make too much of a dent in my mother's phone bill.

JESS
Right. Just... Are you happy, Kat?

KAT
I am... OK. Considering. But I think Johnno and I can be happy.

JESS
That's all I ask. That you are happy. Or at least getting there.

KAT
I know. Are you? Happy I mean?

JESS
I am. So much is going on, but yes. I am happy.

KAT
I am so glad.

JESS
I love you.

KAT
Love you. So much. And - oceans of hugs! (*smiles*)

JESS

Yes! Oceans and oceans!

KAT

OK, I'll go hang out with my mother. She is making me a cake.
(smiles) Happy birthday!

JESS

Happy birthday! Bri's (Bree) organized a dinner with all of our friends. Really wish you were here! (smiles) Bye Kat.

KAT

Oh, me too! Bye.

(phone click)

Scene 34.2

(waves) (music)

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ANJALI

Anjali Kunapaneni as Shirin

SHEKENDRA

Shekendra Morgan as Maia

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Maddy Searle as Claire

ANNA

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