

Parental Control: Series 1

"UNDER CONTROL"

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FADE IN:

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding."

Proverbs 3:13 KJV

INT. SHARON'S LIVING ROOM - DAY (1)

Stacy sits on the couch holding the TELEVISION REMOTE. Points it at the TELEVISION.

Shay enters with a LARGE BOWL and a BAG OF POPCORN. They sit and watch together for a beat.

They laugh, play around, hug, toss popcorn at each other and do random fun things with each other. Hours pass by...

STACEY (V.O.)

This was a great moment. We watched T.V. all night long. I think this is the most fun I've had my whole life. I managed to lose my momma on accident playing that Parental Control game. Something good is coming out of it. I have a new best friend... I think. I'm not sure what this means, but I'm going to enjoy it.

This was up until the moment I realized something that would change my life forever...

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INT. SHARON'S LIVING ROOM - DAY (2)

SUPER: The next morning...

Stacey lies slumped over on the couch. Eyes closed with her body covered with several pieces of POPCORN scattered all over.

Noises comes from the distance.

Shay is in the kitchen. Putting TWO PLATES of breakfast together for her and Stacey.

Shay approaches. Speaks softly to her ear.

SHAY

Stacey... Hey Stacey... Wake up girl,
it's time to eat breakfast.

Stacey slowly opens her eyes. Slowly sits upright. She smiles and stretches her arms.

STACEY

Oh, that was so much fun last
night. --What time is it?

SHAY

It's almost two o'clock in the
afternoon.

STACEY

What?! Two o'clock? --Wow, my
momma never lets me wake up this
late. Are you sure?

SHAY

Yes, I'm sure. We had an awesome
girl's night last night. But I've
been up since nine o'clock
studying.

STACEY

Good. --Studying.

Glad to see you on the right track.
--and you're cooking breakfast?

SHAY

Yes. I've been snacking all morning, but I wanted us to eat together. I figured this was a good time because I didn't want you to sleep the day away. Come on, I'll get the plates ready. Meet me at the table.

STACEY

Okay, sure.

Shay walks back into the kitchen. Stacey gathers herself and starts knocking the POPCORN off herself and the couch.

A beat.

INT. SHARON'S DINNING ROOM - DAY (3)

Shay brings the plates to the table. She sets down TWO PLATES with SCRAMBLED EGGS, TWO TURKEY SAUSAGES and a handful of GRITS. Shay takes a seat at the TABLE.

She signals over to Stacey.

SHAY

Come on girl, sit down. Breakfast is ready.

Stacey approaches the TABLE. STOPS abruptly as she gets close. Eyes widen at the food. Shay begins to eat.

STACEY

Wait.

What is this?

SHAY

It's breakfast, girl.

STACEY

This is exactly what my momma used to make.

SHAY

This is my favorite breakfast.

My mother used to make this when I was growing up. Helps me remember her.

Stacey's eyes open wide, her mouth drops to the floor. She stares profusely at Shay. She utters the words...

STACEY

Mom?

Everything FREEZES. Except for Stacey. She stares at Shay. Then suddenly...

[VICTORY SIREN RINGS]

A bright green light fills the room. Suddenly goes black...

[DOORBELL RINGS]

Natural light returns. Stacey eyes the room. Shay and everything on the dining table has disappeared.

INT. SHARON'S HOME - FRONT DOOR - DAY (4)

Stacey approaches the front door. She opens. A large CONFETTI PIPE is held close to her face.

[EXPLODES] A multitude of small tiny pieces of paper fill the air. Stacey's mouth drops. Peezy enters holding the opposite end of the pipe.

PEEZY

Congratulations! You won!

STACEY

I won? How did I win?

PEEZY

You said the magic word, of course.

STACEY

What magic word?

PEEZY

Mom! You said it right.

STACEY

Wow, I didn't realize that whole time. Was that part of the game too?

PEEZY

Yes, it was. Interesting, huh? That's where it became magical. It took you a while to figure it out, but you did.

STACEY

What happened to her? Where is she now? I thought she was gone forever.

PEEZY

Aw, sweetie. She was. You lost her. You failed badly. You had a journey ahead of you. You would have known that if you read the fine print.

STACEY

What fine print?

PEEZY

After you downloaded the app, you signed the agreement. Remember?

STACEY

Well, yea but...

PEEZY

Don't worry sweetie, most people never read the fine print. They're so eager to gain control that they skip it.

So, what did you learn?

STACEY

I learned a lot. My mom has been through so much. Things that I didn't even know. She never talks about it. I realized that I need her in my life no matter what. I think what she went through, made her a little mean towards me. But I understand she doesn't want me to make the same mistakes.

PEEZY

Well, sweetie... Sounds like you've got a new perspective. Congratulations. I hope you don't ever want to play this game again.

Peezy turns to walk towards the door.

STACEY

I don't. Wait, where are you going?

PEEZY

I'm all done. It's time for me to go. I do have a job.

STACEY

What happens next? Where is my momma?

PEEZY

You'll wake up soon enough.

STACEY

I don't understand. Wake up?

PEEZY

Close your eyes and count down from five.

STACEY

(super-fast)

Five, four, three, two, one.

PEEZY

Not that fast. --S-l-o-w-l-y.

Peezy exits. Stacey stands there and slowly closes her eyes. She starts the count.

STACEY

Five... four... three...

INT. STACEY'S BEDROOM - DAY (5)

Stacey lies in bed; her eyes remain closed as she continues to count.

STACEY (CONT'D)

two... one.

Stacey quickly opens her eyes and sits up in the bed. Looks around the room. Restored back to normal. She looks over at the clock. Displays 10:59 AM.

STACEY (V.O.)

I can't believe it. Was that really a dream. Everything seems

to be back to normal. Everything except momma waking me up early. I know she would NEVER let me sleep in. Something is very different around here... I'll go find out.

Stacey gets out of the bed. Exits the room.

INT. SHARON'S HOME - LIVING ROOM AREA - DAY (6)

Sharon, wearing SCRUBS, lies there on the couch on her side with her feet propped up. A SETHOSCOPE on the table.

Stacey enters the living area. She stops and eyes Sharon on the couch. She runs towards her...

STACEY

Momma! Momma! I missed you so much.

Sharon slowly awakens, but keeps her eyes slightly closed.

SHARON

Hey girl. I was just trying to get a nap before you woke up. I just got off my shift from last night.

STACEY

Why didn't you wake me up?

SHARON

Oh, girl stop playing, you know you're supposed to wake up on your own.

STACEY

What are you wearing?

SHARON

I always wear scrubs to the hospital.

STACEY

Are you a doctor or something?

SHARON

What's going on with you? You know that already.

Stacey gives her a big hug.

STACEY

I'm proud of you momma. --I'm going to make you some breakfast.

SHARON

What are you making?

STACEY

Your favorite. The same way grandma used to make it.

Sharon sits up, smiles, eyes Stacey for a beat. She looks down at her watch.

SHARON

That's sweet, baby. --But breakfast starts a seven thirty AM. It's eleven o'clock. You're late!

Stacey's mouth drops. Looks over.

FADE OUT

THE END