



# HOW TO DEAL WITH RESURFACED PICTURES

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Everybody has done something in the past that they're not entirely proud of. Be it a ridiculous haircut, embracing a goth look or simply being friends with the wrong crowd, we have all made our fair share of mistakes. However, everything has its consequences and here's when the power of "photos capturing moments" kicks in for the worse. Often times there's that one friend (or more) who decides to go on a stalking spree on your social media account and excavates mortifying pictures from your past, leaving you digging up a grave for your incoming demise. Here's a guide to cope with such situations better.

## DELETE YOUR OLD PHOTOS ALTOGETHER

This may seem like a "bad sport" move but sometimes it's just better to erase them to prevent repetition of such situations in the future. Moreover, these pictures are often tied up with parts of your past you'd like to forget so here's the opportunity for you to go on and clean your timeline once and for all. However, if you don't want to lose the pictures entirely, store them elsewhere.

## JOIN IN WITH THEM

It's being a good sport if you join in on the jokes and laugh off your embarrassing past because after all, everyone has embarrassing stories of their own. Embracing the moments is a sign of you moving on from your insecurities and I think that's the best way someone can deal with such situations. Also, by doing so you leave the impression that you're unaffected by it, thereby causing them to lose their interest in aggravating you altogether.

## COUNTER-STALK THE STALKER

This may sound like a childish revenge plot however I assure you it is very effective. The thing about humans is that they're mostly okay with anything happening as long as it isn't happening to them. So give them a taste of their own medicine. Here's to hoping they don't have the upper hand and haven't already deleted their oldies. Rest assured, remember this is all a playful plot so be sure not to cross lines.

## COMMUNICATE WITH THEM

Now this is only for people very close to you. If you don't like their actions just have an honest conversation with them about it. But make sure the person is someone you trust or it will backfire gravely. Be sure to never put hate comments as it will make things worse. Also, considering the fact that they never had bad intentions, it will be unreasonable for you to do otherwise.

## BE INDIFFERENT

Sometimes not doing anything is equivalent to doing a lot. If it keeps reappearing on your feed or if it bothers you immensely, consider taking a break from social media for a while. This will not only clear your mind, but also give you that extra time to indulge in other things you always wanted to like watching a new movie or reading a book.

So to wrap it up, there are numerous ways for you to deal with such situations however be sure to pick your coping mechanism wisely with accordance to the situation at hand.

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## READER SUBMISSION

# When 12 hours feel timeless

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After the massive success of Nicola Yoon's debut novel "Everything Everything", she gifts her fans a young adult romance that is not a sappy story of love winning in the end. Rather, it is that rare kind of a romantic chronicle that sheds light on family and fate in the process. Though I used to bear a firm disinclination towards YA romance, this book was enough to change my opinion.

Natasha is a 17 year old Jamaican undocumented immigrant trying to forestall her family's deportation from The United States. Daniel, of the same age, comes from a Korean-American family, fighting against his family's typical expectations of him attending an Ivy League school. While Natasha frequents her advocate's office and Daniel roams around NYC to attend his interview with a Yale alumnus, a science junkie (Natasha) and a poetry enthusiast (Daniel) encounter each other through an odd turn of events. The story focuses on the quick yet trustworthy bond they develop during only 12 hours of time in New York City while they find solace in sharing their own sets of woes. When it comes to Daniel, he loves writing poetry, and he is finding it tough to cope up with his family's higher expectations. And for Natasha, it's a fear that constantly bugs her of losing her "American" identity in which she has been comfortable most of her life. While Yoon writes from the perspectives of the two pivotal characters, she does the same with the side characters that packs a strong and emotional punch. And this unique style is what makes Yoon a favorite author of many. The book further boasts many educational, historic facts, and the concept of universe deciding their fate simply adds to the beauty. To be honest, I was blown by how the story glorified the exactness of timing and place begetting something wonderful.

Though I found the concept of instant love highly flawed in reference to reality, I would strongly recommend it, given this is that one unique YA romance everyone should read. Also, the fantastic imagery that the ending creates is something you cannot miss out.

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