

ALLY

When this COVID is done with, your father and I will come visit for a whole week. Have a good catch up.

ROSE

COVID is going to be around for a while yet mum. Don't go anywhere until I tell you it's safe, yeah? Best to stay put. Going to say bye now.

SCOTT

We'll let you get back to work. Love you darling.

ROSE

Love you too. Talk to you later.

ALLY

Okay dear. Bye. *(She waves. She turns to SCOTT thinking that she has turned it off)* She always cuts us off short. Always working. Never has any time for us. Do you think she's put on weight? I do.

ROSE

Mum, you need to hang up. I can still hear you.

SCOTT is laughing as ALLY hangs up. Rose sits for a moment recovering from the call with her parents.

ROSE

How is it that I'm as sane as I am? *(Sigh)*

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FS 7 - ZOOM CALL

ROSE looks at her watch and realizes she has a meeting to attend. She grabs a suit jacket from the kitchen chair and puts it on. She puts some lipstick on *(mirror and lipstick in a kitchen drawer)*. ROSE opens up her laptop and initiates her ZOOM work call. The work call is chaotic and fast passed but in places reflective. First ELAINE appears on the screen. ELAINE is professional, well dressed, with a lot of makeup and black glasses. Close to the screen most of the time. She is in a well-organized home office.

ELAINE

Hello. Elaine here.

ROSE

Hi Elaine. Just waiting on a couple more people.

BLAKE appears on the screen. He is a well-groomed man with coiffed hair. Wearing a polo shirt. Very confident. Throughout the work call BLAKE is eating on camera, going off and on camera and getting up and moving around.

BLAKE

Hello team.

ROSE

Hello Blake. Thanks for offering to join the call today.

BLAKE

Of course. I need to have a close eye on this as this sector sits in my Director portfolio.

ROSE

Okay. Thanks.

BLAKE

Be right back. *(Goes off camera with a very polished photo of himself on the screen. He forgets to mute and you can hear him rustling around in the background)*

ROSE

How are you doing Elaine? Working from home okay?

(BLAKE's noise in the background is disrupting the call)

ROSE

Blake could you put yourself on mute please.

ELAINE

Working from home is best for me actually...

(BLAKE is still disrupting call as he didn't hear ROSE)

ROSE

Blake, could you *(BLAKE goes on mute but not on camera)* Thank you. Sorry Elaine, you were saying working home is best?

ELAINE

Yes it is, as I am a caregiver to my grandfather.

ADAM appears on the screen. ADAM is wearing a head set. He is in a slightly wrinkled t-shirt and is working from his bedroom.

It is a very messy room, inappropriate background for a work call. ADAM isn't bothered by this fact. Bedroom door open and you can see his wife JESS walking back and forth, and coming in and out of the room for various reasons throughout the call.

ROSE

Yes that helps for sure Elaine. Hello Adam. Did you have a good holiday?

ADAM

Hey everyone. Yeah thanks, it was good. Couldn't really go anywhere. Good to not work for a week though.

ANDREA (flustered) appears on the screen with her little girl HANNAH on her lap. ANDREA is working in a home office area, wearing a nice dress shirt. HANNAH is wearing loads of different clothes and has a pair of bikini bottoms on her head.

ANDREA

Hello all. Sorry I'm a bit late. Having a different day today.

HANNAH

(Jumping up and down) Hi. Hi..

ROSE

Hello there.

HANNAH

(Shyer, with her fingers in her mouth) Hi.

ANDREA

(Taking HANNAH's fingers out of her mouth) Sorry about this. Hannah is at home this week. One of the parents is unwell and waiting for test results so I thought I'd keep her home for a

bit. Just to be safe. (*HANNAH is looking directly into the camera and showing off her teeth.*)

ROSE

Sorry to hear that. Do you feel well?

ANDREA

Yes, thankfully.

ROSE

That's good. Hannah what are you wearing?

HANNAH

My clothes.

ANDREA

She's decided to wear every item of clothing today.

ROSE

What's that on your head Hannah? A new hat?

HANNAH

No, my bikini!

ANDREA

Okay Hannah, go read your book please. There's a good girl.

HANNAH jumps off ANDREA's lap. ANDREA gets up to sort HANNAH revealing that she is wearing shorts that clearly don't match the nice work appropriate shirt.

ROSE

Okay, we have everyone here. Let's get started. It's Friday, end of day so won't keep you too long. As you know one of our long-term care homes is battling an outbreak. The leadership have all tested positive. The local emergency table has requested the support of our crisis response team to fill the staffing gaps.

ADAM's dog starts barking in the background. Barking is deep and scary sounding.

ROSE

(Noticing dog barking) Adam, can you mute please?

BLAKE

(Comes on camera) Let me know if there's anything I need to escalate Rose.

ADAM

Sorry. That's my dog. *(Adam goes to address but doesn't go off camera. Dog continues to bark. You can hear him in the background as he didn't mute)*

ROSE

No, we are fine thanks Blake. Nothing to escalate. We are supporting the home, non-compliance is not the issue.

ADAM's dog stops barking and ADAM returns to the call.

