

Truth By Morning

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ACT 1

SCENE HALLWAYS -INT.-DAY

Camera starts walking through the halls. It goes into math class where a teacher is handing back tests. It follows from teachers back and shows tests being handed like B, C, and then it has one A and we follow the hand placing it on Charlie's desk. Camera then travels back out of room into the hallway so watch Zack do a cool handshake with his friend. The camera then travels to the gym to see Hope shooting up some baskets. It travels around Hope then heads to the hall where Ivy is talking to her friends and laughing.

camera swivels around the group then goes further down the hallway to Dianna who is pacing studying her flashcard. The camera continues to the school entrance as Felix enters the school with head phones in the scene is listening to his music. We follow him to his locker and that's when the bell rings and the camera finally cuts.

SCENE 1 CLASSROOM - INT. - DAY

before class starts day ZACK walks in puts his stuff down and talks to Hope next to him

ZACK

Hey Hope, I have a great idea

HOPE

What is it now Zack? Is this idea like the one where we stole that random dude's sheep, because if it is count me out.

ZACK

No it's not! Also, that was a great idea. Remember the look on that guys face?

ZACK laughs

HOPE

Okay, get to the point

ZACK

What if we...wait for it...
(whispered)

break into the school tonight to film
my rap video

HOPE
(sarcastically)
That sounds like a great idea!

ZACK
(Exited)
Really?

HOPE
No! Why would we ever do that?

Camera pans to the left to fit DIANNA in the scene

DIANNA
(in a panicked fast paced voice)
Ya, why would we ever do that?

Camera pans up to FELIX and CHARLIE standing behind DIANNA

FELIX
(hugs Dianna in a playful manner)
Oh come on Dianna. It'll be fun!

ZACK
See? Felix agrees.

CHARLIE
I actually agree with Dianna and Hope
this sounds kind of stupid

Camera pans to behind initial position to find IVY walking up
(hot, pretty cloths)

IVY
(peppy smiley)
Hey guys, I have like an awesome idea.
Why don't we like break into school
tonight

Camera cuts to close up of ZACK

ZACK
(in a quieter voice)
Didn't I just say that?

Camera cuts to close up of HOPE

HOPE
He's not gonna let this go guys. How
much trouble could we possibly get in?

Camera cuts to CHARLIE

CHARLIE
According to the school rules we could
actually suspended for a week

Camera cuts to FELIX

FELIX
So? It's only a week.

Camera cuts to DIANNA

DIANNA
NO!

Camera cuts to ZACK

ZACK
YES!

Camera cuts to FELIX

FELIX
(smiley)
YA

Camera cuts to CHARLIE

CHARLIE
NO

Camera cuts to IVY

IVY
YES

Camera cuts to HOPE

HOPE
FINE

Camera cuts and is looking up from floor getting all of their
faces, everyone is in a circle

ZACK

Alright everyone meet up at the gas station at 9

IVY

Go team! Brake!

Camera cuts to CHARLIE

CHARLIE Rolls his eyes

SCHOOL BELL RINGS fades to black out

SCENE 2 PARKING LOT - EXT. - NIGHT

Camera is outside at the gas station in the dark all the characters are there and waiting for IVY. The camera is on HOPE and FELIX looking around. Then camera cuts to behind them facing the street to see a car pull up. IVY gets out of the passenger seat

IVY

Bye Mom

CLOSES the door and car DRIVES away.

Camera cuts to CHARLIE

CHARLIE

Ivy! You told your mom about this?!

Camera wide, cowboy with all characters in shot

IVY

(in a voice that says, "duh")
No, I just told her that I had to take a night class, Charlie.

CHARLIE

And she believed that?

ZACK

Well it is her mom, who do you think she takes after?

FELIX

I don't know if that's the problem
right now look at Dianna.

Shot cuts to DIANNA. Full body view. DIANNA in full black

DIANNA

Hey! I'm not going down for your
stupidity if we get caught I'll just
blend into the shadows.

Back to full view of everyone

ZACK

Alright let's get this show on the
road!

ZACK pushes DIANNA

Move it Batman!

SCENE 3 OUTSIDE SINIOR HALL DOOR - EXT. - NIGHT

Camera behind everyone.

