

IG INTERVENTION

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Family members Aunt Vicky, Uncle Roy and Hannah eagerly await the arrival of Mariam for an ambush intervention

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HANNAH

Shhh, shhh, I think I hear her. Yup she's coming

They all shuffle to their seats

MARIAM

(surprised, happy)

Oh my gosh, what are you all doing here? It's been months! So nice to see you all, finally!

HANNAH

It's because we-

MARIAM

(interrupting)

Hold on, are you throwing me a half birthday party? I've always wanted to celebrate my half birthday! I mean, it doesn't even matter that *technically* you guys are about 7 weeks off, but I'm sure no one will notice.

(Mariam pauses in thought)

Actually, can I walk in again - just wanna get it on video

HANNAH

Mariam, have a seat

MARIAM

Uhh, okay, you don't have to be weird about it. Where are the candles? I've got hella wishes I need to release into the universe.

Mariam reaches for her phone, Hannah gently stops her and gestures towards a chair. Mariam sits, still oblivious

MARIAM (CONT'D)

Hannah, what's going on? Did someone die?

HANNAH

No one died, Mariam. We're here because we love you. Aunt Vicky, Uncle Roy, and myself, we genuinely care about you

(takes a deep breath)

This is tough, for all of us. Especially me, as your big sister.

MARIAM

Why is everyone so quiet, just spit it out! Tell me what's going on!

AUNT VICKY

(blurting out)

It's the fact that you made Lillian her own Instagram account

UNCLE ROY

(emotional)

She's just a baby, she can't even talk much less type

HANNAH

There's no reason for babies to have their own social media accounts. It's ... pathetic

MARIAM

(defensive)

I'm sorry you all feel that way, but I'm not deleting the account

Aunt Vicky wales

UNCLE ROY

(comforting Aunt Vicky)

Vicky, it's okay, we're going to get through this.

(turns attention to Mariam)

Look, look at what you're doing to your aunt

Aunt Vicky continues crying, and blows her nose loudly into her own sleeve

HANNAH

Just hear us out, it's bringing shame to the family. Are you not embarrassed?

MARIAM

How? Why? Lillian's Instagram page is filled with her favourite things; her morning routine, her transition to solids, a detailed schedule of her feedings and poop times

HANNAH

What about the *fake* product sponsorships? The hashtags overloads? Submitting her photos to be featured on "@browneyedbabies"? Not to mention, you use filters on her photos. Mariam, you type from her account as if it's her talking, you even narrate her videos in a baby voice. You don't see a problem? It's super weird.

MARIAM

I beg your pardon?

UNCLE ROY

What your sister means to say is, it's just not
(clicks tongue)
We just don't understand it.

AUNT VICKY

And what kind of creeps follow "@browneyedbabies"? Or any kid account for that matter?

MARIAM

Aunt Vicky, you just wouldn't understand.

AUNT VICKY

I'd hope not.

MARIAM

Listen, Lillian is going to be a star. It's all part of the plan; first, baby influencing, then toddler fashion, and once she can read - it's game over! Before you know it, she'll be starring in her very own show and I'll be mom-ager, obviously.

HANNAH

Come on, Mariam. How many other moms have that same exact plan?

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HANNAH (CONT'D)

Is it fair to Lillian? She has no say. Don't you think this can wait a few years? Until she can *tell you* if she wants her face all over social media or not?

MARIAM

"Other moms". That's exactly it! Since having Lillian I've felt completely isolated, Hannah. Her account allows me to connect with women who are going through what I'm going through, in real time. Women who understand the ups and downs of being a new mom. None of my friends can truly relate, and that's nothing against them, but I need the outlet.

HANNAH

Aren't there like, local mom groups you can attend or something?

MARIAM

Of course there are, but think about the area we live in. Mom groups out here are lame. I don't fit in with those women. Being online lets me to connect with people outside of this gentrified ass neighbourhood.

HANNAH

Uhhhh, I still think-

MARIAM

(interrupting)

It's funny how *now* you're thinking. You've visited me, what? A handful of times since giving birth? You're my sister, you're supposed to be my support system. You didn't even come to the Sip n' See. Just because I'm a mom now doesn't mean that I'm not fun anymore, or that I can't watch trash reality tv with you. I'm literally the same person, I really think people forget that shit.

HANNAH

I get it! I'm sorry, it's new for me too, and weird.

(MORE)

HANNAH (CONT'D)

Seeing you as a mom now, you're my little sister, it's always been me and you.

MARIAM

Girl, relax. It's not the end of the world. It's still me and you.. plus Lillian now, just look at it as an added bonus. Once she learns how to walk, we'll make her earn her keep.

HANNAH

(pause)

So.. you need an extra social media manager for Lillian's page?

MARIAM

Dude, I thought you'd never ask!
(reaches for phone and starts texting)
Let me send you the login info, it's so hard keeping up with all of the posts and just staying active.

HANNAH

Okay dope, I have some really cool ideas that will for sure drive up the engagement on her page

MARIAM

Now you're speaking my language. Wanna go to Starbies, like the good ol' days? I have a gift card...

HANNAH

That sounds phenomenal, I could really use a Cold Brew right now. Let me grab my laptop, we're about to have a serious brainstorm sesh

Hannah and Mariam start getting ready to leave

AUNT VICKY

(Clears throat interrupting)

Ahemmm

HANNAH

Oh shit, Aunt Vicky, Uncle Roy, totally forgot you guys were here. Ummm, here's an extra set of keys, can you just lock up before you leave?

Mariam and Hannah walk away in deep excited conversation

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