

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

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ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. STATEN RESIDENCE - AURORA'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Aurora's mom, Janine (45) walks into Aurora's bedroom while she gets ready for school. Janine is an attractive, smart, and caring mother. Aurora (16) sits in front of her mirror. Aurora Staten is a pretty girl with blue eyes and long blonde hair. She is not too tall, not too short. She has a nice tan from the summer. Her room is a typical girl's room with a make up table, a twin sized bed, stuffed animals and a closet that seems to have an endless amount of clothes.

JANINE

Aurora, hurry up! Breakfast is ready. You don't want to be late for your first day at your new school.

Aurora turns her head and looks at her mom.

AURORA

I'm almost ready, I'll be down in a few minutes.

JANINE

Okay honey. Hurry up.

Her mom walks out. Aurora continues to get ready.

INT. MCDONALD RESIDENCE - DONOVAN'S ROOM - MORNING

Donovan's alarm sounds, his mom, Francine, (42) walks in. Francine clearly had seen better days but her beauty still shines through. Donovan McDonald (17) is a tall and built African-American male. He is athletic and has short buzzed hair. His room has a dresser and a closet where his clothes are stored and a table with many books on it. The walls are filled with posters of his idol Barry Sanders.

FRANCINE

Donovan are you serious right now?
You have 10 minutes before I leave for work. Get up!

Donovan writhes in his bed.

DONOVAN

Ugh, mom hold on five minutes.

FRANCINE

No Donovan, get up now! We moved here for a better chance at a scholarship. That's not going to happen if you're late to everything!

Donovan slowly gets out of bed.

DONOVAN

Alright, alright! I'm up. I'll be down soon.

FRANCINE

You have 10 minutes.

His mom walks out, Donovan heads to his closet and pulls out some clothes.

DONOVAN

Damn. This year's gonna suck.

INT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - MORNING

Foxworth high school is a medium sized school. Nothing really stands out as the halls are lined with rows of blue lockers and bulletin boards. There are many classrooms. Posters for various clubs are also hung up.

Haley Cox (16) and her friends Jamie Martin (16) and Candace Walker (16) hang out by the lockers. Haley is not too tall but not too short. She is very fit and has long brunette hair. She is beautiful. She is the type of girl everybody wishes to look like. Jamie is taller. She also has a good body and brunette hair. Candace is about Haley's height with dark hair and big lips. She is African-American. She is the most intelligent of the three. She is also very pretty.

HALEY

Oh my god, I can't believe summer is over already. Girls aren't you going to miss all the fun we had?

CANDACE

Yeah, I guess. I felt a little burnt out at the end though. I'm sort of relieved it's over.

HALEY

Candace, you'll never last in college if you can't even make it through a whole summer.

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HALEY (CONT'D)

My sister tells me about how crazy it is at school. I just wish these next two years would go by already.

CANDACE

Yeah, I can't believe we're juniors already. My mom is already pressuring me about the SATs.

HALEY

Shut up Candace. You're black, black girls can choose to go to any school they want.

JAMIE

Haley that's really ignorant of you.

HALEY

Shut up Jamie. You can talk when you're not failing every class. Are you even on pace to graduate with us?

Jamie looks down ashamed. At that instant, Aurora walks in the front door of the school. The other girls instantly look. Haley's face shows she is not happy to see her.

HALEY (CONT'D)

Who's that? Is she a freshman?

JAMIE

No, she just moved in last week in the Castellanos house. I talked to her for a little bit. She said she's going to be a junior.

HALEY

Well don't talk to her Jamie, I have a bad feeling about her.

Haley's boyfriend, Derek Bailey (16), walks up behind her. He is tall, athletic, and very handsome. He is a three sport athlete. He always walks around with a smile on his face. He has medium length brown hair and dark eyes. He has the looks of a Hollister model.

DEREK

How are you doing today babe?

HALEY

What do you think? I'm in school, so pretty awful.

DEREK
Will this help?

Derek kisses Haley. Haley smiles.

HALEY
It did. What are you doing after school today?

DEREK
I have football practice. There's this new kid named Donovan who was supposedly all-state last year in Montana so I can't wait to get out there.

Derek's best friend, Corey (17), joins the group. Corey is shorter than Derek but pretty tall nonetheless. He is more built than Derek and is also a three sport athlete. He has a charming smile, blonde hair, and bright blue eyes. Him and Derek have been best friends since birth.

COREY
Please, he's from Montana. There's no competition there. He's probably mediocre at best.

DEREK
Corey, you're just worried the kid is gonna take your starting spot.

First Bell rings.

DEREK (CONT'D)
I'll see you girls later.

He kisses Haley and walks away with Corey.

Haley walks the other way to class with Jamie and Candace.

INT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - DAY

Donovan walks out of a classroom. Derek sees and chases after him.

DEREK
Hey! Donovan right?

Donovan turns around.

DONOVAN
Yeah man, who are you?

DEREK

I'm Derek. Starting quarterback last year and hopefully this year.

Derek laughs.

DONOVAN

Oh word. I've heard about you. Saw your stats last year. You tore it up man.

Derek lets out a sheepish grin.

DEREK

I wouldn't say all that but thanks. Anyway, come sit with me and my friends at lunch. You can meet some of the guys and some of the girls too.

DONOVAN

Alright man.

Derek and Donovan walk off to lunch

EXT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - LUNCH YARD - DAY - MOMENTS LATER

The lunch yard is outside but there is also a cafeteria inside in case of inclement weather. The yard is square shaped, enclosed by doors and glass windows. Haley, Jamie, and Candace sit at their table. Aurora walks around and looks for somewhere to sit.

CANDACE

I think we should ask her to sit with us. I feel bad.

HALEY

What did I say earlier Candace? I have a bad feeling about her. She's just going to use us to climb the social ladder.

CANDACE

You don't know that. You don't even know her.

Aurora sits at an empty table by herself. Derek, Donovan, Corey, and their friend, Frankie (15) join Haley and her friends. Frankie is the most laid back and jokester of the group. He is young for their grade as his birthday is just before the December 1st deadline.

He isn't the most athletic or best looking but he is still well built. He is short with dark hair.

HALEY

You know what Candace, if you feel so bad for her then go sit with her yourself!

DEREK

Whoa, what are you girls arguing about?

HALEY

Candace doesn't realize that we can't just let anyone into the inner circle. She wants to let that new girl sit with us.

FRANKIE

She's quite the cutie.

Corey nods in agreement. Derek also glances over.

HALEY

Shut up Frankie.

JAMIE

C'mon Haley, it won't hurt to at least get to know her.

HALEY

Jamie shut up. You have no say in this.

Donovan leans towards Derek and speaks softly.

DONOVAN

What's up with her?

Haley hears him and looks in his direction with an annoyed look.

HALEY

And you are?

DONOVAN

I'm Donovan, I'm new. Derek told me to sit with him.

DEREK

He's the new guy I told you about. Donovan, that's Haley, my girlfriend. She gets threatened easily, as you can tell.

