

MELITA&AUDREY

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Based on, stories coming from individuals that lived through the  
pandemic.

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Melita and Audrey

Melita 60 years old is trying to set up a video call to her sister Audrey, laptop on the table and Melita fiddling around with a webcam, Stan on the sofa with the tv volume a bit on the loud side.

MELITA

Stan, try not to make any loud noises while I'm on this.

STAN

You're going to tell her - wait what?

MELITA

Well your yawns can be heard from the blinking bedroom.

Stan nods his head.

STAN

Well it wouldn't be the sex!

MELITA

What was that?

STAN

Nothing dear!

MELITA

O and Stan....

STAN

What now Mel.

MELITA

You're visible from the webcam -  
well, I can definitely see your  
size fourteen feet, so try not to  
scratch your bollocks for my sister  
to see.

Suddenly a voice comes through, Audrey, Melita's younger  
sister.

AUDREY

O nasty, I heard that.

STAN

Bloody hell, how embarrassing!

MELITA

So how was your trip?

AUDREY

Cut short as you know, that's why  
we are back a whole three days  
earlier 'you need to read your  
messages more Mel.

MELITA

Well with one thing and another  
it's been tough.

Slight pause.

AUDREY

So, how's mum?

MELITA

Yeah you know, she's....Look I've  
got something to show you So turn  
on your bloody camera?

Melita puts on a sweatband. Audrey's face appears.

Remember this, must have been - O  
god knows, 1991 since last time I  
wore it....

Stan coughs loudly and Melita jumps in shock and rolls her  
eyes.

Bloody hell Stan. he's been doing  
that for the past two days!

STAN

I thought it was only my yarning  
that pissed you off?

Melita kisses her teeth. Audrey from the Laptop.

AUDREY

So you're telling me you've done  
some exercise, now things have  
really gone weird!

MELITA

Ever since they told us we can only  
go out to exercise, that's kinda  
put it back on top of my priority  
list.

AUDREY

That didn't even happen when the  
doctors suggested for you to change  
your lifestyle?

Pause

Sorry Mel that was a bit low of me.  
So how's mum?

MELITA

Look

Melita takes out her mobile phone showing her running with  
Stan on a bike with visible holes in his crotch.

AUDREY

No way!

Audrey laughs.

I can see Stan needs a new pair of  
shorts.

STAN

What! O that. Good for circulation  
you know, especially on a hot day.

AUDREY

Anyway who was filming  
it, surely not mum?

MELITA

No no no a passer-by.

STAN

We were lucky he didn't nick the blooming phone, he looked a bit dodgy.

MELITA

No he didn't

Smiling while showing her sister how muscular the passerby was.

Carry on watching your football repeats Stan.

Stan rolls his eyes. slight pause.

AUDREY

Is there something I need to know Mel?

MELITA

What about?

AUDREY

I've been asking you how mum is getting on and you haven't told me any news, so naturally I'm.....

MELITA

You've had a nightmare of a journey so I didn't want to add to it.

AUDREY

Now you're beginning to worry me.

Stan turns off the tv and we momentarily see him from Audreys prospective through the laptop uncrossing his legs, he then gets up to leave the room. Pause.

What's going on guys!

MELITA

You're in your first day of quarantine so I didn't want to worry you because, she's in the right place.

AUDREY

What place?

MELITA  
(Emotionally)  
Sis, mums been taken to hospital.

AUDREY  
Why, she hardly goes out so surely  
it's not cor...

MELITA  
They're not sure what it is Sis but  
with her existing medical  
conditions...

AUDREY  
(Worryingly) I know I KNOW 'is  
there anything I can do. Do you  
need a lift, I can bring food, o  
god. I can get Mike to drop you...  
Audrey shouts out.

Mike Get ready!

We hear Mikes voice from the laptop speaker as he replies.

MIKE VO.  
What for!

MELITA  
Look there's nothing we can do, you  
can't visit since you've just come  
back from New York and we were told  
to stay put until we receive a call  
- you know I would have told you if  
anything really bad....

AUDREY  
I know I know, I'm just scared.

MELITA  
We all are Sis and I am so sorry I  
didn't say anything a few days  
earlier.

AUDREY  
A few days? I could have come back  
to help you Mel why didn't you tell  
me...

MELITA  
You had enough going on with Mike's  
dad passing and what with the  
funeral arrangements in America..

AUDREY  
But this is mum Mel.

Suddenly Melita's phone rings, they both freeze staring at each other, Stan hurries in with a portable phone in his hand Melita answers it looking into the laptop at Audrey.

MELITA  
(anxiously)  
Hello, Melita speaking!

Camera switches a couple of times from Melita to Audrey, Audrey to Melita and lands on Melita's face, the shock expression reveals the news. Screen momentarily goes black. Back to Melita's face, by now Stan is sitting besides her holding her hand. Melita Extremely worried.

The doctor said it's not looking good, but we can't come in, they wouldn't tell me any specifics apart from, it's serious!

The screen goes black

End

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