

SCENE ONE

(After school, on the bench, LILAH, a junior who will be in the school play, is practicing her lines while listening to the recording of her partner NATALIE's lines; she is also writing and marking on her script. Then JACQUELINE, a freshman who wants to sit on the bench, comes.)

LILAH

(talking on the phone)

Oh my god! Natalie, don't be nervous! The play is next month!

(Pause)

I know! I already got the recording of your lines that you sent to me! I am practicing my lines with it! I can remember most of my lines! Just stop worrying! See you at the rehearsal. Bye!

(Hangs up the phone and rolls her eyes, puts her earphone on and starts marking on her script.)

JACQUELINE

(walks to her)

Excuse me, can I sit here?

(LILAH doesn't say anything but she looks up and smiles to Jacqueline. Then she moves aside a little bit.)

Okay...

(JACQUELINE sits down then opens her laptop)

LILAH

(pauses for 3 seconds, keeps writing and marking on her script)

I like your necklace. It is so pretty.

JACQUELINE

Oh! Thank you! I thought you didn't even notice that.

LILAH

I was going to buy one like this, but I couldn't afford it. You have met my freakin stepfather before, you know what kind of person he is, uh, stingy!

JACQUELINE

Sorry... I've never met your...stepfather...before. I don't even know you well. Mmmmm, anyway...this necklace is very meaningful to me, not only because it is so expensive—

LILAH

Tell me the reason! Why you are acting exactly like him? Both like to find excuses!!!!

JACQUELINE

Wait...I don't know what to tell you... But there is nothing to do with my personality, my boyfriend gave this necklace to me last year, he has one, too!

LILAH

Stop mentioning that stupid man!

(so confused and murmured)

Was I the one who mentioned him? Anyway...

(marking on the script)

JACQUELINE

Stupid? You know Connor? Oh, maybe you guys have some classes together... Yeah! He is so stupid! How could he break up with me if he is a common human being--

LILAH

He is such a jerk! He is the worst creature I have ever seen!

JACQUELINE

Oh my god, you are my best friend right now! You know what, when he broke up with me...two weeks ago...I was---

LILAH

I am listening! Keep going!

JACQUELINE

(stared at LILAH)

Oh...Okay...I was just very upset when he broke up with me, he said he didn't love me anymore. I kept begging him not to leave me, later he told me he fell in love with another girl in this school.

(JACQUELINE covered her face sadly, at this time LILAH randomly looked at JACQUELINE.)

I don't know who that freakin girl is, but I decided to still wear this necklace,

(JACQUELINE looked at her necklace, but LILAH thought JACQUELINE was talking to herself; LILAH gave an awkward face, and then eyes back on her)

script again.)

everyone should know this, if Jacqueline Miller is still alive with this shiny, pretty necklace on her neck that Connor Lewis gave her; just keep away from—

LILAH

Shut up!

JACQUELINE

(Shocked)

Excuse me?

LILAH

(Confused and murmured)

Isn't it too rude?

JACQUELINE

Then why did you say it?!

LILAH

(Pause for 3 seconds, making on the script)

You cannot imagine how miserable I am! I hate to see his face, I hate to talk to him, he takes everything away from me! The person I love left me long time ago because of him! You know my life story, everybody knows my story...

JACQUELINE

Wow, so sad I've never heard about your life story. Did he really take away your lover? Your 'girlfriend'? That is too mean! He is such a heartbreaker! Do you know which girl he falls in love with recen---

LILAH

(frown)

Ehhh, what is she talking about! This is not her line!

JACQUELINE

Huh?

LILAH

Oh my God, Natalie. So stupid.

JACQUELINE

(Hands cover her mouth)

Don't tell me is Natalie Thomas!

LILAH

(rolls her eyes and murmured)

Finally she got it! Such a waste of time.

JACQUELINE

You must be kidding me! She is so ugly, what's wrong with Connor's eyes! God damn it, Connor! I need revenge, tell me how—

LILAH

Use a knife to chop his head off! Then put him into the toilet and flush him away!

(laughs and murmured)

Haha, that's bloody.

JACQUELINE

No, I like it! Great idea! Yes, he deserves that! I am going to do that to him when I see him tomor--

LILAH

Let's do that secretly, as soon as possible. I will get the tools by this evening.

JACQUELINE

Yes, let's punish him tonight! Can you tell me your cellp--

LILAH

(takes the head phone away, happily)

Great! I know I can remember all of them!

JACQUELINE

What are you talking about?

LILAH

Oh, sorry, are you talking to me?

JACQUELINE

Of course I am talking to you. I said can you tell me your cellphone number? And what's your name?

LILAH

My name...is...Lilah. I guess it is all I can tell you. But I will be in the school play next month, you should definitely come and support us! And...what's your name?

(LILAH's cellphone rings, she is looking at the message)

JACQUELINE

I've told you that my name is Jac---

LILAH

Oh, sorry. I have to go to the rehearsal in the downtown theater. My boyfriend is picking me up. Nice to meet you though! See you!

(LILAH fadeout, Jacqueline is looking at the direction LILAH goes)

JACQUELINE

(Shocked)

Isn't that Connor?