

Bethany explains to Stephen and Celeste about the operation - Years And Years - Episode 5

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Dad: You're okay, you're okay?

Bethany: I really am. I'm fine. Honestly, I swear I'm fine.

Nurse There. We can let that breathe for ten minutes. All looking good. I'll come back and I'll dress them.

Bethany: Do you see? These are interaction nodes. If I use this finger I can open all the doors at work, no ID. And if I just scan this, in a shop I can pay for anything up to a thousand pounds. And look, Dad [shutter], Mum [shutter]. I've just taken your photo. Send [swoosh] and send [swoosh] . [Ding ding]. It doesn't need a sound effect I just added that cuz it makes me laugh.

Mum: You promised me that they wouldn't touch you eyes. Not after last time.

Bethany: That was years ago.

Mum: Gran's had stem cells in her eyes since then.

Dad: I can't help thinking, don't laugh ... Well, all these power cuts [laughs] Well, what would happen to you?

Bethany: Nothing! What happens to you in a power cut? Nothing.

Mum: So, what about your head?

Bethany: Can't feel a thing. They inserted the tiniest wafer into my brain ...

Mum: Oh God

Bethany: Look at the result. I've synced us up. No keyboard. I don't need a keyboard ever again.

Mum: And you did that by thinking?

Bethany: It can't read my mind, not yet. But the wafer tracks activity in the neural pathway and micro movements in the retina to predict what I'm thinking.

Mum: But that is reading your mind.

Bethany: Let's see where everyone is. There's Aunt Rosie. She's at home. Lincoln's in school. Lee's not in school. Should be. Where is he? In the park. Don't tell Rosie. Gran's at home, in the kitchen, surprise. Let's find Ruby. She's in a bar called The Marine Tide and she's just bought a bottle of house white for £56.

Mum: It's four o'clock in the afternoon !

Dad: Fifty-six quid for a house white?

Ruby: (incoming call) Oh my God, how did it go Beth, how are you? Did it work? Are you completely synced up now?

Bethany: Yeah, I'm fine. I'm with Mum and Dad. I've just realized you're in trouble. You should be in college.

Dad: 56 quid!

Ruby: Ugh, for God's sake, Bethany. (she hangs up)

Dad: That's is amazing. And a little bit like spying. What if I didn't want you tracking me?

Mum : Well that's a good question. Can you imagine? What if your father was having an affair or something?

Dad : Okay

Beth: You're in my contacts. That's permission according to the law.

Mum: But I still don't understand. You can run software like this from a keyboard. So why do you need the operation?

Beth: I'm trying to explain it in ways you can understand, but the connection is so much more. While we were talking, at exactly the same time, I wondered about the 80 days of rain. Where it came from, why it was, what comes next. And I keyed into satellites, just 30 seconds ago. So I can see the course of El Niño and I can tap into pressure sensors along the Atlantic coast and barometric readings from the ships at sea. If I put all of that together, I'm there. I'm inside it, the tide, the depth of the sea and the curl of the waves are within me. And right now in Charles Street, Pasadena, a 15-year-old girl called Ephony Cross has written her first song and put it online. Ah, she's got the sweetest voice. So when I combine all of that, it's joy. In my head, it is absolute joy.