HOPE

Charlie, you do the honors

IVY

Why do you have the key?

ZACK

(mockingly)

He's the hall monitor

CHARLIE unlocks the door, camera now inside the school as
door opens. CHARLIE has a flashlight on as they enter

CHARLIE

Here I brought extras

passes flashlights to HOPE and ZACK

everyone stops walking

ZACK

Thanks Boy Scout

DIANNA
It's not too late to turn back

IVY
Man it's dark in here

HOPE
(sarcastically)
Ya, no duh

IVY gives HOPE a scathing look

Characters start walking again

Actors walk past camera on both sides and camera follows one around and now a shot from the back, no cut.

DIANNA
Off like a heard of turtles.

End of scene

SCENE 4 BASEMENT - NIGHT - INT.

Camera at the bottom of the stairs to see characters coming down. When they get to the bottom of the stairs camera stays on the front.

ZACK
(practicing his rap)
whenever I order, from Jimmy Johns,
they always mess it up, it always goes
wrong. Tomatoes were considered
poison, in history, now they're on my
sandwich annoying me.

HOPE
(annoyed)
Is that what we came here to record?

They walk into the green room, camera cuts to be in green room

camera pans around and characters continue talking

ZACK
(rapping)

Oh ya and it's the dopest track on the rack!

IVY
(also trying to rap)
and the rack is so cool something something... FOOL!

HOPE
Ivy, no. Stop trying.

FELIX
Hit it

FELIX starts beatboxing

CHARLIE
(nonchalantly)
"And even after all my logic and my theory/I add a "did you know" so you idiots can hear me."

FELIX
(confused)
That was actually pretty good.

ZACK
Ok, ok, let's get rolling.

SCENE 5 GREEN ROOM (WHOLE BASEMENT MAYBE) - INT. - NIGHT

Camera films them from behind filming the rap video IVY is on her phone, CHARLIE is filming, FELIX is beatboxing on the side, DIANNA is looking out the door being look out, HOPE dancing/vibing on the side, ZACK is rapping on camera (30 seconds of them doing that) cut to end of rapping. Camera on DIANNA

DIANNA turns when she hears ZACK'S line

ZACK
WOOH

camera sees DIANNA turn and then cuts and becomes a pov of DIANNA's eyeline

that's a wrap

Camera comes back to DIANNA's side profile, turns back toward door and the door is now closed, she try's to open it and it's locked

DIANNA
(nervously)
Um.... Guys... It's locked

FELIX
Are you sure?

DIANNA
(sarcastically)
No, I'm sure it just glued itself shut.

ZACK
Here, let me try

ZACK tries to open door

CHARLIE
(sarcastically)
Oh, I'm sure that'll work

ZACK
Nah, it's locked

DIANNA
(paniced and angry)
You don't say!... Oh my God we're gonna die in here, they'll find our bones... I haven't even finished my english essay that was due yesterday

Camera cuts to IVY

IVY
(looks up from her phone finally)
calm down, I have my credit card

camera cuts to DIANNA and CHARLIE who is now by her.

DIANNA
We can't bribe the door, Ivy!

CHARLIE
I think she was suggesting shimmying the lock

HOPE

Did Ivy just have a good idea? Are we already dead?

IVY tries the credit card thing with the lock and drops the card through the slit of the door

FELIX

Good going Ivy.

HOPE

Let's not start blaming each other, just try to find another way out.

IVY

Yea, and if we were to blame someone it would be Zack!

Camera cuts to ZACK

ZACK

What did I do?!

Camera cuts to IVY

IVY

You were the one that suggested we come here.

Camera cuts to ZACK

ZACK

I had a film project due tonight! What was I supposed to do?

camera out wide to see everyone

HOPE

Not procrastinate!?

ZACK

Now how will I edit? There's no Wi-Fi down here and it's due at midnight

FELIX

That's the least of our problems. We can't even call for help.

IVY

What how will I be able to snap. I'm going to lose my streaks!

CHARLIE

Let's just start looking for another way out. Maybe there is a window or something we can open the door with

DIANNA

Okay, okay, I'll go look in the back

IVY

I'll start by looking at this chair.

