



## **A DISTRACTOR**

There was a girl called Emily. It was her 13th birthday, she remembers when she was 11 she asked her parents to have a mobile phone, they said when she turns 13 they will buy her one. It was morning when they went to the shop, but on the way to the shop they said she must promise that she will use it with care and she mustn't get distracted with it, she promised them that she will not get distracted with it. When they arrived at the shop, her father said that she can choose any mobile phone she wants but can't exceed \$1,000, she obeyed her father. Once they arrived it was 1 o'clock, she went to her room and logged into her phone she already loved it, then she applied her new phone case, she then downloaded few apps and Social Media. On one of the social media "Instagram", she added her friends and family and some celebrities. After a couple of minutes her mother called her down for lunch she was too distracted to listen, when she heard her mother coming upstairs she pretended to be studying and hid her mobile phone in her pocket, her mother then said: I called you but you didn't listen I thought you were distracted by your phone for a second, but I know I can trust you. Emily smiled nervously then she joined her mother for lunch. Once they finished eating she asked her parents if she could use her new phone for a

couple of hours, they said ok but she has to stop at 6:30 pm. It was time for Emily to put her phone down but she was kind of distracted by how many followers she is gaining and took lots of pictures her mom came in and said; what are you doing do your timetable, eat your lunch, then brush your teeth so you can go to bed, if you don't we will take your mobile phone away. She immediately obeyed, but when it was time to sleep, she pretended to be asleep, so she can check how many people are following her. She got bored and started to text her friends late at night but some replied saying they are sleeping, she then played games without realizing she fell asleep. It was time for school she was unable to wake up, her mother told her is going to be late to school. During school, Emily joined her friends while they were talking before she approached them she overheard them talking. Rachelle: Did Emily talk to you at night too? Jordan: yes I was disturbed I hope she never does it again. After the conversation, Emily approached them, Emily: I actually heard my name are you talking about my new mobile phone, Jordan: actually we like your new phone but please don't text us at night it is disturbing, Emily: oh ok I understand. Her day continued with friends telling her to stop texting them at night and she thought the lessons were boring because she wanted to use her phone, she used her phone during class while pretending she is actually reading the story, which her English teacher told her to do, but she was caught and her phone was taken away from her until it was time to go to her, English teacher: I didn't expect this kind of behavior from you and students are complaining about how you are texting them during the night, since you are a good girl we will forgive you but next time strict action will be taken, she apologized and got her phone back. When she reached home she was too distracted with her phone to wish her mother hello when she went to her she saw a new follower following her now and the follower is new oh Instagram, she said hi and told her she is new to Instagram too and told her when she has begun her account. She felt a bond strong starting to develop, every day they shared what they did during their day, but Emily

wasn't careful enough she shared when is her birthday, who lives with her, said everything about her day, how old she is, and her last name. One day her "online" friend told her where she lives so they could meet one day, but Emily didn't stay quiet she told her and it turned out her online friend is living somewhere near, they arranged to meet each other in the park they were so excited. When Emily went downstairs to go to the park her mom asked: where are you going? She replied: I am going to meet Rachelle in the park, she had to lie because if her mother discovered she is going to meet her online friend they won't allow her. She reached the specific point where she should meet her online friend, as she was waiting for her friend she saw her parents having a walk at the park, she freaked out a little bit since she wasn't meeting her friend Rachelle. Her parents approached her father: your mother told me you are meeting your friend Rachelle, where is she? Emily: I don't know we were supposed to meet, mother: have you tried calling her? Emily: yes, she said there is traffic....., father: strange there was no traffic on our way, mother: I am getting worried, I will call her mom. Emily panicked because she wasn't meeting up with Rachelle, but she felt why her online friend is late, she texted her where is she, she replied: I am standing in front of you, Emily was confused her parents were standing in front of her, then her friend sent a text which says you failed our test, she looked at her parents, they were angry. Her parents explained for her that they discovered that they saw her distracted with her phone so they created a fake account to test her, sadly she failed and they said good thing it was a test or she would have been kidnapped, they told her she is grounded for 3 months and she will get her phone back at the end of the term. She knew it was what she deserved and promised she will never do it again and she will be careful next time.

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