

Lonely Addiction

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EXT. SCHOOL. LUNCHTIME.

EMMA, a 15-year-old girl walked over to the spot where she usually sat down for lunch. No one was ever around these areas, so she always felt safe. She would always listen to the latest album of her favorite group of singers. This time it was different as a group of teenagers passed by which she did not expect would happen. She was so surprised that she dropped her laptop on the ground.

EMMA

(Looking at her broken
laptop in shock and said
quietly to herself)

Oh no, father gave me this brand-
new laptop that his company just
made.

Emma looked at it from all angles to see if it could be fixed until she looked at the time on her new phone that her brother had made for her. Her brother wanted to set up his own type of company that invents technology that would be helpful to everyone. He had made this special phone for her birthday.

EMMA (CONT'D)

(Gasps and quietly heads
towards the entrance of
the school)

Look at the time, I'd better hurry
if I do not want to be late!

INT. HOUSE. AFTERNOON

Emma was greeted by her father at the door as he let her into the house. Her father, JOHN raised Emma and her older brother when they were young. Their mother had died in an accident when Emma was just 3 years old and TOM, her brother, was just 9. They soon arrived in the kitchen.

JOHN

(Looks over at her with a
smile)

How are you, sweetie? Was school
okay for you?

EMMA

(Looks back at her father
and sighs)

I am fine, father.

JOHN

(Looking at Emma still
with a bit of toughness in
his voice)

I am sorry, but I have to go to the
airport to meet an employee there.
When I am gone, TOM will take care
of you.

JOHN (CONT'D)

(Glances over at Tom who
is also in the kitchen)

Tom, do not forget to put flowers
on your mother's grave.

TOM

(Looking at his phone
while texting his friend
on social media)

Yes, I know. I have done it
already.

While their father went up to his bedroom to get ready for
his departure and eventually left afterwards, Emma pulled out
her laptop to show it to her brother. She was never really
great at technology even though everyone used it. Emma stared
at her older brother who was still on his phone.

TOM (CONT'D)

(Glares at her)

What do you want?

TOM (CONT'D)

(Glances over at her
completely destroyed
laptop)

You know that dad won't get you a
new laptop after what happened to
that one and your 2 previous ones
that used to be mine. I had to tell
him that I needed an extra laptop
to give to you, but now you have
broken it.

EMMA

(Emma started to beg)

Please, I need a laptop for school like you need one for your
work that you do with those high tech stuff!

TOM

(Tom started to get
furious)

(MORE)

TOM (CONT'D)

Get your own laptop, and don't ask about this again! I won't give you my laptop that could get destroyed by someone as clumsy as you!

Emma quickly ran up the stairs and into the hallway. She was going to her room, when she spotted her deceased mother's room's door was open which had never happened before. Her eyes peeked into the room and saw a laptop. Ignoring all her father's warnings of not to go into the room, Emma ran into the room, desperate for a laptop to use.

EMMA

(Emma looked at it happily)

Hmm...good quality laptop that I can use for my schoolwork.

Emma quickly rushed into her room to look at this new strange laptop. As she opened the mysterious laptop, something about it made her want to use it at that moment. She began playing some of her favorite games that she used to play on her old laptop.

INT. HOUSE. EVENING

TOM

(Notices it was dinnertime)

Yikes, got to end the call. I am the one who has to make the dinner tonight. Dad's gone to his company overseas.

TOM'S FRIEND

Ok, talk to you tomorrow.

Tom turned off his phone, and looked toward the stairs. He wondered if he should apologize to his sister for the horrible things he had said. Tom went up the stairs and through the long hallway. That's when he saw the door to his mother's room open and Emma inside, playing on the laptop. He quickly ran into the room and over to her.

TOM

(Tom looks in fear)

EMMA, GET OFF THAT THING!

Tom began trying to pull her off it. He could not get her off the computer. A flashback comes into his mind. The memory of his mother, SELENA, on the computer.

INT. MOTHER'S ROOM. EVENING

TOM

(Tom looks at his mother)
 Mother, how long are you going to
 be on that computer for? It is
 dinnertime.

SELENA

(still looking at the
 computer)
 Your mother is busy, Tom darling.
 Go do your homework or something.
 Also make your own dinner like
 always.

INT. HOUSE. EVENING

Tom looked back at Emma, thinking of a way to get it away
 from her. Tom grabbed the computer without looking at the
 screen and closed it.

EMMA

(Emma looking straight at
 where the computer used to
 be)
 GIVE MY COMPUTER BACK, NOW! TOM!

Tom knew that was all he could have done for his sister. He
 went over to his room and smashed the laptop until it looked
 like no one could use it. He quickly rushed downstairs to
 throw it away. Meanwhile, Emma...

EMMA (CONT'D)

(Emma looked at the
 ground)
 Without that computer, I am
 nothing. Why did Tom take it from
 me!

Emma looked out her bedroom window depressed. She then
 thought of something that would take her depression away or,
 so she thought.

EMMA (CONT'D)

(She looked at her
 brother's room then looks
 outside)
 My brother does not want me anymore
 and...

EMMA (CONT'D)

(Grabs the car keys that
 are on her table)
 (MORE)

EMMA (CONT'D)

I am going to leave home and never
come back!

EXT. STREET. EVENING

Emma looked out of the window to see if anyone was around while packing her stuff into her backpack. She then climbed out of the window and hurried to her car that was outside her garage. After that she drove off into the distance. While she was driving, she was listening to her favorite music. Suddenly, Emma saw a light in front of her car then a loud bang was heard throughout the neighborhood. Tom heard the bang from his room and rushed outside to see what happened. Their father had just come back early because Tom had called him to tell him about the computer. John was at the scene of the crime, and he looked at Tom sadly.

JOHN

(Looked up at Tom sadly
with tears in his eyes)

Tom, your sister... she is...
dead...

TOM

(Looked at his father with
total shock)

WHAT!?

Tom fell to the floor on his knees and began sobbing. What happened with their mother had happened to another one of their family members. It had become a curse of the many deaths that may come from that one computer. Meanwhile, a man walked past the garbage dump where Tom put the laptop and saw it immediately. He picked it up and the first thing he saw was the bright screen.