

THE DAY BEFORE THE APOCALYPSE

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FADE IN

SCENE - THE SCENE SET IS OF TWO SISTERS (NAOMI AND ZOE) BOTH IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THERE HOUSE. NAOMI IS PANICKED AND PARANOID WHILE CARRYING BOXES OVER TO THE FRONT OF THE DOOR, THE BOXES ARE FULL OF THINGS THE TWO GIRLS OWN. ZOE IS SITTING ON THE SOFA AND DOESN'T SEEM TO BE BOTHERED. ZOE IS WATCHING THE NEWS.

THE SOFA IS OPPOSITE THE TV AND THE DOOR IS TO THE LEFT OF THE SOFA AND TV WITH A WINDOW NEXT TO IT. THE CURTAINS ON THE WINDOW ARE DRAWN CLOSED.

NEWS REPORTER

The virus seems to be spreading and so the government has taken action and has insisted that countries close there boarders to control the spread. Today is the final time people will be able to travel, so if you are thinking about getting out of the country today is the last day to do so. The alarm to warn people that the boarder is closing will be set off later today.

ZOE switches the channel after that. NAOMI is annoyed that ZOE isn't helping her.

NAOMI

Turn that off would you and help me.

ZOE

Why do you want to leave so much?

ZOE turns the TV off.

NAOMI

Were you not listening to the news just a minute ago. The virus is spreading and we need to get out of town before it's to late.

ZOE

Can't we just barricade everything up and stay here?

NAOMI

Yeh, cause that works so well in the movies, doesn't it?

NAOMI doesn't say anything in return and just seems annoyed at NAOMI. NAOMI sees this and can't help but feel a bit guilty. NAOMI sits down next to ZOE.

NAOMI

Look, I know this was mums and dads house, but we need to leave.

ZOE

It's just that we're leaving all these memories behind.

NAOMI

I know. I don't really want to leave either, but it's the best thing for us. Maybe once this is all over we can come back.

NAOMI stands up again and starts to move the boxes that still need to be moved over to the door and car outside.

NAOMI

Anyway, come and give me a hand with these boxes.

ZOE starts to pick up some of the boxes and moves them over to the front door.

ZOE

Have we got enough food and water?

NAOMI

We should do.

ZOE

Where are we going to stay?

NAOMI

I'm sure we can stay with Uncle Milo for a while.

ZOE

What if he doesn't let us in?

NAOMI

It's Uncle Milo, he won't do that.

ZOE

What if the car brakes down?

NAOMI

It hasn't done anything like that before.

ZOE

What if they come for us while  
we're driving away?

NAOMI starts to get annoyed over all the questions.

NAOMI

Well then I'll drive faster.

ZOE

What if your not fast enough?

Without meaning to NAOMI shouts at ZOE.

NAOMI

Will you just stop!

ZOE is shocked at first that NAOMI shouts at her and then gets annoyed right back at her.

ZOE

I'm scared! I can't help it!

NAOMI

Don't you think I'm scared as  
well!?

ZOE

Well at least I show my emotion,  
you didn't even show it at mums  
funeral!

They both stop talking and just look at each other. NAOMI is annoyed that ZOE would bring that up while ZOE realises that she shouldn't have said that.

NAOMI

I wasn't able to show that I was  
sad because I needed to look after  
you.

NAOMI starts moving a few last boxes over to the door.

ZOE (MUMBLES)

Well, if I'm that much of a hassle  
just leave me here.

NAOMI (SIGH)

Zoe, we haven't got time for this.

ZOE sits back down on the sofa and doesn't make eye contact with NAOMI. NAOMI is annoyed but realises that ZOE is just scared and doesn't know what to do.

NAOMI sits down next to ZOE on the sofa with a bit of space in between them both. They are both silent for a minute before talking again.

NAOMI

I didn't mean what I said, it was just in the heat of the moment. I know your scared, I'm scared as well. I'm sorry Zoe.

ZOE

I'm sorry too.

NAOMI

So...about mums funeral?

ZOE

You don't need to say anything. I know you were sad, I was just annoyed and that came out. I didn't mean it.

They both start to joke with each other to lighten the mood.

NAOMI

A zombie apocalypse huh? Who knew that those movies would come true and that we'd be in the middle of it.

ZOE

Heh. Technically this isn't the middle. It's only just started.