IVY sits down on the chair and watches everyone

HOPE

(Sarcastically)

Thanks Ivy, you're a real help.

IVY blows HOPE a sarcastic kiss

ZACK

It's fine just come look.

The camera cuts to the characters looking around in different spots.

CHARLIE

Oh My God

DIANNA

W-what?

CHARLIE

(scared)

Guys... you might want to take a look at this.

HOPE

What is is? You're scaring me.

FELIX walks around the corner to find what CHARLIE was looking at

FELIX

holy sh-

DIANNA comes running to have a look and cuts off FELIX

DIANNA
 Seriously guys, what is it?

DIANNA gasps. ZACH and HOPE enter.

Camera showing all the characters backs in a semi circle around something so we can't see it. Camera moves in to a part through the characters and look at the board. The board says "Hope, Zach, Ivy, Charlie, Dianna, Felix. We know what you did, all of you are hiding something from one another. Tell your truth by morning or your life will never be the same." Camera swivels to see all three characters shocked and scared.

ALL CHARATERS
 (reading the board)
 Hope, Zack, Ivy, Charlie, Dianna, and
 Felix we know what you did, all of you
 are hiding something from one another.
 Tell your truth by morning or your
 life will never be the same

Cuts to shot of the gym and a bunch of students taking an exam (SAT) the next second it cuts to principle office with a student sitting in the chair crying and the principle yelling, then it cuts to shot of two people holding hands and between the hands is a girl shocked and screaming at them (shot hands focused and then become fuzzed as camera focuses on girl, then cuts to a hand pushing another actor and see them falling then it cuts to a needle being thrown away, then it cuts to hand with necklace, then a shot of the chemistry lab (all shots in very quick precession)

Then it cuts to each characters face showing their individual reaction to whats written

Camera then cuts to shot of everyone from chest up still in their semi circle

ZACK
 (angry)
 Who did this?

IVY
 (whispering into DIANNA's ear)
 What do you think that's written in?

DIANNA
 Stop it!

HOPE

We need to find a way out asap

There is a BANG from outside the room, CHARLIE runs to the door camera follows. CHARLIE starts pounding on the door.

CHARLIE

Help! Help! We're trapped in here!

Silence camera cuts to HOPE and ZACH. HOPE puts her hand on CHARLIE'S shoulder.

HOPE

What if the person out there is the one who wrote this.

ZACK

(Yelling)

Why don't you face us like a man

HOPE

Well that's a little sexist. it could totally be a iscotic woman who trapped us in here

ZACK is about to respond when a SCRACH SOUND comes from a different part of the outside. Camera cuts to DIANNA see is super scared and pacing the room.

DIANNA

Um...ok... this has been really weighting on me so I'll just say it

camera cuts to FELIX

FELIX

Wait, are you saying that whoever wrote that was right and you've been hiding something from us?

Then camera cuts to HOPE

HOPE

I can't even imagine you doing something worth hiding

Then camera cuts to DIANNA

DIANNA

(sighs)

SCENE 6 - SCHOOL HALL IN FRONT OF SOPHOMORE GIRL BATHROOM -
INT. - DAY - FLASHBACK

Camera follows DIANNA from her back as she walks into the
bathroom

ROBIN
How much you want?

ANGELINA
10 grams.

ROBIN
Ten grams? Dang Angelina! Do you want
the rolling papers too?

DIANNA slowly slips out of the bathroom unnoticed by the
other two students. DIANNA stands with her back to the door
looking panicked. DIANNA runs down the stairs and stops right
before she gets to the office. Looking contemplative. She
walks in slow, head held down.

DIANNA
I need to speak to the principal
please.

SECRETARY
Let me check if he is free.

SECRETARY stands up and knocks on the door.

SECRETARY
Principle Remaro? Are you busy? I have
a student to see you.

PRINCIPAL REMARO
I' m not doing anything, send them in.

DIANNA
Hi Principle Remaro.

PRINCIPAL REMARO
Dianna! How are you?

DIANNA
(Nervous)
I' m fine, how are you?

PRINCIPAL REMARO
I'm alright. What seems to be the
problem, I assume you not here just to
visit.

DIANNA
(Laughs nervously)
No... I was just in the bathroom.

PRINCIPAL REMARO
Congratulations?

