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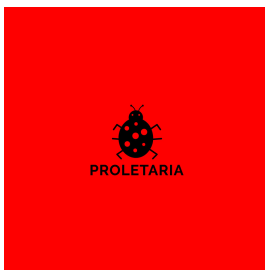
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girl's night we spill the tea

summer's lineup her dress is lit

**spill the tea - to gossip*

**lit - excellent, or awesome*

just another #basicAF

date night the salt in her voice

sudden thirst his craving for sex

**basic - overdone, mainstream*

**af - “as fuck”*

**salt - anger, sass, irritation*

**thirst(y) - desperate need for attention*

dark oak his shady behavior

butterflies learning to stay woke

**shady - suspicious*

**stay woke - remain socially aware*

his ego left on read

this year giving her the d

ok boomer the new bye Felicia

**left on read - being ignored by someone you text who reads your message and doesn't respond*

**the d - short for "the dick"*

**ok boomer - a term used to dismiss the negative behavior of baby boomers towards millennials (popularized 2019)*

**bye Felicia - a dismissive phrase (popularized 2015)*

reblogging my depression memes

this quarantine the biggest mood

**meme - an image with a (dark) humorous quote about a topic that will appeal to many people and is shared via social media*

**mood - relatable*

social distancing our kiki

the new norm hugging through emojis

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**kiki - a small social gathering used for “kicking back” and gossiping*

**yolo - acronym for “you only live once”*

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