

28 Plays Later – Challenge #18

So your challenge for today –
write a play using emojis, gifs, and any other non verbal imagery
that is now used as forms of communication.

LESS THAN THREE

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TIME: Now

PLACE: An empty stage with two desks, one is a plain farmhouse table, the other is a French country writing desk. Each has a laptop and a phone waiting on it. A projection screen is behind and above the desks. It will reflect nonverbal communication on the tech devices.

DAVID and SARAH walk in from separate directions. DAVID sits at the farmhouse table, SARAH at the writing desk.

Each character is writing to the other, sort of like "Love Letters."

SARAH(typing): Dear David, it's seven in the morning, and I can hear the city waking up outside my apartment. I've just come home from walking Muffin (dog emoji) and I'm sitting here with a mug of tea (steaming cup emoji)...

DAVID(typing): So, it's five am and I'm just back from the barn (barn emoji) and feeding the cows (cow emoji) and horses (horse emoji). The sun is just starting to brighten the sky (gif of an early sunrise) and the weather is still chilly...

SARAH (typing): It's raining today (gif of thunder and rain) so walking Muffin (dog emoji) was more like strategically walking between raindrops. Muffin does *not* like getting her feet wet. Actually, I don't either, but I have brand new galoshes (red rain boot emoji) so, I can't really complain.

DAVID (typing): I think Clover (cow emoji) is expecting, and I'm a little nervous about being a father (anxious emoji) even to a cow! I've called the vet (doctor emoji) and she'll be here later today.

SARAH & DAVID (looking up from computers): I can't believe it's been three months since I've seen you!

DAVID closes the lid of his laptop, and picks up the phone.

DAVID (texting): U there? (smilie)

SARAH picks up her phone and looks at it, then grins softly.

SARAH (texting): I was just writing to you. (grin emoji)

DAVID (texting): Me too! But then I realized I'd have to wait for you to read email. (beat) I was just thinking about that last day on the boat (ship emoji)

SARAH: (texting): You mean when were in the hot tub and things got... (gif of couple in hot tub about to kiss) ???

DAVID (texting): (blushing smiley) Yeah... that...

SARAH (texting): I wish you hadn't gotten overheated.

DAVID (texting): I maintain the temperature was turned too high.

SARAH (texting): You made my temperature rise. (gif of thermometer turning red).

DAVID (texting): I can't stop thinking about you. (image of old OBSESSION perfume ad)

SARAH (texting): You know, I can write anywhere... (laptop emoji)

DAVID (texting): I roll to disbelieve (gif of someone rolling dice). (pause) Even on a farm? (gif of dawn over a classic barn)

SARAH (texting): Even on a (gif of different farm scene). Yes.

DAVID (texting): I do own a (gif of tea-kettle.)

SARAH (texting): So... should I come?

DAVID (texting): (Animated gif of the word YES exploding into fireworks.)

SARAH (texting): Okay, I'll check flights and text u later. (plane emoji)

DAVID (texting): WAIT. (stop sign emoji) I... (less-than sign, number 3) you.

SARAH (texting): (heart emoji) (heart emoji) (heart emoji) (lips emoji) See u soon.

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