Social Media

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INT: RAYMOND'S BEDROOM - DAY

RAYMOND (15), spotty and wearing jeans is sitting in front of his computer on a desk. On the right of the desk is a digital clock. The time is 5:00 PM. Clothes and magazines are scattered on the floor. Behind him is a messed up bed. Music comes from a CD player. On it is 'Blitzkrieg' by Blitzkrieg.

CD PLAYER

The day is coming, Armageddon's near. Inferno's coming, can we survive the blitzkrieg?

RAYMOND

(to himself)

Excellent song about an alien invasion. Can we survive the blitzkrieg? Excellent lyric, too. I like it so much, I'm going to make that my Facialface status.

RAYMOND talks to himself whilst typing.

RAYMOND

Can we survive the blitzkrieg?

Raymond nods.

RAYMOND

And now all I have to do is wait for the likes...

Half an hour passes. The clock says 5:30 PM. Now RAYMOND is listening to 'Sreet Lethal' by Racer X.

CD PLAYER

And I'm street, street lethal. Pounding down the backroads, higher than a steeple.

RAYMOND

Yeah, rad. Let's make that my new status.

RAYMOND does more typing.

Another half an hour passes. The clock says 6:00 PM. 'Run to the Hills' by Iron Maiden is playing.

CD PLAYER

Run to the hills! Run for your lives!

RAYMOND

Awesome! I have a new status update! Best yet!

RAYMOND does more typing. A pinging sound comes from the computer. RAYMOND focuses closer on the screen. He reads from it aloud.

RAYMOND

Raymond, no one has any kind of clue what you're on about. Are you ok? You sound really paranoid and really arrogant, too. Who the hell do you think you are and what the HELL do you think is going on?

RAYMOND sighs. He types as he talks.

RAYMOND

Am I ok? Don't you know cool?

RAYMOND gets up and changes the song. 'Gangland' by the same band plays. RAYMOND sits back down and rubs his chin.

RAYMOND

What lyrics will make me sound super chill?

CD PLAYER

Shadows may hide you but also may be your grave.

RAYMOND

Perfect.

RAYMOND types the lyrics again. Soon after another ping is heard.

RAYMOND

(reading aloud)

Raymond are you threatening me?

RAYMOND sighs even louder.

RAYMOND

(type-talking)

Work it out!

RAYMOND twiddles his thumbs.

RAYMOND

(to himself)

Hm. No reply. I really have no idea what's going on.

Another half an hour passes. The clock says 6:30 PM. 'Hammer Smashed Face' by Cannibal Corpse plays.

CD PLAYER

Brutality now becomes my appetite

Violence is now a way of life The sledge my tool to torture As it pounds down on your forehead.

RAYMOND

Now THEY'RE cool lyrics!

RAYMOND types again. Another ping is heard.

RAYMOND

(reading aloud)

I'm seriously considering calling the police...

RAYMOND scratches his head.

RAYMOND

(typing and speaking)

For God's sake! Don't you know good music?? Ohhh, I see what's going on.

RAYMOND rolls his eyes.

RAYMOND

You thought the lyrics I wrote were about me, didn't you? No, HERE are lyrics about me. Let me just get my Spice Girls CD...

RAYMOND puts The Spice Girls into his CD player and sits again. 'Wannabe' plays.

CD PLAYER

If you want my future, forget my past If you wanna get with me, better make it fast.

RAYMOND does more typing of lyrics. Another ping is heard.

RAYMOND

(reading)

Raymond, you're sick in the head, seriously.

RAYMOND hits the desk with his fists and types again.

RAYMOND

Please believe me! I'm just writing lyrics! Please!

A police siren is heard outside. Knocks are also heard.

RAYMOND

Oh no.