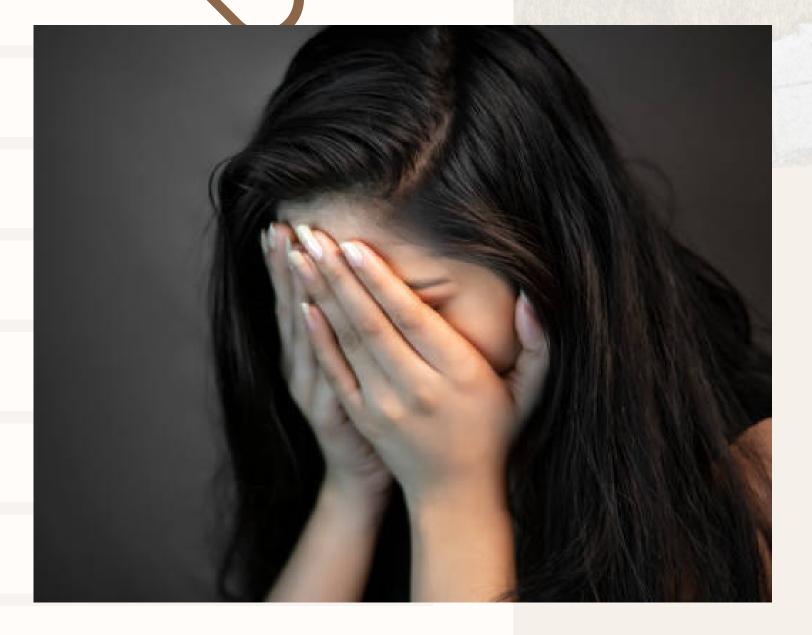
LEFT ALONE





On the airport express, Mandy was watching YouTube shorts while her parents soothed her crying sister. Mandy couldn't hear the announcement to get off because she had her AirPods plugged in.

Beep! Beep! The train doors closed on Mandy alone!

She texted her parents: "I'm still on the train!

HELP!"

Unfortunately, her parents didn't check it. Mandy took the train home. A wave of loneliness washed over her.

She texted her parents: "I need help. SOS. ASAP."

No one replied.

A big, fat tear rolled down Mandy's cheek. She swore she'd never turn up the volume on her AirPods again!

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