DIANNA
That's not what I meant. I overheard
some girls.

GREEN ROOM - INT. - NIGHT - PRESENT

Camera cuts to present day, close up on DIANNA's face.

DIANNA
I snitched

Camera cuts to all the characters in frame

ZACK
What do you mean?

DIANNA
I overheard Robin selling Angelina
weed in the sophomore girls bathroom.

IVY
Aaaaand?

DIANNA
AND I told principal Remaro.

Camera cuts to a close up of DIANNA

I'm why they got expelled.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - INT. - DAY - FLASHBACK

Camera over the shoulder of ANGELINA who is sitting in the

right chair, both parents behind her. ROBIN sitting to her left with her parents in the same position. PRINCIPAL REMARO in frame.

PRINCIPAL REMARO

(Angry)

What were you girls thinking?

Met with Silence from the girls

PRINCIPAL REMARO

Of course, you weren't. You know this school has a reputation to uphold, and I'm the one in charge of doing that. I'm sorry girls, but I can't just let this slide.

ANGELINA'S MOM

What are you saying?

PRINCIPAL REMARO

(Sighs)

I am going to have to expel you.

PRINCIPAL REMARO looks at Robin and her family

Both of you.

Camera cuts over PRINCIPAL REMARO'S shoulder to show reactions of all the characters

GREEN ROOM - INT. - NIGHT - PRESENT

Camera shows all characters looking stunned. DIANNA looks embarrassed. Silence for a while, all characters except for DIANNA looking around at each other.

FELIX

Ok, if no one else is going to say it I will. What the hell were you thinking?

camera zooms in on DIANNA

DIANNA

(defensive)

If someone found out that I witnessed that but didn't report them, I could've gotten in big trouble along with them. That could ruin everything. I could've lost my scholarship.

camera cuts to ZACK's face

ZACK

That is not a good enough reason to ruin someone's life!

camera cuts back to a close up of DIANNA

DIANNA

(angry)

Zack, I know you can't understand why I did what I did, so let me explain it to you. You can afford to go to college, but not all of us have that luxury. My mom works three jobs and barely has enough money to put food on the table. This scholarship is the only way I get to go to college, get to make something of myself. Why should I ruin my life when I didn't even do anything? They brought it on themselves.

silence in the room

FELIX

Well that got heavy fast.

characters chuckle

IVY

To be honest, I thought it was Julia.

SOPHOMORE GIRLS BATHROOM - INT. - DAY - FLASHBACK

Camera pans down while hearing lines to look at feet in a stall. Camera goes through the break underneath stall door panning up to JULIA looking uncomfortable.

ROBIN

How much you want?

ANGELINA

10 grams.

ROBIN

Ten grams? Dang Angelina! Do you want the rolling papers too?

GREEN ROOM - INT. - NIGHT - PRESENT

camera has all characters in frame murmuring their agreements. DIANNA runs to the door.

DIANNA

(Yelling and banging on the door)

Let me out! I told them!

camera cuts to CHARLIE

CHARLIE

Do you really think their listening?

There is a bang outside. DIANNA steps away from door. Camera cuts to FELIX.

FELIX

We should probably stick together. We don't want Freddie Krueger getting one of us by ourselves.

Camera cuts to ZACK and CHARLIE

ZACK

I still can't believe you Dianna. Angelina was Dave's girlfriend do you know how long I had to comfort him because his girlfriend was expelled.

CHARLIE

Who's Dave?

ZACK

The quarterback, are you living under a rock?

Camera cuts to Ivy.

IVY

What Dianna did was kind of a jerk move but it's not worse than stuff I've done.

(Walks back to her chair)

FELIX

What have you done? Killed someone with your stupidity maybe?

IVY frowns and lightly kicks him

CHARLIE

Ivy what did you do?

IVY

I..

Camera cuts to Ivy's story

IVY STROY LOCKER ROOM-INT. - DAY - FLASHBACK

Camera cuts to a locker room. IVY is on a sitting and waiting and her friend is about to leave the room but takes off her necklace before she leaves.

DANIELLA

Ivy are you coming class starts in 3 minute.

IVY

Ya I just need to go to the bathroom.

