



IX-NAY

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INT. NIX'S LIVKNG ROOM - AFTERNOON

Nix is holding a magnifying glass, examining a dead beetle when Sal comes running in, frantic energy!

SAL

Nix. Thank god! I've been looking everywhere --

NIX

-- Okay. Where did you stop?

SAL

What?

NIX

That's where you had him last.

SAL

W-wait... Who?

NIX

(duh)

Your dog Felix. If you want me to help you find him, I need to know where he was last.

SAL

How could you know that?! I just came here to --

NIX

-- Ask for my help. I know. (beat) You're shoes are wet, but only on the bottom. So you were at that dog park where the sprinklers run in early afternoon. That's over two miles away so you didn't sprint straight here from the park. You stopped somewhere when you still had Felix. Now tell me where.

Sal is clearly astonished!

SAL

What. The. Heck?!

NIX

We're wasting time. Gimme your phone.

Nix grabs Sal's phone and starts scrolling. Nix makes a handful of little discoveries the hands Sal back the phone.

NIX (CONT'D)

Your dog is at Julie Miller house.

SAL

Okay, you gotta tell me how you do that.

NIX

It's obvious. I noticed that you've 'liked' all of Julie's recent posts. Your comment on her last selfie confirmed my suspicion that you have a crush on her. Then a simple search reveals that Julie's little sister Emily just got a kitten for her birthday. So, the Miller house is on your route home and you stop to drool at the love of your life. Meanwhile Felix gets off leash. Am I right?

SAL

I searched the whole neighborhood. We looked everywhere.

NIX

Except in the Miller's garage where Emily keeps her new cat's litter box.

SAL

Nix, you're a freakin' genius.

NIX

I know.