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Based on, The Tragic Death of
Simone Back

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MOVIE THEATRE

The credits for the "Social Network" roll as Jackie and Amanda (facing the house) begin discussing the film.

JACKIE

I'm closing my account.

AMANDA

You're so fucking dramatic.

JACKIE

It really makes me sick to my stomach. He's a dick who dicked over his friends. Why should I support him? Why should I stay on Facebook?

AMANDA

For the same reason you still watch The Office and 30 Rock even though your dad got laid off from NBC. You like it and want it.

JACKIE

That's not a good enough reason. I have to stand up for what's right.

AMANDA

I'm not going there with you. It's a movie!

JACKIE

About real people and real events.

AMANDA

LOOSELY based on real events.

JACKIE

But...

AMANDA

2007, we saw Away from Her and you were so freaked out about Alzheimer, you bought 4000 post-its and Memento-ed your fucking apartment.

JACKIE

I was going through an organizing phase.

AMANDA

Sure. 2008 We saw Slumdog and you work 2 weeks in Union Square for Feed the children, then quit.

JACKIE

I can't stand for long periods of time.

AMANDA

You do this all of the time. You become temporarily aware and engaged then go back to being you.

JACKIE

Being me? As compared to you who doesn't give a shit. When's that last time you invested in anyone one besides yourself.

AMANDA

Goodnight Jack.

Amanda exits the theatre.

JACKIE

(under her breath)
Fuck!

JACKIE AND AMANDA'S HOMES (SPLIT SCENE)

Jackie is on her laptop typing with friend.

JACKIE

(type speaking)
No, I said something like you only care about yourself (pause) I know, but it slipped, she kept nudging me about being a lame ass sappy wimp and it irked me and it just slipped out.

Amanda is at her computer.

JACKIE (CONT'D)

Yeah, she's on now (pause) this isn't a discussion for facebook. Maybe I should send her an email or a text. Wait, She's IMing me. "We need to talk". Shit this is going to be brutal. Are you going be here for a bit? (pause) Ok I'll keep you posted.

Jackie leans back and takes a deep breath before returning to her laptop.

JACKIE (CONT'D)

Hi Amanda. (pause)

AMANDA

Jack, I don't really like the movies. I like you and you like movies. As you can see I have a handfull of friend in comparison to you and I'm good with that, you know why...because the responsibility of really being a friend takes work and when my numbers were larger, I fucked it up a bit. I may seem like an asshole to you but I'm not. I'm brutally honest because I don't know any other way to be without losing clarity...

JACKIE

I'm a jerk. I can tell sometime that you're bored, but you're the only one of my 1400 friends that's there for me consistently and says yes, let go see it(pause) At some point I stop looking at the names of the people I met in bars at 4am, subway platforms during morning rush hour and people that came to my shows and just kept clicking accept. 200 friend, yikes, Meryl has 500. Now I have 650 friends but my other actor friend has over 1000 what does that say about me? I get updates from people I don't remember meeting but who I hope know me.

AMANDA

I do. At least I think I do.

JACKIE

I don't want to lose you as my friend. You're one of the few people I enjoy seeing outside of facebook. Can we have a do over, You pick the activity and...

AMANDA

Hold on. (Pause) OMG. Do you know Nana from 6th street rep?

JACKIE

Yeah we did a play together. She's a friend, well I mean I friended her.

AMANDA

Go to her profile.

JACKIE

What a piece of work.!?!?

AMANDA

WTF.

JACKIE

Let me explain. She is a drama queen. Her plight as an actress and person is to pull everyone into her pity circle. It's her way of getting attention. She's done it before.

AMANDA

Still if someone posts that they've taken a bottle of pills and good bye, shouldn't someone do something. Aren't there like Facebook police or something (pause) why did you write that?

JACKIE

I wrote "get over it" because my other friend just IM-ed me that this is over and Ex? Watch tomorrow she's going to post about a new role she got, I mean she should grow up already!

AMANDA

Wow?! well uh...I can't get my head around that.

JACKIE

What?

AMANDA

Consider yourself blocked. You're one less friend I need in my life.

JACKIE

And you're doing what?

AMANDA

I'm not pushing her over the edge.

JACKIE

Your "nothing" is just as potent as my words.

Both Actresses close their laptops get up and stand facing the audience on opposite sides of the stage, each holding a sheet of paper they read the following.

ACTRESS A (JACKIE)

A little over 2 months ago.

ACTRESS B (AMANDA)

In England.

ACTRESS A (JACKIE)

Christmas Day, 1053pm: Simone Back posts the status update: "Took all my pills be dead soon bye bye everyone."

ACTRESS B (AMANDA)

11:01 pm: Friend A writes: She ODS all the time and she lies.

ACTRESS A

11:02pm Friend B responds angrily: "I hope that she is lying about this or you're going to feel guilty tomorrow."

ACTRESS B

Boxing Day the 26th 12:09am: friend C writes "Did you catch the part about Simone taking pill??? Did anyone go by personally and check on Simone...or call 999? What's wrong with you people?? Is the gossip really more important than her??"

ACTRESS A

12:56am Friend A retorts "She does it all the time, takes all of her pills, then, 14 minutes later, She's not a kid anymore."

ACTRESS B

1:56am: A third worries friend writes "If any of you actually call yourself friends, one of you should call round and see if she's ok. I'm glad I personally don't know any of you, heartless."

ACTRESS A

12:02 PM Another facebook user logs on and writes: "She has a choice and taking pills over a relationship is not a good enough reason."

ACTRESS B

1:56pm: Friend C comes back to check and writes " I would never treat another human the way you are treating her, there is someone out there who's desperate and all I can see is people feeding her."

ACTRESS A

At 4pm December 26th Mrs. Landridge called police after receiving a worried text and an hour later, Miss Back was pronounced dead in the hospital.

ACTRESS B

Mrs. Landridge later posted on her daughter's Facebook page: "My daughter Simone passed away today so please leave her alone now."

BOTH ACTRESSES

Simone Back died December 26th 2010 with 1,082 friends.

THE END