

## **Text Message Examples**

**INT. MAYA'S FLAT - KITCHEN - DAY**

Maya's phone lights up on the table. A text from Leo:  
"abuela has told the hairdresser".

It lights up again: "and the fishmonger". And again: "and  
father tomas".

Maya buries the phone in the fruit bowl, under the bananas.  
It buzzes in there twice more.

**INT. MAYA'S FLAT - BEDROOM - NIGHT**

Dark, except for the phone lighting Maya's face.

LEO (TEXT)

u up

MAYA (TEXT)

No.

LEO (TEXT)

abuela wants to know if the final  
ten get a prize

MAYA (TEXT)

They get read by a producer.

LEO (TEXT)

she says is that a prize

Maya lays the phone on her chest and looks at the ceiling  
for a long time.

MAYA (TEXT)

Tell her yes.

**INT. MAYA'S FLAT - KITCHEN - MORNING**

One new email sits at the top of Maya's inbox. She makes a  
cup of tea before she opens it.

**INSERT - MAYA'S LAPTOP**

An email from Submissions. Subject: Your entry, MIDNIGHT,  
PACIFIC TIME.

"Dear Maya, we are delighted to tell you that your script is  
one of ten finalists, chosen from 4,112 entries."

**BACK TO SCENE**

She reads it again. Then she reads it out loud to the kettle, so that someone else has heard it.

**INT. MAYA'S FLAT - KITCHEN - NIGHT**

Maya starts a text to Mr. Brennan.

ON HER PHONE: "Thank you for reading it. I know you said page one was weak, but"

She deletes "but". Then "weak". Then everything after the first sentence.

ON HER PHONE: "Thank you for reading it."

Her thumb hovers over Send. She adds "It meant a lot." and sends it before she can think again.

Under her message, the dots that mean he is typing. They stop. They start again.

ON HER PHONE: "Page one is fine now. Go to bed."