DANIELLA leaves and the camera cuts to IVY. IVY looks around then takes the necklace and stuffs it into her back pocket and runs out.

SCHOOL HALLWAY - INT -DAY - FLASHBACK

IVY is walking out of the locker room, back to her own cloths. Camera cuts to a crying DANIELLA. Friends are comforting her including IVY.

FRIEND 1
What happened Babe?

DANIELLA
I lost my necklace!

Camera cuts to IVY

IVY
(rolls eyes)
I'll buy you a new one its not that
big of a deal.

Camera cuts to DANIELLA

DANIELLA
You can't replace it! My brother gave
me that necklace before he joined the
army!

Camera cuts to a second friend who shows disbelief.

FRIEND 2
(Hand over her mouth)

Your brother who died last year?

Camera cuts to show the whole group. IVY looks shocked and
conflicted.

DANIELLA
It's the last thing I have of him. I
can't find it. It wasn't in my room
and I thought I had left it in my
locker in the locker room when in
changed for P.E. but it's not there.

BASEMENT - INT. -NIGHT - PRESENT

Camera cuts to DIANNA

DIANNA
Why didn't you give it back to her.

Camera cuts to IVY

IVY
I couldn't.

HALLWAY - INT -DAY - FLASHBACK

IVY is waling down the middle of the hall center frame. Some scrawny little kid comes running down the hall, arms full of books and head down. he runs head first into IVY and he dorps his books and they go sliding down the hall, she falls flat on her butt.

IVY
(annoyed and disgusted)
Hey! Watch it twerp!

the kid picks up his books in a hurry and scurries down the hall. IVY scoffs in disgust and gets up. she starts rubbing her rear (because falling hurt) and remembrance and panic dawns on her face. She pulls the necklace, now broken, out of her back pocket.

IVY
Aahh man!

GREEN ROOM - INT. - NIGHT - PRESENT

Camera cuts to HOPE and CHARLIE.

HOPE
Do you have no guilt at all?

CHARLIE
Do you know how immoral that is?

IVY
(shrugs, speaking nonchalantly)
What do expect me to do? Go up to Daniella after a year and say 'By the way a year ago I stole the necklace you dead brother gave you, I didn't know that at the time, because that makes it so much better. I also broke it so there in no way of getting it back either.' Ya a lot of good that would do the both of us. I would be known as the uncaring kleptomaniac, and she still wouldn't have her necklace, now would she.

FELIX

I guess you're right, but I think she still deserves to know.

ZACK

You know, I always thought Julia stole it.

GYM/LOCKER ROOM - INT -DAY - FLASHBACK

Julia goes into locker room as IVY leaves.

BASEMENT - INT. -NIGHT - PRESENT

All murmur in agreement. Camera cuts to Ivy sitting in the chair.

IVY

Then I just started to steal things.
No one else has noticed.

Camera cuts to FELIX standing dumbfounded

FELIX

Have you stolen anything from one of us?

camera cuts to IVY

IVY

I took Charlie's watch once

camera cuts to CHARLIE in-disbelief.

CHARLIE

I thought I was going crazy. I checked my watch at my locker before class talked to a few people and then my watch was gone. That was expensive, I want it back. It makes me look professional.

Camera cuts to IVY

IVY

(shooing off the thought)

Ya, ya. just be lucky your I didn't
take your keys.

camera cuts to CHARLIE

CHARLIE
(pointing to her wrist)
Oh my goodness! Are you wearing my
watch right now?

IVY
(in a high mocking voice)
'oh my gosh, are you wearing my watch
right now?

IVY takes off the watch and throughs it to CHARLIE. He
doesn't catch it, but it falls in his lap and he puts it on.
he holds up his hand to admire it.

IVY
Looked better on me.

camera cuts to ZACK

ZACK
Alright let's stop being hung up on
Ivy's weirdness and make a game plan.
Huddle up.

The camera goes wide showing the group huddle. Then it cuts
to looking up at them all in the middle of the circle.

ZACK
Ok so we know that the door is locked
and what ever is keeping us in won't
let us out. There are no windows and
no Wi-FI too so I suggest we break
down the door ourselves.

FELIX
And how do you suppose we do that.