HALEY

Shut up Derek.

DEREK

Haley, I'm going to go tell that girl she can sit with us. It's up to you whether you want to talk to her or not, but she's sitting with us.

HALEY

Whatever.

Derek gets up and walks towards Aurora. He asks her to come to his table. She nods and gets up. Derek and Aurora come back to the table and they sit down.

DEREK

Guys this is Aurora. Aurora this is everyone else.

Everybody at the table says hi.

AURORA

Hi guys I'm Aurora. I just moved here from Bethesda, Maryland.

HALEY

So what do you do?

AURORA

What do you mean?

HALEY

Like what do you do for extracurriculars, outside of school and what not.

AURORA

Oh, I did cheerleading, I like shopping, going to the movies. I guess I'm just your average girl.

JAMIE

You should go out for the cheerleading team! Me, Candace and Haley all are on the squad. We met before but I'm Jamie, and that's Candace, and Haley.

Jamie points at Candace and Haley when introducing them.

AURORA

Yeah I remember you, but nice to meet the rest of you girls too, and I'd love to try out! When are they?

CANDACE

Tryouts are this afternoon, right after school.

HALEY

Don't get your hopes up. We usually pick out our squad before the season starts anyway.

CANDACE

Don't listen to her Aurora. If you're good you'll make the team.

AURORA

Okay, sounds good. Can't wait.

Bell rings. Everyone get up. Derek sneaks a peek at Aurora and Haley sees this. It is clear that something about her catches Derek's eye.

HALEY

Hey Aurora, let me talk to you for a second?

AURORA

Sure.

The two walk away to the corner of the yard.

HALEY

Listen. I saw my boyfriend Derek checking you out and I swear if you make one wrong move I can end you. I have a big influence in this school so if you want to enjoy these next two years, I suggest you don't cross any lines.

Aurora looks at Haley nervously.

AURORA

I'm sure it was nothing, but okay. I'll see you later.

Haley walks away.

INT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - GYM - DAY

The gym is large with stands on both sides. The hardwood is light brown and there are mats set up for tryouts. Other girls are currently trying out for the cheerleading team. Aurora stands off alone. Jamie walks up to her.

JAMIE

Hey Aurora, you're up soon. Are you ready?

AURORA

Yeah, from what I've seen the other girls do, it seems simple enough.

JAMIE

That's good to hear! Don't worry about Haley, she doesn't have any say in who makes the cheerleading team.

AURORA

Oh don't worry I'm not. I'm actually worried for her. She seems to care way too much about her throne. She just always seems stressed out.

JAMIE

Yeah, that's because she used to be really fat in middle school... Oops, don't tell her I said that, but yeah, she worked really hard to get to the top of the social ladder and when there's any threat, she takes it really personal.

AURORA

I can see that.

The coach calls Aurora's name. It is her turn to try out.

COACH FISCHER

Aurora Staten! You're up.

Aurora runs over to the mat.

COACH FISCHER (CONT'D)

Once the music starts, you go.

Music starts. Aurora begins a minute long routine. Everybody watches, impressed. Haley watches worried. The routine ends and the members of the team clap for Aurora, besides Haley.

COACH FISCHER (CONT'D)

Very impressive Aurora. Anyway, you were the last one today. The roster will be posted on the bulletin board tomorrow morning.

Jamie and Candace walk up to Aurora.

CANDACE

Wow! That was really good! There's no way you'll get cut.

Aurora laughs.

AURORA

Thanks. I was honestly really nervous.

JAMIE

Hey, me, Candace, and Haley are going to get pedicures if you want to come!

AURORA

I would love to but I promised my mom I'd be home right after tryouts. We should definitely hang out some time though.

CANDACE

No doubt! Here let me get your number.

Candace gives Aurora her phone and Aurora puts her number in. Aurora's phone goes off.

AURORA

My mom just texted me saying she's here. I'll see you girls tomorrow!

Aurora walks away. Haley approaches Candace and Jamie.

HALEY

What was that all about?

JAMIE

We asked her to come get pedicures with us, but she said she's busy.

HALEY

What did I say? I said don't just let her into our group so easily! She has to prove herself!

CANDACE

Haley. She seems really nice. How can she "prove herself" if you're not going to give her a chance!

HALEY

It appears that she'll make the team so I'll have all year to get to know her. Let's go girls.

The girls leave the gym.

EXT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - FOOTBALL FIELD - DAY

The football team gets on the field for practice. Derek lines up at Quarterback and Corey begins to run onto the field towards his running back position.

COACH NASH

Corey get back here! Donovan go in at half back.

Corey stops in his tracks. Donovan runs out. Corey gives Donovan and the coach a dirty look as he walks off the field.

DEREK

Alright boys stretch right on three.

The players in the huddle yell break and line up to their positions.

DEREK (CONT'D)

Blue 65, Fire, Fire, Hut, Hut, Go!

Derek takes the snap, turns and hands it off to Donovan. Donovan takes the handoff and heads to the outside. He breaks multiple tackles before he gets into the open field where he jukes the safety who is the last line of defense. He outruns the other defenders for the touchdown. Everyone on the sideline oohs and ahs. Corey stands with his arms crossed.

DEREK (CONT'D)

Damn.

On the sidelines, Frankie walks over to Corey.

FRANKIE

Watch yourself Corey. We got ourselves a competition!

COREY

Shut the hell up Frankie. I'm not letting this Montana hick take my spot. Coach! Let me get in this next one.

Corey runs on the field, replacing Donovan, and joins the huddle.

COACH NASH

Donovan, I hear you play some linebacker too. Show me what you got.

Donovan runs out to play middle linebacker.

DEREK

Draw up the middle. On one.

The huddle breaks and the players line up.

DEREK (CONT'D)

Action! Action! 77. Go!

Derek takes the snap and takes 3 steps back before he hands it off to Corey. Corey takes off up the middle where he runs into two defenders and gets hit down low. One of the defenders is Donovan. Corey stays on the ground and screams in pain.

COREY

AHHHH!

Corey lies on the ground in visible pain. The trainers run out to tend to him. The team gathers around while the trainers examine Corey's knee.

TRAINER

This doesn't look too good coach. I think he should go to the hospital to get it checked out.

COACH NASH

I'll get someone to call his parents.

Corey turns his head to face Donovan.

COREY

What the hell man! You did it on purpose.

Donovan looks down scared for Corey.

DONOVAN

C'mon man. I would never hurt anyone intentionally. I was just doing what I'm supposed to do. I'm sorry dude.

COREY

That's BS. I saw the way you tackled me.

COACH NASH

Boys! Settle down. Corey your parents are on their way now.

Derek walks over to a distraught Donovan.

DEREK

Hey man, I saw what happened. All you did was make the tackle. Don't worry I got your back. I doubt you're that type of person.

DONOVAN

Thanks man. I really wasn't trying to hurt anyone.