NAOMI starts to chuckle and ZOE ends up laughing with her.

ZOE

So, what's you plan?

NAOMI

Right, I should probably tell you. So we're going to head over to Uncle Milos house. I've packed plenty of food and bottles of water for the both of us. On our way over to his house I'm also going to make a quick stop at the petrol station to see if there's any fuel that we can get as spare just in case.

ZOE

That sounds good. Do you need me to do anything?

NAOMI

All we need to do is put these boxes into the car and then we can get going.

NAOMI gives ZOE a supportive smile, which makes ZOE smile in return. They both stand up and NAOMI goes to open the front door to put the boxes in the car, but she backs away from the door when they both hear a gun shot outside of the door. They both get shocked and scared. NAOMI doesn't move while ZOE takes a few steps back.

ZOE

What was that?

NAOMI

Shh.

The girls stay where they are and don't move. They are both silent and are just waiting to hear something else. Soon enough a few footsteps are heard running away from the house.

NAOMI

We should probably stay inside for a little bit and let things die down.

ZOE

Okay.

NAOMI sits down on the sofa while ZOE opens up one of the boxes and sees food inside.

ZOE

Did we have this much in the fridge?

NAOMI

Umm, no. I went out earlier this morning to get a few things. I mainly got some food and bottles to hold water in.

ZOE

How did it look this morning?

NAOMI

Probably better than now, but it was still bad.

ZOE rummages through another box and soon enough finds a gun.

ZOE

Where did you get this from?

NAOMI

I found it earlier this morning. It was on the ground and I picked it up...It's for protection.

ZOE

I suppose it makes me feel a bit more safe. As long as you're not the one who is aiming it.

They both start joking again.

NAOMI

Wow, thanks.

ZOE

I mean in the nicest way possible, you do have terrible aim.

NAOMI

I don't know whether I should ignore you or agree with you.

ZOE

So you agree you have bad aim?

NAOMI

I never said that.

A sudden knock can be heard from the front door causing the two girls to jump and get scared. They both start whispering to each other.

ZOE

What was that?

NAOMI

The front door.

ZOE

I know that. I meant who knocked.

NAOMI

I don't know.

A mans voice can be heard from the other side of the door. The man sounds desperate and urgent. They keep whispering to each other.

RANDOM MAN

Please. Open the door. Open up.  
Help me!

ZOE

Do we help him?

NAOMI

I don't think we should.

ZOE

He sounds like he needs our help  
though.

NAOMI

What if he's bitten?

RANDOM MAN

I promise I'm not bitten!

NAOMI

Yeh. We're not letting him in.

ZOE

Agreed. What do we do about him  
then?

NAOMI

I suppose we wait till he goes.

NAOMI puts her hand into the same box the gun is in and  
starts to pull the gun out. ZOE starts to panic.

ZOE

What are you doing with that?  
W..wait your not going to shoot him  
are you?

NAOMI

Not yet.

ZOE: "What do you mean yet?"

NAOMI

If he doesn't leave, then it's his  
funeral."

ZOE

You can't just kill someone.

NAOMI

Then what do I do? Open the doors  
and say come on in? Open you eyes  
Zoe!

(MORE)



NAOMI (CONT'D)

We don't know what it's like out there. We can only trust each other from now on.

RANDOM MAN

Please. I know your in there, I can hear you. I just need some help.

NAOMI cautiously walks over to the front door and shouts at the man through the door.

NAOMI

I have a gun! Now you either leave or I shoot!

Both of the girls stay silent for a bit and can soon enough hear the man running away from the door. NAOMI lets out a sigh of relief and sits down while leaning against the door. ZOE sits back down on the sofa.

ZOE

There's going to be more people like that, isn't there?

NAOMI

Yeh. Since we have a lot of supplies as well we need to be careful.

ZOE

How long are we going to stay inside for?

NAOMI

I'd like to leave as soon as possible so then things like that don't happen again.. The only thing stopping us is what's going on outside.

ZOE

Naomi?

NAOMI

Yeh?

ZOE

Do they really look like what they look like in the movies?

NAOMI

Oh. Kind of. There skin is really pale so there veins show more than normal and...I don't think I should be telling you the details.

ZOE

If I get bitten will you, you know?

NAOMI

Lets not think about that.

ZOE

Why not? I don't want to turn into one of those things.

