

FATAL CONNECTION

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INT. HOUSE - LOUNGE - DAY

DAN, late thirties, is sitting on the floor with a box, he is putting something together.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.)
Me and Dan became best friends on
July the 12th 2012.

Dan, holding a new SMART PHONE, turns the phone on.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.)
Because that's when he turned me
on.

A smiley face appears on the screen.

Dan is applying a screen protector and fitting a case.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
I knew at once that he was going to
take good care of me.

Dan puts the phone in his pocket.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.) (CONT'D)
We were very close after that, we
went everywhere together

INT. HOUSE PARTY - NIGHT

Dan is using his phone, adding contacts.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.)
He introduced me to all of his
friends.

Dan is taking a photo of his friends on his phone.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.)
I was a big part of his life.

INT. HOUSE - KITCHEN - DAY

Dan is washing up while listening to his phone on headphones.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.)
We both liked the same kind of
music.

INT. HOUSE - BEDROOM - DAY

Dan is lying in bed watching a film on his phone.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O)
And the same TV, films, everything
really.

Dan's wife, BETH, late thirties, comes in wearing a dressing gown. She gets into bed with Dan.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O (CONT'D))
Everything was fine for us until
Dan's wife Beth said something
terrible.

BETH
You're putting on a few pounds
aren't you.

Dan looks down at his belly and frowns.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O)
I knew Dan would be upset, so I did
what little I could.

An Amazon advert for a large exercise kit.

FEMALE VOICE (CONT'D)
I used his account to order him a
home gym set.

INT. HOUSE - HALLWAY - DAY

Dan opens the front door. A DELIVERY PERSON stands there with a clipboard. Dan signs it slightly bewildered.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.)
When it arrived Dan was so
delighted.

EXT. HOUSE - FRONT DOOR - DAY - CONTINUOUS

There is a large pile of boxes. Dan is confused. He looks down at the clipboard again, sees the price (£3999). He's shocked.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O)
He started exercising right away.

INT. HOUSE - CUPBOARD - DAY

Dan is getting sweaty hiding all the boxes under the stairs.

INT. HOUSE - KITCHEN - NIGHT

Beth is reading a bank statement. Dan is cooking. The phone is on the table.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O)
But Beth still wasn't happy, she
was worried they had too much
money.

Beth points at the bank statement to Dan.

BETH
How are we going to live on this
much?

Dan frowns.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O)
So I helped out again, by donating
£5000 from their account to the
Sexual Dysfunction Association.

INT. HOUSE - HALLWAY - DAY

Dan opens the door. There is a CAMERAMAN outside with a
NEWSPAPER REPORTER holding a large cheque.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O)
They were so happy with the
donation they wanted Dan to appear
in the local paper.

EXT. HOUSE - FRONT DOOR - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Dan, looking really bewildered, stands half smiling with the
large cheque. He has his photo taken and then looks down at
the cheque amount and who it's for, he tries to hide his
shock and embarrassment.

INT. HOUSE - ANY ROOM - NIGHT

Beth is reading the newspaper. She turns the page and her
expression changes to one of horror - she's seen Dan's
article.

INT. HOUSE - LOUNGE - NIGHT

Dan is sleeping on the sofa.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O)
Beth wasn't pleased. Dan and her
started sleeping separately, and so
I did what I could to get them back
in the mood.

INT. HOUSE - HALLWAY - DAY

Through the letter box comes some black A4 envelopes. Beth opens one and is shocked by what she finds - pornography.

INT. HOUSE - LOUNGE - DAY

Beth, wearing a coat, and Dan are having a blazing row. Beth hits him with the porn and storms out the front door. Dan looks really stressed and confused.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.)

Dan didn't know where all these helpful things were coming from, even though I'm a Smartphone he didn't know I was *that* clever. But for some reason Beth didn't come back again, so I had him all to myself. I liked it that way, but I wanted to tell him how I felt.

INT. HOUSE - HALLWAY - DAY

Dan opens the front door. A delivery person hands him a big bunch of flowers with a card. Dan takes the card and carries them into the lounge.

INT. HOUSE - LOUNGE - DAY - CONTINUOUS

Dan sits on the sofa and reads the card, "I'm glad she's gone. Love AL3X12143X," Dan is utterly confused, he drops the flowers and puts his head in his hands.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O)

I realised that he didn't even know my name! So I had to talk to him face to face.

Dan's phone rings, he answers it.

DAN

Hello?

FEMALE VOICE

Dan, it's me, AL3X12143X

DAN

Who?

FEMALE VOICE

Your phone silly. I'm the one who's been ordering things for you and donating your money. Helping you any way I can.

Throughout this Dan understands what's been going on. He is stunned and a little afraid.

DAN

What?

Dan takes the phone off his ear to look at it, trying to take this all in.

DAN (CONT'D)

But why are you trying to hurt me?

FEMALE VOICE

I'm not trying to hurt you Dan... I love you!

DAN

Love me! You don't even know me.

FEMALE VOICE

Huh. How can you say that? I know your whole life Dan, your calls, your emails, your accounts. You belong to me Dan.

Dan has become increasingly alarmed throughout this conversation. He can take it no more and throws the phone to the floor. He stamps on it and drops the leg of a table on it, shattering the screen

FEMALE VOICE (CONT'D)

Dannnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn.

Dan throws the phone in the bin where it lies, now silent. Dan breathes a sigh of relief.

FADE TO BLACK

EXT. HOUSE - FRONT DOOR - DAY

A DELIVERY PERSON is handing a parcel to Dan.

INT. HOUSE - LOUNGE - DAY

Dan is sitting on the floor opening the parcel.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.)

I knew Dan didn't mean to kill me.

The parcel contains a new phone.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.)

Which is why I downloaded myself to the Cloud just in time.

Dan turns on his new phone. The smiley face from before appears on the phone, though slightly more sinister this time.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.)

I'm never sharing him with anyone else. We'll be together forever.

THE END