INT. STATEN RESIDENCE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Aurora, her mom, and her dad Rich (44) sit on couches in the living room. Rich looks young for his age. He doesn't have a single grey hair and shows no signs of aging. The TV is on, her mom reads a magazine, and her dad is on his computer.

RICH

How was your first day Aurora?

AURORA

It was fine. I tried out for the cheerleading team. I think I made it.

JANINE

That's great honey! You'll make new friends in no time!

AURORA

I hope so. I actually have some homework to do so I'm going to go to my room.

JANINE

Okay hon.

Aurora gets up and walks upstairs.

INT. STATEN RESIDENCE - AURORA'S ROOM - NIGHT

Aurora walks into her room and sits on her bed. She opens her laptop and starts to browse when she receives a message on her phone from "**iknowyourdirtysecret3@imail.com**" It reads "**I know why you moved. If you don't tell, I will.**"

Aurora texts back, "**Who is this?**"

However, there is no response. Aurora looks around the room nervously.

She runs to the windows and locks them all before hurrying back to her bed.

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ACT TWO

INT. MCDONALD RESIDENCE - DINNER TABLE - NIGHT

Donovan and his mother sit at the dinner table eating. Donovan looks upset. He picks at his food.

FRANCINE

You look like you just killed a man. What happened Donovan?

DONOVAN

I don't really want to talk about it.

FRANCINE

C'mon Donovan, it's not good to withhold secrets.

DONOVAN

At practice today I injured someone. The other running back actually.

FRANCINE

How'd you do that?

DONOVAN

I was playing linebacker and I made the tackle. I hit low and I think I tore his ACL.

FRANCINE

It's okay Donny. You didn't do it on purpose did you?

DONOVAN

No but the kid thinks I did so that there would be no competition for the starting running back spot.

FRANCINE

Well do the others think that too?

DONOVAN

No I was talking to some of the guys after practice and they told me to not worry about it.

FRANCINE

Well that's good. Did you make any friends?

DONOVAN

Yeah I think so. Some of the guys seem to like me, especially the Quarterback.

FRANCINE

That's great! It's so nice that they're so accepting!

Donovan looks up. He has a nervous and alarmed look on his face.

DONOVAN

Wait what?

FRANCINE

You know, usually people don't always take kindly to new kids. It's nice that people like you already.

Donovan laughs nervously.

DONOVAN

Oh, yeah.

Donovan looks down and continues to eat.

INT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - MORNING

Haley and her friends stand in front of her locker with Derek and some of his friends. This time, Donovan and Aurora are also there.

DONOVAN

Hey Derek, did they find out what happened to Corey?

DEREK

Yeah, poor guy tore his ACL. He won't be in school for a few days.

DONOVAN

Damn, I feel so bad dude.

FRANKIE

Don't sweat it bruh, Corey's usually a pretty reasonable guy.

DONOVAN

I don't know man, he seemed pretty pissed.

Coach Fischer posts a piece of paper onto the bulletin board right across from the group. The girls run across to see the roster. Aurora sees her name and starts to grin from ear to ear.

AURORA

Yes! That's great! My mom will be so happy!

HALEY

So cute that your mom is your best friend.

Aurora looks down in embarrassment.

DEREK

Take it easy Haley.

HALEY

C'mon she knows I'm just kidding. Riiight Aurora?

AURORA

Yeah sure.

CANDACE

I'm so happy that you're on the team!

AURORA

Thanks. I'm just happy to spend more time with you guys.

CANDACE

Same!

The bell rings. Students begin to disperse to class. Jamie runs after Donovan.

JAMIE

Hey Donovan! Wait up a second.

Donovan turns around.

DONOVAN

What's up...Jamie right?

JAMIE

Yeah. What's your number? You should text me or we should hang out sometimes.

DONOVAN

Here, give me your phone. I'll put
it in.

Jamie gives Donovan her phone and he puts his number in
Jamie's phone.

JAMIE

Thanks. See ya later!

CUT TO: AURORA
AND DEREK

DEREK

Hey Aurora, don't worry about
Haley. Once she gets to know you
and feel more comfortable she won't
be such a bitch.

AURORA

Yeah, yeah. I'm not too worried.
It's not a big deal. I'm not scared
of her.

DEREK

Good. Don't be. See you at lunch!

AURORA

Yup! Bye!

As Derek and Aurora split up, Haley watches in the distance.
She makes a disgusted face, turns around, and walks away.

INT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - CLASSROOM - MORNING.

Donovan sits in English class.

TEACHER 1

Before the bell rings, let me give
you your assignment for tonight.

All the students groan.

TEACHER 1 (CONT'D)

Settle down. For homework, read the
first three chapters of Huckleberry
Finn. I promise it won't take long.

The bell rings. Donovan gets up to get to his next class when
someone taps him. It's a boy Donovan doesn't know.

DONOVAN

What's up. Can I help you?

GREG

Hey I'm Greg, I'm new here and someone told me that you were new as well.

Greg (16) is about 5'8, medium weight with medium length, dark brown hair. He doesn't seem to care too much for his appearance although if he did, he wouldn't look too bad. He has a nerdy look to him and the Star Wars shirt he is currently wearing does not help.

DONOVAN

Yeah, what's up man. Seems like we're both in the same boat.

GREG

Yeah, except I don't play football so I haven't really met anyone yet.

DONOVAN

Word. I feel ya.

Donovan notices Greg is wearing a Star Wars shirt.

DONOVAN (CONT'D)

Hey, you a fan of Star Wars?

GREG

Yeah. I'm a huge fan. Seen every movie in the series multiple times.

DONOVAN

Word. That's dope. I've seen each movie once but it's been a while. We should chill sometime and watch them.

GREG

That sounds great to me! I'm free whenever.

DONOVAN

I got football after school Monday through Friday. We can make it an all day event Saturday.

GREG

Sounds great man. I gotta go to class. I'll catch you later!

DONOVAN

Alright bro.

INT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - MORNING - MOMENTS LATER

Donovan begins to walk to his next class when Derek comes up to him.

DEREK

What's up Don? Saw you talking to that other new kid.

DONOVAN

Yeah, kid seems pretty cool.

DEREK

Really? Dude is wearing a Star Wars shirt. Seems a little nerdy to me. Frankie said he talked to him yesterday. He said he thinks that kid is gay.

Donovan snaps back at Derek.

DONOVAN

Hey man. I don't judge. I talked to him and he seems chill.

DEREK

Alright man, take it easy. I was just saying. Let's get to Math. Ms. Dixon is a real stickler for the bell.

DONOVAN

My bad. Let's go.

EXT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - LUNCH YARD - DAY

The group minus Jamie sits at their lunch table talking when Jamie runs up.

JAMIE

Oh my God guys! Guess what?!

Haley looks at Jamie with an annoyed look.

HALEY

What is it Jamie?

JAMIE

Bethany Wilson just told me after Spanish that her parents are going away this weekend!

Everyone except Donovan starts to talk excitedly. Donovan looks at everyone confused.

DONOVAN

Wait, what does that mean?

