

STAN STORY EP7

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SCENE ONE. STAN IN MELITA'S BED.

Stan wakes up. Melita's already awake looking at him with a cold expression and straight away turns her back on him. He gets out of bed and gets ready to leave. No words are exchanged. Calendar on the wall says February 2022.

SCENE TWO

Cut to. Stan in his car driving.

SCENE THREE

Stan's walking down the stairs heading to the front door of Melita's house. We see Melita at the top of the stairs looking down at him. Stan now at the bottom of the stairs feels her presence and looks up at her. She turns her back and walks into the bedroom, we hear the bedroom door close. Stan shouts up to her.

STAN

As i said, once I leave I'm not coming back.

Stan opens the front door. He's about to leave then he hears the bedroom door opening. He walks back towards the stairs. Melita throws his wallet down the stairs. His hopes of reconciliation are dashed. He picks up his wallet and puts it in his jean pocket. He turns to leave. Then hears a thud from behind him. He turns around to see his Passport. He picks it up and puts it in his back pocket. Once again heading towards the front door.

MELITA

You can't get back without those.

Melita throws Stan his car keys. He looks at her and turns to walk out.

You going to be lonely.

STAN

No change there then.

Stan walks out closes the door and heads towards his car.

SCENE FOUR

Stan is sat in a small flat with a water bottle and holding a hot cup of tea. It's been usually cold for the time of year. He's looking at a clock on the wall. We hear the clock arms as the seconds go by. Calendar on the wall August 2022.

He looks at his mobile phone hoping of a call. he's got a family album book in front of him.

SCENE FIVE

Cut too. Stan in his car driving.

SCENE SIX

We see Stan looking out of his window and noticing a younger man walking with his Mother and father. Stan smiles to himself and continues to watch them as they walk down the street. Suddenly his phone rings. He rushes over to pick it up it says unknown number but he answers it anyway. It's a dodgy sales call which he quickly hugs up on. He walks back to the window but the man with his parents which gave Stan a bit of comfort have gone. He starts doing some star jumps to keep warm and some light stretches. Slightly breathless he sees his car keys looks at his family album.

SCENE SEVEN

Cut too. Stan in his car driving. He's listening to radio 5 live as he pulls up and parks at the local cemetery. he stays in his car looking out at his parents graves. Stan's smokers cough is coming back. He winds down the window to get some fresh air a few deep breathes stretches behind to get the flowers which are on the back seats, he steps out of the car. Stan walks over to the graves and stands there. He decides to take a walk around the cemetery and comes across the infant section. To his surprise he see's Mike and Audrey. Stan does a double take and walks quickly to his car. He opens the car door gets in and closes it. He takes a moment before driving off.

SCENE EIGHT

Stan parks up walks towards his front door and opens it. Stan is sat in his living room in complete darkness. he looks at his phone and opens up a betting app. He scrolls through the current bets and puts one on. Suddenly the bell rings. He waits for the betting confirmation. The door bell rings again. A confirmation tone is heard. He puts his phone on the sofa and walks towards his front door. He opens it and to his surprise its Audrey and Mike.

SCENE NINE

Cut back to the cemetery we see Audrey noticing Stan walking off after he noticed them.

SCENE TEN

Mike and Audrey are sat on some chairs near stan's small coffee table. stan walks in with two cups of tea. He puts them on the coffee table.

STAN
i'll just get mine.

MIKE
Sorry bud I should have helped out.

Stan on his way out and under his breathe.

STAN
No, not at all.

Audrey looks at Mike and gives him a comforting smile. A couple of seconds later Stan walks back in with his cup and a plate of biscuits. he sits on the sofa and spills his tea.

That never happens when it's just me by myself. I'm sorry i'm gonna get some kitchen towel.

AUDREY
No, i'll get it. You stay there.

Audrey gets up and walks out of the living room.

STAN
Everything alright?

Mike smiles awkwardly. Audrey walks back in with some kitchen towel.

AUDREY
For a bloke your age, you keep the place well.

STAN
Thanks, i think.

Pause. after long pause both Stan and Audrey speak at the same time.

AUDREY
We saw you earlier at the.....

STAN
So how's things with your
Sister.....

Stan drinks his tea and uncomfortably waits for a reply.
Audrey does the same.

MIKE
So it's all about the 6th of august
hey, only a couple of days. Whats
your predictions for this season.

AUDREY
That you'll get punched in the
balls if this conversation
continues.

Mike holds his mouth and doesn't say a word.

STAN
You said something about seeing me
earlier.

Slight pause.

AUDREY
Yeah I thought i saw you earlier
but I could have been wrong. Did I?

