

A DAY IN A LIFE

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CHARACTERS

ENAS: a Black girl, 17 years old, clumsy and hard to like

JAQUANTE: a Black boy, 17 years old, has no filter

RULA WONG: a Blasian, 17 years old, good boy but sarcastic

TIME

Present

Scene One

ENAS and JAQUANTE are Facetiming.

ENAS

wow - who is that!?

JAQUANTE

nobody –
just my homeboy.
you might know him.

ENAS

oh, for real?

JAQUANTE

ya, you guys live close.

ENAS

nooo??
I don't think I've ever seen him.

JAQUANTE

wait –
let me add him on a call.

ENAS

yo bro, why did you do this!
this is so embarrassing!

JAQUANTE

oh, he joined...
what? I finally know someone who lives close to you.
so what do you think about him?

ENAS

he cool I guess.

he's pulling up tomorrow.

JAQUANTE

typee.

ENAS

I think I love him.

JAQUANTE

oh lawd.

End of scene.

Scene Two

Fast forward into the relationship.

RULA

why you always taking my things without asking me?

ENAS

wdym take your things?

RULA

I mean by last time I had my Fanta in the fridge –
you took it.

ENAS

bro..
that Fanta didn't have any name on it.

RULA

it did –
right at the bottom.

ENAS

yeah “right at the bottom”.
not everyone checks the bottom of the can.

RULA

that's what fat ppl always say.
get out of here.

ENAS

well, you're fat!
you don't need to drink the Fanta!

RULA

fat?

you're calling me fat?
two bites away and that buckle is going to rupture.

ENAS

hah!
says you fattie.

RULA

ya says me!

ENAS

you're a lost cause.

RULA

me?
a lost cause?
is your name Dorothy?
'cause you can't find your way back home.
why are you so messy?

ENAS

what do you mean messy?

RULA

look at how you're eating rn.
it's all over you.
like have manners.
just like how you don't clean after yourself in the bathroom.
it's not hard to do.

ENAS

hard... pause.

RULA

can you be serious for once?

ENAS

I am.

RULA

really?

so, what did I say?

ENAS

uhmm..

I don't remember.

RULA

SYBAU.

End of Scene.

Scene Three

JAQUANTE

why do you weave your hair so much?
it looks weird.

ENAS

I like my hair.

JAQUANTE

it looks like my grandma's carpet.
can I light it on fire?

ENAS

don't –
it's my hair.
I don't make fun of your hair.

JAQUANTE

...

ENAS

yeah –
now, I look like a bum because you hurt my feelings and I'm yelling at you.

End of scene.

Scene Four

JAQUANTE

I'm sorry for what I said
and yet I'm not.

I guess I could say I am more sorry about the situation
not because of how or why I said it.
sometimes I don't understand why we get along so well but fight horribly.
anyways this is me –
day 20 –
writing from the grave.
I hope you get this and come get me.
it's really cold and dark down here....
I'm sorry.

End of scene.

Scene Five

ENAS

but you said I was your girl.

RULA

not anymore.

ENAS

why???

RULA

because last night.

ENAS

I'm sorry I wasn't in the right headspace.

RULA

nah, you will never be my girl.

ENAS

but I didn't know what was going on.

RULA

yeah, but you didn't have to laugh.

ENAS

I know.

I'm really sorry.

RULA

okay.

I don't listen to words.

I listen to actions.

ENAS

but you said it was me!

RULA

yeah...

it was you and now it's not you.

what the hell do you want me to say?!!

ENAS

Idk... maybe something to help me feel less like I've spent all my time on someone I love BUT it turns out they couldn't give a damn about me.

RULA

can you like calm down?

you're over exaggerating.

ENAS

WHAT?!

no, I'm not.

what I feel is so valid especially based off the BS you told me!

RULA

OK...

"I'm sorry".

ENAS

yeah,

just get out.

RULA

WHAT!

I have nowhere to go.

ENAS

oh yeah?

maybe you should have thought of that before cheating!

so yeah –

like I said just get out!

NOW!

RULA

I'm sorry.

ENAS

sorry's not gonna fix it.

you lied!

RULA

I know but...

I was scared,

I didn't wanna lose you.

ENAS

you know if you told me I would have been more understanding.

RULA

I know I fucked up.

ENAS

no,

I can't trust you.

RULA

but you said this would work, right?

you promise to never leave me.

ENAS

yeah,
ik but I had to do what's right yk.

RULA

I'm sure we can fix this.

ENAS

sorry, but you need to move on.
I can't stay in a place that makes me unhappy.

RULA

promise I will change for you.
just give me another chance.

ENAS

gave you too many of them but in return I always get hurt.

RULA

I was actually changing and willing to do everything for you.

ENAS

but ig it's useless now.

RULA

I'm sure we're taller in another dimension.

ENAS

can you be serious?
not the Frank Ocean lyrics.

RULA

I am serious but I don't want to cry.
that's why I'm saying this,
so I don't cry.

ENAS

give me a break and leave me alone.

End of scene.

Scene Six

JAQUANTE

you're blind.

ENAS

wdyou?

JAQUANTE

you're socially unaware.

ENAS

how?!

you're not making sense!

JAQUANTE

no!

I am making sense.

you just not listening.

ENAS

why would I?

you sound crazy.

JAQUANTE

oh!

so... you think I'm crazy?

ENAS

ahh!

WTF do you want from me?!

JAQUANTE

your love...

ENAS

...

hey –

did you hear that new song Como La Fleur?

JAQUANTE

yeah!

I even saw the dance.

ENAS

really!

can you teach me?

JAQUANTE

OK!

look here.

ENAS

oh!

so, I just move my hands like that?

JAQUANTE

yeah!

ENAS

OK,

let's do it together.

JAQUANTE

OK.

ENAS

123 go!

Enas does the Ash Trevino dance.

ENAS

do do do do.
this is perfect!

JAQUANTE

yeah,
it is.

ENAS

I'm so happy!

JAQUANTE

yeah, me too.

ENAS

my life would be awful without you.

JAQUANTE

Yeah.

END OF PLAY.