HALEY

What do you mean, what does that mean..

DONOVAN

Who's Bethany Wilson? Why is it a big deal that she has an open house?

FRANKIE

C'mon bro, you can't be serious right now. Where'd you grow up? A box?

DEREK

Hey. Take it easy guys. I'm sure Montana is a lot different from around here. Basically when someone has an open house they throw a party.

DONOVAN

Word. Sounds like fun. Hopefully she has good food and games.

Everyone at the table laughs.

DEREK

Looks like I have a lot to teach you my friend. By party, I mean with alcohol. Some people have drugs. There are games, but probably not the type that you usually play. Haven't you watched enough shows and movies to know what I'm talking about?

DONOVAN

You don't know my mom man. Only thing she lets me watch is sports and Sci-Fi movies. Super religious too. I don't know if she'll take too kindly with me drinking.

HALEY

That's why you don't tell her stupid.

FRANKIE

Yeah yo. If you're afraid to go home just tell your mom you're sleeping at my place on Friday.

DONOVAN

Alright man I'll see what I can do.

CANDACE (O.S.)

Hey Aurora, were you as sheltered as Donovan?

Aurora laughs.

AURORA

No. I've never drank alcohol though. Personal preference.

JAMIE

Well this Friday is a great time to start!

AURORA

I'll see how I'm feeling.

The bell rings, everyone gets up.

CANDACE

Jamie did you do your reading for McDonough?

JAMIE

No I forgot.

HALEY

Typical.

The girls walk away.

EXT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - PARKING LOT - DAY

Aurora begins to walk home in the direction of her home.

DEREK (O.S.)

Hey Aurora! Where are you going?

Aurora turns around and sees Derek. She slows down.

AURORA

I was just going to walk home. It's a really nice day.

DEREK

Here. Let me give you a ride.

AURORA

(mocking, playful tone) Won't Haley get jealous?

Derek smiles and laughs.

DEREK

Don't worry about her. I saw her driving away a minute ago.

The two get into the car.

INT. DEREK'S CAR - DAY - MOMENTS LATER

Derek drives while Aurora sits quietly in the passenger seat. The town of Foxworth is visible in the background. It's a stereotypical suburban town. The houses are close together, there are a lot of trees. There is a center of town where most of the stores and restaurants are. There is a nice shopping mall as well on the outskirts of town.

DEREK

How have you enjoyed your first two days? Is it anything like Bethesda?

AURORA

I've enjoyed it a lot! Most of you have been really nice and welcoming. And it's too early to tell if it's like Bethesda, but either way I needed a fresh start.

DEREK

Why? What happened?

AURORA

I'd prefer not to get into it. It's a little personal.

DEREK

Fair enough. We all have secrets.

AURORA

Do you have any?

DEREK

Well we all have secrets we don't want anyone to know, but most times they come out.

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DEREK (CONT'D)

I'll tell you one that ended up being big news around here a few years ago.

Aurora turns to Derek.

DEREK (CONT'D)

From the day I was born, I always thought that my parents were perfect. The perfect role models. But one day, I came home to see my dad beating my mom. Obviously I came to my mom's defense. I didn't find out the reason behind my father's outburst for a while.

AURORA

Did you find out?

DEREK

I'm getting to that. One day, my dad was called into the police station to pick up my mom. She was arrested for prostitution. That's when I realized all is never as it seems. My mom. The woman who raised and took care of me my entire life had turned to prostitution to make money for our family. When I saw my dad beating my mom, it was the day he found out what my mom had been doing after she was laid off. Neither of us knew she lost her job.

Aurora has a stunned and concerned look on her face.

AURORA

I'm so sorry.

DEREK

They decided to keep it from me because they knew how much it'd hurt me. If I had known, I'm not sure what I would have done but I would have done something. I would have tried telling my parents that allowing mom to whore herself out is not a good idea. But they lied. Everyone lies. Everyone has their secrets.

AURORA

Are your parents fine now?

DEREK

My parents are divorced now and I live with my dad but man, I will never look at either of them the same. I don't look at the world the same.

AURORA

But you seem to always be so nice and positive.

DEREK

I went through a real dark phase. I cut class, skipped practices, bullied kids, but one day I realized I need to stop feeling bad for myself. Everyone has something to hide. I've always been a positive person because of my parents. Despite their shortcomings that is one thing I have to thank them for.

Aurora looks outside the window.

AURORA

Slow down, this is my house.

The car slows down. Aurora's house is in the background. It is an above average sized, white house with red shutters. It appears to have two floors.

DEREK

Sorry I just dumped that on you.

AURORA

It's okay Derek. You're definitely one of the strongest people I know. Most people would not have ended up like you if they went through something like that.

DEREK

Thanks. I'll see you tomorrow.

AURORA

Bye. See ya.

Aurora gets out of the car and walks towards her front door. Derek watches her walk away and Derek sits back in his seat clearly distraught.

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ACT THREE

INT. MCDONALD RESIDENCE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Donovan and his mom sit in the living room. Donovan appears to be doing work on his computer while Ms. McDonald reads some papers. Donovan looks up.

DONOVAN

Hey ma. Some of the football guys are having a sleep over Friday night and they asked me if I want to come.

Ms. McDonald looks up from her papers.

FRANCINE

Are you sure it's just a sleep over? I've heard some things about this area.

DONOVAN

Like what?

FRANCINE

Kids really let loose on weekends. They throw keggers and what not.

DONOVAN

What's a kegger?

FRANCINE

Parties with alcohol.

DONOVAN

Mom, don't worry. You know I always have the scholarship in sight. I would never let you down.

FRANCINE

Fine. Give me the parent's number. Let me make sure there really is a sleep over.

DONOVAN

Uhh, yea. Let me call my friend.

Donovan walks off into an area of a room where his mom cannot hear him and calls Frankie. Frankie picks up.

FRANKIE (V.O.)

Hello?

Donovan talks quietly.

DONOVAN

Yo, my mom wants your parents number. She wants to call them now and talk to them about Friday. What should I do?

FRANKIE (V.O.)

Don't worry about it bro. My parents are real laid back. I'll get them to cover for you. I'll text you my dad's number right now.

DONOVAN

Alright. Thanks man. I almost never lie to my mom. I feel bad bro.

FRANKIE (V.O.)

I feel you man. Take care.

Donovan walks back to the living room and shows his mom Frankie's dad's number. She dials.

FRANCINE

What's his last name?

DONOVAN

Wallace.

The other line picks up.

FRANCINE

Hi, Mr. Wallace? It's Francine McDonald, Donovan's mother. He told me your son was going to have a sleepover Friday night?

She pauses

FRANCINE (CONT'D)

Okay, I was just making sure. Make sure the boys don't stay up too late!

She laughs

FRANCINE (CONT'D)

Okay thank you, have a good night.

Francine hangs up the phone.

FRANCINE (CONT'D)

Okay honey. You can go on Friday.
Be safe.

Donovan gives a sigh of relief and his face seems much more relaxed.