STAN
I was visiting my parents, you
know. Graves, so i was shocked to
see you there.

Audrey nods holding her tea.

AUDREY
Look Stan, I know things haven't
been great for you recently.

STAN
Recently?

AUDREY
Yeah, what with my sister and all.

STAN
Its been half a year and nobody's
come to see me. I know how awkward
that first visit might have been
but you've literally stopped
calling me. Mike, i thought we were
mates.

(MORE)

STAN (CONT'D)

I remember you doing exactly the same after melita stopped contact with you.

Slight pause. Stan looking at Audrey.

MIKE

Look Stan....

STAN

I know i'm the one that usually likes a laugh and a joke so maybe you thought i'd be okay. But why didn't you check?

MIKE

Are you okay...Stan?

Long pause. 12 uncomfortable seconds, within that time Audrey decides to tell Stan the truth.

AUDREY

We were visiting my daughter.

Stan looks totally confused.

Louise, her name is Louise Shaw.
Born and died on this day.

Slight pause.

Back in 1992.

Mike looks at both Audrey and Stan.

MIKE

I'll make some more teas.

Mike leaves the room. Audrey looks at Stan.

AUDREY

Well, it's not like your going to tell Mel now is it?

Stan nods and mentally gradually comes back in the room.

STAN

I wouldn't have anyway?

AUDREY

Really?

Stan thinks for a second.

STAN

To be honest, i don't know. She probably would have guessed something was up....I'm So sorry to....

AUDREY

She has her ways..

Stan nods.

Look, i know things haven't worked out between you two. I still haven't spoken to her. Last thing i heard she went on a long cruise, but that was a few months ago....

Mike walks back with two cups of tea. He places both of them on the coffee table.

When we leave, you've now got some washing up to do.

Stan smiles.

I noticed she started drinking heavily.

STAN

How do you know?

AUDREY

I checked her recycling and noticed lots of rum bottles which were swiftly replaced by red wine bottles.

STAN

That's where my rums went?

Mike smiles.

AUDREY

I then noticed that the recycling bins became empty, so i asked one of her neighbours who said she's gone away on holiday. She then said thank god as she became known for her loud music.

STAN

Loud music, hows that even possible?

AUDREY

Yeah i know right?

Slight pause.

Look i know she isn't your problem anymore and i'm guessing she said some pretty hurtful stuff but...

STAN

I'll always care for her and deep down i know she cares for me. We might not have....

Stan looks at both Audrey and mike.
But i know.....

AUDREY

All those years ago when she came back, who did she turn to, umm?

Stan nods.

STAN

Thats partly true, i happened to be the caretaker at the same school she got the job at. I just think it was convenient for her at the time.

AUDREY

She's a tough cookie but....

STAN

Thats the problem, we all think that so thats how she reacts. I believe there's some softness within that cookie. and i feel she desperately wants to explore that. But she was constantly looking after all of us, especially you.

Audrey nods. pause

I couldn't imagine living without her, she became my mother board so to speak, didn't think i could function without her and for the past half year thats exactly what I had to do.

Slight pause.

Maybe this holiday is what she needed, it worked for her before?

AUDREY

She should have came back over three weeks ago and no-ones seen her.

STAN
What?

AUDREY
I know she's alive because we have mutual friends on Polybook and now and again i've manage to see the odd photo. but now she's on a different holiday, i've tried to message her but..... She's constantly drunk and doesn't look good.

Suddenly Stans phone pings. A notification pops up. Instantly Stan runs over to see it. His face is lite by the phone and he is smiling from ear to ear. Mike looks worried. Audrey looks at Mike. Stan realises they are both looking at him.

STAN
Your right, she's not my problem anymore.

MIKE
You betting again?

Slight pause.

Stan come on, is that why it's so cold in here?

STAN
You joking, it's the middle of....

MIKE
I'm not being disrespectful, i'm just concerned.

STAN
Now thats a corker! You two come in here after all that time, expecting me to help you?

Audrey gets up.

You know where the door is.

AUDREY
It's shit, okay. This is a fucking shit situation. We're all going through something and yes your right, why should you care now. We clearly haven't been in your life of recent and I can only apologise about that.

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AUDREY (CONT'D)

But the least I can be is completely honest with you, I can't imagine the loneliness you must have gone through. It took me becoming extremely worried for my sisters safety and you seeing me earlier at the cemetery today to finally come.

Slight pause.

I really need all the help i can get right now.

Audrey starts crying. Stan puts his phone down on the sofa and looks at Audrey. Mike goes over to hug Audrey. Camera goes black

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