

FACETIME

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WE ARE WATCHING A RECORDED FACETIME CALL.
THE SCREEN IS DIVIDED INTO TWO HALVES:

SAM (15-19) using the camera as a mirror to do a quick check while the "ringing" icon animates.

Finally, RIDLEY (15-19) answers the call, popping up in the other half of the screen.

RIDLEY

Hey.

SAM

Hey.

RIDLEY

Um, what are you wearing?

SAM

You like it? It's a hoodie-blanket-combo.

RIDLEY

See? You keep complaining about being lonely, but really you've been cheating on me with a cuddle-hoodie-thingy...

SAM

I'm not gonna lie; I haven't washed it since I got it. We're basically in a full-on relationship at this point.

RIDLEY

You're gross.

SAM

You're gross. I miss you.

RIDLEY

I know me too.

A Weird/Distracted/Silent Beat...

SAM

I was watching the news...

RIDLEY

No you weren't. Seriously?

SAM

Obviously. The world is crazy out there. I need to know what's happening.

RIDLEY

Sorry. You just... you never pay attention to what's going on.

SAM

Well being trapped in this apartment with my family has changed me.

Ridley is distracted by an incoming call on screen.

RIDLEY

Sorry. Let me just....
(taps screen)
...ignore that.

SAM

Who is it?

RIDLEY

My mom. Probably nothing. So you were watching the news...?

SAM

Yeah, and everyone is saying that this could last six months to a year.

RIDLEY

That is so long.

SAM

Right? I'm like, worried.

RIDLEY

Yeah, lots of people are.

SAM

About us. Our relationship. Like, will we still be dating or will things be different or like, I don't know. You know what I'm trying to say.

RIDLEY

Don't stress about it. Let's just see how it goes. Right now, things are good. Like, let's just keep it going.

SAM

Are you sure? Things are good?

RIDLEY

Yes. If I could, I'd drive to your place right now.

SAM

I'd risk all the grandmother's lives just to hug you. Seriously, I wish someone would give me the virus already, end this distancing shit.

Ridley is distracted by an incoming call again.

RIDLEY

It's my mom. She gets so annoying when I don't answer. Lemme call you right back.

SAM

Okay. I'll be here. Doing nothing.

RIDLEY

Five minutes.

SAM

Fine. Love you.

RIDLEY

Byeeee.

Ridley taps the screen to switch calls while running off camera.

RIDLEY (FROM OFF SCREEN)

I'm closing my door in case my mom comes in. I missed you soooo --

Ridley sits on camera and sees Sam still on screen.

SAM

I'm still here.
(beat)
You didn't hang up.

RIDLEY

Oh my gosh, why...? I thought I switched calls. My bad. Okay lemme call you later.

SAM

No.

RIDLEY
What?

SAM
(thrown)
I... uh...
(collecting)
You're lying to me.

RIDLEY
You're being ridiculous. I'm not
lying. I'm not. I was just...

SAM
Who's on the other call?

RIDLEY
...

SAM
See? Sometimes I do pay attention.

Sam hangs up.

Ridley winces with self-disgust.