DONOVAN

Don't worry mom. I'll be fine.

INT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - DAY

Donovan is on his way to the locker room for practice, Friday.

GREG (O.S.)

Hey Donovan!

Donovan turns around and sees it is Greg and smiles.

DONOVAN

What's up Greg?

GREG

Nothing much. Just wanted to see if we're still hanging out tomorrow.

DONOVAN

Yeah, of course bro. Actually what are you doing tonight?

GREG

Probably just gonna stay home and play some video games. Why?

DONOVAN

Some girl named Bethany Wilson is having a party. You should come. You can meet my other friends and everyone else at the school.

GREG

I don't know. I'm not very good in social settings.

DONOVAN

Well it's a good chance to work on it. Come on Greg!

GREG

Alright, alright. I'll stop by. Don't be upset if I leave early though.

DONOVAN

Don't worry man, I'd just be happy to see you there.

GREG

Alright. I'll see you tonight then.

DONOVAN

Alright man, see ya.

Donovan walks away towards the locker room.

INT. COX RESIDENCE - HALEY'S ROOM - NIGHT

Haley, Candace, Jamie, and Aurora all get ready for the party. There is upbeat music playing in the background.

HALEY

So Aurora, do you have any guys you're looking at tonight?

AURORA

No, nobody in particular. I'm just gonna go out and see what happens.

JAMIE

Well don't go after Donovan, he's mine.

HALEY

Shut up Jamie. You can't just call dibs on a guy and expect everyone to back off. You don't even know if he likes you!

JAMIE

I've been texting him the past few days. It seems like he does.

HALEY

All I'm saying is whenever you go into a night trying to hook up, it doesn't work out. You just gotta let it happen.

Aurora's phone goes off. It's another message from "iknowyourdirtysecret3@imail.com." This time it reads, **"It'd be a shame if everyone found out about your secret tonight. Start spilling or I'll spill for you."**

Aurora's facial expression shows panic.

CANDACE (O.S.)
Anything wrong Aurora?

AURORA
No, no I'm fine.

HALEY
It looks like you found out your
mom died or something.

CANDACE
Don't joke about that Haley.

HALEY
I'm just saying..

AURORA
No, don't worry about it. It's
nothing. Are you girls ready to go?

HALEY
Yeah, let's head out.

The girls walk out of Haley's room. Aurora is the last one to
leave and she looks back nervously and turns the lights off.

INT. WILSON RESIDENCE - LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

There are a lot of people at the party.

Various Shots of -

People chugging beers, playing beer pong, people dancing, and
people hooking up. Loud music plays in the background. The
house is trashed.

Donovan, Derek and Frankie walk inside.

DONOVAN
Damnnnnn. Montana parties are
nothing like this. I'm used to
manhunt and pizza.

FRANKIE
Welcome to civilization my friend.

DEREK
Let me get us a beer. This is a
monumental moment for you Donovan.

DONOVAN
Damn yo, momma and the lord will be
pissed.

DEREK
That's why they have confession
isn't it?

Derek goes over to the beverage table and grabs each of them a can of beer. At that time, Corey enters the party in crutches. He walks up to Donovan, Frankie and Derek.

COREY
What's up boys?

Donovan's face drops. His face tenses up and he looks scared.

DONOVAN
Look man, I'm sorry. Please don-

COREY
Shut up Donovan. I'm not mad. You were just doing what you were supposed to do. All I ask for now is for you to do work out there. Bring the championship home.

Donovan lets out a sigh of relief.

DONOVAN
Alright man, I got you.

Donovan and Corey shake hands and it seems that they are fine.

DEREK
See Donny? I told you Corey's a reasonable man.

Derek looks at the beer pong table.

DEREK (CONT'D)
Yo me and Donovan got next!

INT. WILSON RESIDENCE - KITCHEN - NIGHT

Aurora stands alone awkwardly while her friends talk to other people. Derek enters the room.

HALEY
Hey Derek.

DEREK
Hey babe. What's up girls?

Haley and Derek kiss.

DEREK (CONT'D)
Aurora stop being so awkward.

HALEY
She won't drink! We offered her a shot but she refused it.

DEREK
It's okay. Donovan is about to play his first ever game of pong in the other room if any of you girls want to watch.

HALEY
I love the whole big brother project you're doing with him. It's pretty inspirational.

JAMIE
Let's go watch!

INT. WILSON RESIDENCE - LIVING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Donovan and Derek near the end of their beer pong game. Donovan makes the final cup.

DEREK
This kid is a natural!

A bunch of people go up to Donovan and slaps him on the back, and shakes his hand to congratulate him. Jamie approaches Donovan.

JAMIE
You did really good Donovan! I can't believe this was really your first time playing.

DONOVAN
Hey what can I say? My shot is always on point. On the court and off.

Derek hears this.

DEREK
Wait do you play basketball too?

DONOVAN
Yeah man. I played shooting guard at my old school. Averaged 15 a game last year.

DEREK

Damn what CAN'T you do.

DONOVAN

I don't know man you tell me.

DEREK

Let's go take some shots.

Donovan and Derek walk off and Derek gets a bottle and shot glasses. Derek pours the shots and they take them. Both of them look fairly drunk, Donovan especially.

DONOVAN

Whoo! I've never felt like this before!

Everyone laughs.

FRANKIE

A few years late but congrats on finally beginning your high school experience.

At that time, Greg walks through the front door. Some kids standing near the door start to laugh and talk quietly to each other and make fun of Greg. Greg looks completely out of place wearing a New York Mets t-shirt and gym shorts. Donovan walks over to greet Greg.

DONOVAN

What's up Greg!

Greg, smelling the alcohol under Donovan's breath, makes a disgusted face.

GREG

What's up man? What have you been drinking? It's strong.

DONOVAN

A lot of stuff. Come with me. Let me introduce you to some people.

Donovan leads Greg to his other friends.

DONOVAN (CONT'D)

Yo guys this is my boy Greg. He's also new to the school.

Everyone says hi but it seems fake. The girls especially seem to not want anything to do with Greg. Greg, sensing he doesn't belong starts to back away.

GREG

Donovan, I think it was a bad idea for me to come here. I think I'm gonna leave.

DONOVAN

C'mon man, you just got here.

GREG

I know but like I said earlier, I'm not very good in social settings.

Donovan shakes his head.

DONOVAN

Alright man. I'll see you tomorrow.

Greg walks off and leaves the house.

HALEY

Why are you friends with that kid? He gives me the creeps.

DONOVAN

Hey c'mon. I know he looks off but I swear once you get to know him a little he isn't too bad.

HALEY

Whatever. Just don't bring him around me.

Frankie leans towards Derek and whispers in his ear.

FRANKIE

Yo is this the night you and Haley finally do it?

DEREK

We'll see man, we'll see.

Jamie tries to court Donovan once again. This time, she is more successful.

JAMIE

Hey Donovan. Can you come with me to the guest room. I left my bag in there and I need help finding something.

