



**BEFORE YOU DELETE**

**A play by Max Drayton**

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*Approx. 7 minutes.*

**CAST:**

**ANITA:** Elderly woman

**SET:**

Single chair and spotlight.

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(OPENING MUSIC.

LIGHTS UP AS ANITA ENTERS AND SITS)

I finally got a computer. Me!

I struggled at first, as they said I might. But a nice young man was patient with me and showed be how to do emails.

Well...why did I wait for so long?

I'm on the computer everyday, for hours sometimes. I'm talking to people all over the world. Friends I haven't contacted for years. We're in touch now almost daily. Wonderful. Just wonderful.

And...I have a webcam. Yes. You know what that is don't you? You can see people on the screen and they can see and hear you. Anywhere in the world.

Yesterday I saw my grandson in Australia. He spoke to me. And I spoke to him. It was wonderful.

I can't get out much these days. Going to the shops is a lengthy business. So, the computer is a Godsend. And not expensive to run, either. It doesn't use much electricity, apparently. And I'm all for that.

We're making a right mess of the planet and anything I can do to help save it I will. Take emails, for example. A very good example.

I know some people, especially in business, complain that their lives have been taken over by emails. First thing in the morning to last thing at night we have to know who's contacted us and what about.

With telephones you have to be there to take the call. Be there in real time. With emails you can time

shift. Still be expedient in response, not necessarily in real time. And yet still efficiently.

Your day can be scheduled better. Less phone interruptions (unless it's the dreaded mobile – where most calls seem to be pointless and puerile).

In the same way that CB radio was killed off by kids using the technology as a game – so mobile phones will be viewed as an adolescent form of communication, that couldn't grow up with the users.

**This is only apart of the play.**

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