ADAM

He's barking at the delivery man. Jess keeps buying so much off Amazon and Wayfair I am surprised the dog doesn't recognize him by now. *(ADAM mutes)*

ROSE

Not sure if you heard me Blake, no escalation needed. *(BLAKE gives a thumbs up)* The home needs staff management and scheduling support for a week or two until their permanent staff return to work. Connecting with you to see if any of you could help out...*BLAKE interrupts ROSE)*

BLAKE

Thanks for your leadership on this Rose. The home needs the help.

ROSE

Yes, thank you Blake.

ADAM

(Still on mute) What do you need Rose?

ELAINE's grandfather somewhat confused walks by in the background. Everyone notices, ELAINE is unaware.

ROSE

You're on mute Adam.

ADAM

(Comes off mute) Sorry. I'm happy to help. We're homeschooling our kids right now. I've failed the last two English essays so my son will be happy for my wife to take over. *(Stays off mute)*

ROSE

(Laughing) Thanks Adam. *(Pause)* Public Health will be on site to lead on infection control but they'll require some support to implement the measures. Thought your competency in this area would be beneficial Adam, thank you.

ELAINE's grandfather walks by in the background a second time, stopping to look over ELAINE's shoulder. ELAINE notices and caringly motions her grandfather to go into the other room.

ROSE

Elaine, what are your thoughts please? I know you have caregiver commitments.

ELAINE's grandfather stops to wave at the camera. Everyone waves back.

ELAINE

Sorry. One moment please.

ELAINE mutes and speaks to her grandfather and gently guides him to the other room and then returns.

ROSE

No worries. Family comes first. We're living in a very different world at the moment. If Cooper was home, I'm not sure what you'd see behind me.

ADAM's dog barks again.

ADAM

(Shouts thinking he is on mute) Rover, stop it!

ADAM realizes he isn't on mute. He goes back on mute. Picks up

the dog revealing a very small dog that doesn't match the bark.

ROSE

Elaine, would you consider acting as the home's Administrator for a week, two weeks max please? I'll understand if you have to say no.

ELAINE

Yes absolutely. I will just need a few days to make arrangements with my family though.

ROSE

Of course. Thank you.

HANNAH pops up beside her mum with a Barbie.

HANNAH

Wanna see my Barbie? *(Barbie is very close to the camera)* She's going shopping. She needs a budget mummy.

ANDREA

Sorry. She's been listening to my calls.

HANNAH

You have this Barbie mummy. I'll get another one. *(ANDREA takes the Barbie)*

ANDREA

(Holding the Barbie) I know for sure that I'll have to say no this time. *(Realizing she is holding a Barbie, embarrassed)*
Sorry.

ROSE

Actually Andrea, I was thinking of asking you to consider remotely supporting the home with staff scheduling.

ANDREA

Oh, yes that will work for me.

ROSE

Once Adam and Elaine are on site they'll advise you of the staffing gaps.

HANNAH is marching Barbie on ANDREA's soldiers.

ROSE

I'll email you the details of the home and start dates over the weekend.

ELAINE's grandfather is crossing behind screen again.

ROSE

Please arrange to have a PCR test prior to entering the home.

ADAM's wife JESS walks behind him with packages. She drops one and struggles to pick them all up. ADAM doesn't help.

ROSE

Really appreciate your support. (Pause) Two residents have sadly passed away this week due to COVID. Half of the residents and staff have tested positive. The staff are doing their best but they're tired and extremely under resourced.

Everyone acknowledges what ROSE is saying as they manage their background disruptions without being disrespectful.

HANNAH

Mummy, I'm hungry.

ROSE

Okay, I will leave it there. Looks like it's time for dinner, right Hannah?

HANNAH

Yes! (Jumping up and down)

ROSE

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

BLAKE

Thanks team. Shout if you need my support Rose.

ADAM

Take care everyone.

ANDREA

Bye. (HANNAH knocks a drink over) Hannah! (Call drops)

ELAINE

Have a good weekend.

ROSE

Bye.

End

ROSE ends the call. ROSE reflects on the call for a moment and then closes her laptop acknowledging the end of the workday and the stress. She takes off her suit jacket and hangs it on the kitchen chair. She looks through her iPad on the island and turns on some music. (Suggested song - Uptown Funk by Bruno Mars Mark Ronson - Uptown Funk (Official Video) ft. Bruno Mars - YouTube) ROSE starts to get the table ready for the takeaway that COOPER will be bringing home. After the initial start of the song ROSE begins to dance and sing to the song as she prepares the table and pours the wine.

During the song, COOPER enters the home with a take away, games and puzzles, and toilet paper. He puts the items onto the kitchen island and goes back out and wheels in a Chopper bike. He forgets to sanitize.

FS 8 - CHOPPER

ROSE

(Continuing to dance and taking out the food) Hands!

COOPER

(Putting his keys onto the table, sanitizes his hands) Sorry!

ROSE

(Turning off the music) Wow, that's a lot of puzzles! (Holding up the toilet paper) Coop, seriously?

COOPER

Couldn't resist.

ROSE

What's with the bike?