Donovan, completely unaware of what is going on nods and begins to walk with Jamie. Derek slaps Donovan on the back and him, Corey, and Frankie start joking to one another.

INT. WILSON RESIDENCE - GUEST ROOM - NIGHT - MOMENTS LATER

Donovan and Jamie enter the guest room and Jamie closes the door behind them after she turns the light on. The room is very plain with white walls and just a single bed in the middle of the room. The music and other noise becomes muffled. Jamie sits on the bed.

DONOVAN

Where's your bag? What do you need help finding?

Jamie laughs.

JAMIE

You're so cute and naive. Come here. Sit. Let's talk.

Donovan takes a seat next to Jamie.

JAMIE (CONT'D)

I have never met anybody like you. I have never met anyone so sheltered before.

DONOVAN

Well I didn't know how sheltered I was until I got here.

JAMIE

How have you allowed your parents to control your life like this?

DONOVAN

I don't know. I've always just done what my mom said. I was actually born in Chicago but my dad died when I was really young. He got shot while working. My mom said he was in the selling business, whatever that means.

JAMIE (O.S.)

It sounds like he was a drug dealer.

Donovan pauses and thinks to himself. He realizes that Jamie is probably right.

DONOVAN

Wow. That makes a lot more sense. Anyway, after my dad died, my mom moved me away from the city and we moved to Montana.

(MORE)

DONOVAN (CONT'D)

I started playing sports at a young age and I think my mom saw my athletic ability. However, Montana isn't really a hot spot for recruits so my mom moved us here strictly for a better chance at a scholarship. That's why I sort of feel guilty being here. I feel like I'm letting her down.

JAMIE

You need to start thinking for yourself. Do what YOU want to do. Don't let other people control your life.

DONOVAN

Just like it seems Haley controls yours.

Jamie looks away embarrassed.

JAMIE

It really isn't like that. At the end of the day, she always has our backs even though it seems like she doesn't. She just puts up a front.

DONOVAN

Whatever you say.

Jamie starts to get closer to Donovan.

JAMIE

Enough talking. Let's start doing.

DONOVAN

What do you mean?

Jamie begins to lean in for a kiss. Donovan backs away.

DONOVAN (CONT'D)

Hey! What are you doing?

Jamie backs off and looks at Donovan, bewildered.

JAMIE

Are you serious? What do you think I was doing?

DONOVAN

It looked like you were trying to kiss me.

JAMIE

Really? Judging by the way you react to everything I wouldn't have been surprised if you didn't recognize that. What's the problem then? Do you not think I'm attractive? Do you not like me? If you don't just let me know and I'll stop wasting my time.

DONOVAN

No, no it's not that. This is embarrassing, but I've never kissed a girl before so I was a little caught off guard.

JAMIE

So do you want to try this again?

DONOVAN

I wouldn't be opposed.

Jamie leans in for the kiss and this time Donovan doesn't stop her. They start to make out.

INT. WILSON RESIDENCE - PARENT'S ROOM - NIGHT

Haley and Derek are in Bethany Wilson's parents room. They are on the bed making out and Derek starts to feel Haley up. He begins to take her clothes off and Haley backs away.

HALEY

Derek. Stop that!

DEREK

C'mon Haley you do this every time. I have a condom with me if that's what you're worried about.

HALEY

No, it's not that. I'm not going to lose my virginity in Bethany Wilson's house when we're both drunk. I want to make it special.

DEREK

I've tried to have special nights Haley. We've had candle lit dinners. We've gone out on dates to expensive restaurants. I don't understand what you want.

Haley looks away from Derek.

HALEY

I don't know. I guess I'm just not ready.

DEREK

Well come back to me when you are because I'll be waiting.

Haley fixes her clothes, gets up and starts to walk out. Tears fall down her face.

HALEY

You're such a pig. I hope you know that.

Haley walks out of the room.

INT. WILSON RESIDENCE - HALLWAY - NIGHT

Aurora stands with Candace and talks to some people when she sees Haley walk out of the room visibly upset. She becomes curious and starts to walk towards the room Haley left. Candace turns around and goes to comfort Haley.

INT. WILSON RESIDENCE - PARENT'S ROOM - NIGHT

Aurora walks into the room and sees Derek sitting on the bed alone. Derek looks up and sees Aurora.

DEREK

What's up Aurora?

AURORA

Nothing. I just saw Haley walk out of the room. She looked upset. I wanted to see what was going on.

DEREK

Long story short, I'm ready for the next step in our relationship but she isn't.

AURORA

So where does that leave you guys?

DEREK

I don't really know.

Aurora takes a seat next to Derek.

AURORA

Well I think you should talk to Haley and figure out what you both want.

DEREK

That's the thing. She keeps saying that she wants the same things but she always backs out last second. I've contemplated ending it but I'd feel like an ass breaking things off just because she doesn't want to have sex with me.

AURORA

You're a good guy Derek. It'd be nice if there were more guys like you.

DEREK

I feel like you've been screwed over once or twice in your life.

AURORA

You could say that.

DEREK

Well like I said before, when you're ready to open up, I'll always be available to listen.

They look into each others eyes and contemplate whether or not to make a move. Derek looks down and realizes it would be wrong.

DEREK (CONT'D)

Hey I'm pretty tired. I'm probably gonna head out soon. I'll see you later Aurora.

AURORA

See you later.

Derek gets up and walks out of the room. Aurora lets out a disappointed sigh.

END OF ACT THREE

ACT FOUR

INT. WALLACE RESIDENCE - FRANKIE'S ROOM - MORNING

Donovan lays on the floor of Frankie's room. It's a small room with posters of nude women, a closet and, a mirror on the door. Frankie lays on the bed and sleeps. Donovan opens his eyes and is blinded by the light.

DONOVAN

Damn is the sun always this bright?

Frankie wakes up from his slumber.

FRANKIE

Looks like you're hungover kid. How you feeling?

DONOVAN

Like I got hit by a 10 ton truck.

FRANKIE

Do you want breakfast? I can make us pancakes or something.

DONOVAN

Nah man, I'm boutta go home and sleep some more. I have stuff to do soon anyway.

FRANKIE

Alright bud. See you later.

Donovan gets up and exits the room.

EXT. FOXWORTH, NEW YORK - STREET - MORNING

Haley is on her morning run. She notices a mysterious girl watching her as she runs. The girl does not seem normal. She is pale and has the style of a 12 year old girl. She is wearing glasses and has pig tails. Haley does not think much of her and runs past her.

MYSTERIOUS GIRL (O.S.)

Hey! Let me talk to you.

Haley stops in her tracks and turns towards the girl.

HALEY

Can I help you?

MYSTERIOUS GIRL

I have some information that you could use.

HALEY

What do you mean? Who are you?

MYSTERIOUS GIRL

I used to go to school with your friend Aurora in Bethesda. I moved here last year, I go to your school, not that you'd notice me.

HALEY

And why do I care?

MYSTERIOUS GIRL

Don't act like you haven't noticed the way Aurora and Derek look at each other. I know you're jealous.