NAOMI

That won't happen, I'll make sure of it.

NAOMI gets up from sitting down and walks over to ZOE. NAOMI hands her the gun and shows her how to use it.

NAOMI

There you go. And you shoot with that.

NAOMI points to the trigger on the gun. ZOE doesn't feel comfortable with holding the gun.

ZOE

Why did you give me this?

NAOMI

For protection.

ZOE

What about you?

NAOMI ignores ZOES question and parts the curtains a little bit on the window next to the door so she can see what's going on outside. ZOE is worried about NAOMI because she didn't answer the question.

NAOMI

Seems like it's died down a little bit out there. Now's probably the best time to go to the car.

ZOE

What about you?

NAOMI ignores her question again.

NAOMI

Zoe, help me get these boxes to the car.

ZOE quickly goes over to NAOMI and grabs her arm to get her attention. NAOMI winces at the sudden pain, ZOE sees this and pulls her sleeve up to reveal a zombie bite mark. ZOE jolts back a bit and gets scared while NAOMI looks at ZOE with guilt.

ZOE

You've been bitten?

NAOMI

Look, it's not that bad.

ZOE

How long!? How long have you had this bite?

NAOMI

I only got it this morning.

ZOE

You lied. You said we could only trust each other, but it seems like I can't even trust you. Is this why you wanted to leave so quickly?

NAOMI

I didn't show you this for your on sake.

ZOE

For my own sake? It would've been better if you told me?

NAOMI

If I told you, you wouldn't of been willing to be in the same car as me.

ZOE

And I wonder why.

NAOMI

Listen...

NAOMI moves closer to ZOE but ZOE is scared of her.

ZOE

Don't! Don't come any closer.

NAOMI  
I won't do anything to you.

ZOE  
You may not do anything now. But I can't trust that you won't do anything as a zombie.

NAOMI  
You really think I would hurt my sister?

ZOE  
Zombie you might.

NAOMI tries to walk a bit closer to ZOE, but ZOE gets more scared and paranoid and pulls the gun out on NAOMI. NAOMI stops straight away and just looks at ZOE in shock and disbelief.

NAOMI  
You're going to shoot me?

ZOE  
I don't feel safe.

NAOMI  
So to feel safe you're going to shoot me?

ZOE  
I don't know.

NAOMI  
Let me just get you to Uncle Milos and then I'll leave you.

ZOE  
No. You might turn before we get there. I don't want to become one of them.

NAOMI  
Just put the gun down.

ZOE  
No. I can't trust you.

NAOMI collapses to her hands and knees.

NAOMI  
Urgh.

*ZOE gets scared and aims the gun at her while shaking.*

NAOMI  
I'm fine.

ZOE  
No you're not.

NAOMI tries to convince ZOE that she's fine and gets up to stand on her feet again.

NAOMI  
Zoe believe me. I won't bite you. I wouldn't even think of it.

ZOE  
Stop, just stop!

NAOMI  
Fine.

NAOMI slowly sits down on the floor and just looks at ZOE who is still in a panic. A sudden siren can be heard. They both stay silent as they hear the siren.

NAOMI  
The boarders closing soon. We need to get going now.

ZOE  
Why?..

NAOMI looks over to ZOE who is about to cry.

ZOE  
...Why did you have to get bitten?

NAOMI feels guilty while ZOE has no idea what to do. NAOMI takes a deep breath in.

NAOMI  
You can do this. As a kid you were always so strong and brave. I remember that when you were in year 3 you use to get bullied and I soon realises that you were getting bullied so I thought as your older sister I would stick up for you, but when I walked over to help you out you had already sorted them out. Heh, you kicked them right in the bullseye...I know that you can get through this on your own without me, so shoot me.

ZOE

No, I can't. I still need your help.

NAOMI grabs hold of her bitten arm in pain and then her head collapses to the side and her body goes limp. She seems to be dead. ZOE gets concerned for her.

ZOE

Naomi?

After hearing ZOE speak NAOMI lifts her head up and ZOE realises that NAOMI is no longer human. ZOE is shaking and quickly goes to aim the gun again at NAOMI, while ZOE is doing this NAOMI quickly gets up to her and starts to walk over to ZOE without any hesitation. ZOE sees her walking over to her quickly and gets even more scared causing her to cock the gun.

ZOE

Don't come any closer!

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