HALEY

I'm not worried. Also I think it's a little creepy that you've been watching us.

The girl shrugs her shoulders.

MYSTERIOUS GIRL

Well in order to completely eliminate her as competition, you should look at her health history file. They have them at the school. Here's the key to the records room.

The girl hands Haley a key. Her voice is monotone. It sounds evil.

HALEY

Where did you get this? Why can't you just tell me yourself? You clearly know information about Aurora.

MYSTERIOUS GIRL

It's better you find out yourself. You don't even know me. If I told you myself, you might not believe me.

HALEY

True. What did Aurora do to you? Why do you want to bring her down?

MYSTERIOUS GIRL

She was a lot like you. She was the girl everyone wanted to be but the girl everyone hated at the same time, except she was 10x worse. At least you just ignore us. She insulted and made fun of people, for the way they looked and the way they dressed. She was a judgemental bitch. I wouldn't be able to stand to see her become queen again and I know you don't want to lose your crown. Anyways, I'll see you around.

The girl turns and walks towards her house.

HALEY

Wait! What's your name?

But the girl doesn't answer and proceeds to walk inside her house. Haley looks at the key in her hands and ponders what she will do.

INT. SHAY RESIDENCE - GREG'S BASEMENT - DAY

Greg sits downstairs in his basement playing video games. The basement is well furnished and carpeted. A big screen TV is set up at one end of the room and there is a couch set up in front of it. His mother calls his name.

MRS. SHAY (O.S.)

Greg! Your friend Donovan is here!

GREG

Tell him to come down!

Feet are heard shuffling upstairs and then Donovan is heard coming down the stairs.

DONOVAN (O.S.)

What's up Greg?

Greg turns around to face Donovan.

GREG

What's up Donovan? Come sit.

DONOVAN

What are you playing?

GREG

I'm just finishing up a game of
Call of Duty.

DONOVAN

Word. Sorry about last night. I
shouldn't have asked you to come.

GREG

Nah don't worry about it. I'm not
upset at you. More upset at myself
for wasting my time.

Greg gets up and takes a DVD from the shelf. It's "**Star Wars
Episode 1: The Phantom Menace**"

GREG (CONT'D)

You ready to start?

DONOVAN

Hell yeah man.

The movie begins, the two sit on opposite sides of the couch.

INT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - DAY

Haley walks through the halls of the school looking for the records office. The school is open on Saturdays as clubs and other sports teams meet/practice. She stops in front of a room. It has no windows and on the door it says "**Records Office. Authorized Personnel Only.**" Haley looks around and sees nobody is watching or in the hall. She unlocks the door and walks inside.

INT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - RECORDS OFFICE - DAY

Haley walks in and closes the door. There are multiple cabinets in the room and it is very cramped. She sees a cabinet labeled "**R-V.**" She looks inside and finds a file labeled, "**Aurora M. Staten.**" It's a little thicker than the others. She puts it in her bag, closes the cabinet, and walks out.

INT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - DAY

Haley hurries out of the room and walks swiftly down the hallway. A janitor stops her, which startles her. He looks like an average middle aged white male. Nothing too distinctive. He is clean shaven and balding.

JANITOR

What were you doing in that room?
How did you get in?

Haley becomes nervous and knows she has to quickly find an excuse.

HALEY

Uhh...I needed something for the yearbook. I'm in the yearbook club.

JANITOR

A little early for that don't you think?

HALEY

Never too early to start.

She quickly walks past the janitor towards the exit. The janitor stares in Haley's direction suspiciously.

INT. SHAY RESIDENCE - GREG'S BASEMENT - DAY

Greg and Donovan continue to watch Star Wars. They sit closer to each other now. They sneak glances at each other when the other isn't looking. The movie comes to an end.

GREG

Do you want to watch the next one?

DONOVAN

Nah man, my mom wants me home soon for dinner. Anyway, tell me about yourself man. I feel like I don't know much about you.

GREG

I moved here from Seattle a week before school started. Much like here, I was a loser at my old school.

Donovan interrupts.

DONOVAN

You aren't a loser. It's only been a week.

GREG

It seems like it. Nobody talks to me. Anyway besides the fact that I'm not like the other kids, I also got a lot of hate for being gay.

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GREG (CONT'D)

Normally gay kids at least have a lot of girl best friends. Not me, girls think I'm weird and creepy. So I never really did much. I play a lot of video games and watch a lot of TV and movies. Anyway tell me about your past.

DONOVAN

Moved to Montana when I was young, my mom wanted to give me a better shot at a scholarship so we moved out here. By the way, there's nothing wrong with being gay. When did you come out?

GREG

It's still a problem to many. Officially came out in eighth grade but my parents and the other kids could tell for a while. Did you have a girlfriend at your old school?

DONOVAN

Nah. And don't worry man. You always got me on your side.

GREG

Thanks. And that's surprising. I feel like since you were a big time athlete, you'd have girls all over you.

DONOVAN

I don't know man. I wasn't attracted to any girls out there.

Donovan checks the time on his phone.

DONOVAN (CONT'D)

I gotta go man. Good hanging out with you.

GREG

Let me walk you out.

The two walk up the stairs.

EXT. SHAY RESIDENCE - FRONT PORCH - DAY

Greg and Donovan walk out the door and onto the front porch.

DONOVAN

Alright man, I'll catch you at school.

GREG

Yup see you later.

Donovan goes for a handshake but Greg goes in for a hug. Donovan is startled but doesn't back away and hugs Greg back. It isn't just a bro hug. It's somewhat passionate. Eventually Greg backs off. Donovan walks off the porch and begins to head towards his home.

INT. COX RESIDENCE - HALEY'S ROOM - DAY

Haley enters her room and throws her bag on her bed. She pulls out Aurora's file and opens it up. She flips through some pages but doesn't find anything.

HALEY

This girl better not have been lying to me.

She continues to flip through the file. All of a sudden she stops. Her eyes open wide. She clearly has found something about Aurora that is damaging to her reputation. The page that Haley stopped at says, "**Southern Maryland Center for the Mentally Ill and Disturbed,**" at the top. Under it a picture of Aurora is shown and next to the picture it reads, "**Patient Name: Aurora Marie Staten**" Under that it reads "**Age: 15**" Haley continues to scan the page with her eyes wide open. A devilish smirk appears on her face.

EXT. FOXWORTH TOWN - PARK BENCH - DAY

It's Sunday afternoon. Derek and Corey are in town sharing a bite on a park bench. The town is a nice little square with stores and restaurants enclosing a small park.

DEREK

How's your knee?

COREY

Painful man. I'm not even supposed to be out.

DEREK

Do you want me to bring you home?

COREY

Nah I'm good. I'm on a ton of painkillers. I was able to make it to Bethany's, remember?

DEREK

True.

Across the street, Aurora and Candace walk together leaving TJ's Pizza. They hold a box. Derek sees them.

DEREK (CONT'D)

Aurora! Candace!

Aurora and Candace turn and see Derek and Corey. They start walking towards them.

CANDACE

Hi guys!

COREY

How was both your Saturdays?

CANDACE

Me, Jamie, and Aurora went to the city.

DEREK

No Haley?

CANDACE

No. She's been MIA for the past few days. She hasn't texted any of us.

AURORA

How are you and Haley, Derek?

DEREK

I haven't talked to her since Friday night. I hope she's okay. I feel bad.

CANDACE

I wonder what she's been doing?

DEREK

Your guess is as good as mine.

Derek sneaks a peek at Aurora who happened to be looking in Derek's direction as well. They both look the other way. Corey sees this encounter.

CANDACE

Well I'm starving. We'll see you guys tomorrow. Wait, Corey are you coming back to school?

COREY

Yeah, I make my return tomorrow.

CANDACE

Okay, that's good. Hope you feel better. Bye guys!

COREY AND DEREK

Bye.

Aurora and Candace turn around and walk the other way. Derek watches as they leave.

COREY (O.S.)

What's going on Derek?

DEREK

What?

COREY

I saw the way you and new girl looked at each other. Is anything going on between you two?

DEREK

Nah. We're just friends.

COREY

I don't know man. Something looks sketchy.

DEREK

Shut up. Let's go. I got a ton of homework to do.

Derek and Corey get up. Derek walks and Corey uses his crutches to head towards Derek's car.

INT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - MORNING

Haley gets to school early in order to return Aurora's file. She approaches the records office and looks around to make sure nobody is watching. She enters.

INT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - MORNING

The group stands in front of Haley's locker, Haley is missing.

CANDACE

Okay. I'm actually getting worried.
Where is Haley?

DEREK

I tried calling her phone last night. She didn't answer so I tried calling her house. Her mom answered and she said Haley didn't want to be disturbed.

At that instant Haley walks out of a classroom and begins walking towards her locker.

CANDACE

Speak of the devil.

Haley joins the circle.

HALEY

Hey guys, how was your weekends?

Nobody answers.

JAMIE

Where the hell have you been?
Nobody's heard from you since Friday night.

HALEY

I was, uhh busy. Had to do a lot of stuff for school.

CANDACE

Really? We're in all the same classes and we didn't have that much work at all.

HALEY

Hey I'm sorry I don't work as fast as you. It took me a while.

The bell rings and everyone begins to disperse. Derek goes after Haley.

DEREK

Haley wait up. I need to talk to you.

HALEY

What. What's there to talk about?

DEREK

Are you serious? About Friday night. I'm sorry, I shouldn't be pushing you to do things you don't want to do.

HALEY

It's fine. I overreacted. Now can I go? I don't want to be late.

DEREK

What's your deal?

HALEY

What do you mean?

DEREK

It seems like you're avoiding everyone. What's going on?

HALEY

Don't worry about it. It doesn't concern you.

DEREK

Whatever. Come to me when you're ready to talk.

The two walk away in opposite directions.

INT. FOXWORTH HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - DAY

Donovan begins to walk towards the boys locker room to change for practice when Jamie stops him.

JAMIE

Donovan are you ever going to talk to me again?

DONOVAN

What do you mean?

JAMIE

You didn't answer my texts Saturday and Sunday. You also didn't look at me once today during lunch.

DONOVAN

I'm sorry Jamie. Nothing personal.

JAMIE

So what. It was a one time thing?
I'm fine with that. Just let me
know now.

DONOVAN

No it's nothing like that. I'm
just...confused. I guess.

JAMIE

What do you mean?

DONOVAN

I'm not sure. Just got a lot on my
mind. I gotta get to practice.

Donovan walks past Jamie. Jamie's face shows confusion. She
let's out a sad sigh.

INT. DEREK'S CAR - DAY

Derek and Donovan are in Derek's car. Derek is bringing
Donovan home after practice. They notice a house with police
cars, ambulances and a big crowd in front of it. It's the
Shay residence.

DONOVAN

Stop the car!

Derek brings the car to a halt. Donovan runs out.

DEREK

Wait what are you doing?

It's too late. Donovan is already running towards the house.
Derek gets out and starts to race after him.

EXT. SHAY RESIDENCE - FRONT YARD - DAY - MOMENTS LATER

Donovan arrives onto the scene. He sees Greg outside, safe,
standing with his dad. He runs up and instinctively hugs him.
Derek sees this. After Donovan releases from the hug, he
realizes that Greg is crying.

DONOVAN

Glad to see you're safe. Dude what
the hell happened.

GREG

It's my mom dude.

Two EMTs exit the house and carry Greg's mom on a stretcher.

GREG (CONT'D)
She had a heart attack. She's gonna die.

Donovan puts an arm around Greg.

DONOVAN
Don't say that man. She's gonna be fine.

Greg continues to cry. The focus shifts to Derek who stands watching the events unfolding. Aurora comes up from behind.

AURORA
Derek what's going on?

Derek turns around.

DEREK
Poor new kid's mom got a heart attack.

AURORA
That's so sad. I hope she's okay.

INT. HALEY'S CAR - DAY

Haley is on her way home when she sees the crowd in front of the Shay residence. She doesn't really care for what's going on until she sees Aurora standing with Derek.

HALEY
That psychotic bitch.

Haley pulls up, parks the car and walks out.

EXT. SHAY RESIDENCE - FRONT YARD - DAY - MOMENTS LATER

The EMTs begin to put the stretcher in the ambulance. Donovan stands with Greg and tries to comfort him. Derek and Aurora look on.

HALEY (O.S.)
Sup guys? What's going on?

Derek and Aurora both turn around.

DEREK
New kid's mom apparently got a heart attack.

HALEY

The creepy one that's friends with Donovan?

DEREK

Yes.

HALEY

That sucks. Hey Aurora can you come with me for a second? I have to talk to you.

AURORA

About what?

HALEY

Cheerleading.

Aurora and Haley walk towards an area of the yard with no people.

HALEY (CONT'D)

Listen slut. I've heard from more than one person that you have the hots for my boyfriend. I know I warned you before, but I have ammunition now.

Aurora's facial expression changes.

AURORA

What are you talking about?

HALEY

I know about your little stint in the loony bin last year and if you want me to keep that a secret, I suggest you stay away from Derek.

AURORA

You don't know what you're saying. There's no need to start rumors just because you feel a little threatened.

Haley pulls out a stack of papers from her bag. It is a copy of Aurora's file.

HALEY

Are you sure it'd only be a rumor?

Aurora's face drops. Aurora's voice quivers.

AURORA

Where did you get that? Are you the one that's been messaging me those threats?

HALEY

What? No. I don't know what you're talking about. I don't really care either. I just want you to know I can ruin your reputation in an instant. Nobody will want to be friends with the insane new girl. This is your final warning. STAY AWAY.

At this point Haley's face is inches away from Aurora's. Aurora has a terrorized look on her face and we SMASH CUT TO BLACK.

END OF PILOT