ZACK
We make one of those ram things like
they used in Beauty and the Beast.

HOPE
Wait you watch princess movies.

FELIX
I liked Mulan better.

ZACK
Let' focus here. One we ram it down we do a Hail Mary and run.

IVY
What do we use as our "ram thing"

CHARLIE
It' called a battering ram

Camera cuts to ZACK face and follows his line of sight which is looking at a big movable shelf.

Camera cuts to the group struggling to carry the shelf. Then it cuts to the side to watch them ram it into the door. After a few tries the camera cuts to Dianna.

DIANNA
This is not working and I don't want to damage school property.

FELIX
Now if we were lead by the son of a general with a training montage we could totally do it.

CHARLIE
Alright can we just put this thing down?

Camera cuts back to the side to show everyone drop the shelf except IVY who already let go.

IVY
I need to go to the bathroom.

FELIX
Yes let's designate a pee corner.

CHARLIE
No thats disgusting and unsanitary just hold it.

FELIX
Actually, as a matter of fact pee-

CHARLIE

Uhgg

Then the camera cuts to them all going and sitting in a circle in the basement.

Camera cuts to show half the circle including ZACK, FELIX, and HOPE. the other side includes DIANNA, IVY, and CHARLIE.

ZACK

Soooo should we play a game?

HOPE

Like what?

FELIX

20 questions?

Camera switches to other side of the circle.

DIANNA

(Aggressively) How bout two truths and a lie.

IVY

(giggling)

Or spin the bottle

CHARLIE

Let's just focus on getting out. We should try to come up with more ideas.

Camera switches to other side of the circle.

ZACK

There is one way to get out of here but I don't see you spilling your secret.

HOPE

(Pointedly at ZACK)

Why don't you help speed our time in here along by sharing.

camera cuts to CHARLIE

CHARLIE

I'll go if someone else goes first.

He is met with silence.

CHARLIE

Fine! If no one wants to help me find a way out why don't we get some sleep.

HOPE

Honestly, that seems like a good idea, everyone seems strung a little tight.

Everyone lays down and closes their eyes and the lights fade out.

GREEN ROOM - INT. - NIGHT - PRESENT

There is a SCRATCHING SOUND and the picture slowly fades in like someone waking up.

HOPE

(Groggy and rubbing her eyes)
What is that?

The SCRATCHING turns into BANGING. ALL CHARACTERS scream.

DIANNA

For Pete's sake someone share.

CHARLIE

Oh my gosh! Ok, ok, fine, I'll tell.

SAT TESTING INT DAY FLASHBACK

Camera goes from a high place angling down on the room and going through the aisle. The room has a bunch of tables and students taking the SAT. The camera stops on one person. It looks at the persons face then cuts to the name on the test. The name say's Charlie Chase.

Timer goes off and all the students hand in their tests. Then the "CHARLIE" leaves goes outside and meets CHARLIE. CHARLIE then pays the fake and leaves.

Julia peeks out from behind the wall and has wide eyes showing that she saw everything.

BASEMENT - INT. -NIGHT - PRESENT

Camera to CHARLIE

CHARLIE

I paid Pete to take the SAT for me.

Camera cuts to the rest of the group in disbelief.

IVY

(Imitating CHARLIE) Do you know how immoral that is?

DIANNA

How could you do that? I had to study so hard for that.

HOPE

Aren't you smart enough to get a good score on your own?

FELIX

So what did you get with him taking it for you?

Camera cuts to CHARLIE.

CHARLIE

I got a 1580.

Camera cuts to ZACK

ZACK

(Whistles)

I guess you aren't as smart as you lead us to believe.

Camera cuts to shot of FELIX and CHARLIE

FELIX

Fake Charlie (Pete) is though! Maybe I should get him to be my friend, I don't want to be friends with an idiot

CHARLIE

Hey! I'm smarter than you!

FELIX

Well, I would say we could compare SAT scores but that wouldn't prove anything.

HOPE

How much was he?

CHARLIE

...\$10,000

DIANNA

Wow I'm over here working my butt off to get a scholarship so I could go to college while you basically paid your way into a good school.

CHARLIE

You don't understand the expectations I have to meet. On the SAT I had to

Camera cuts to IVY and HOPE

IVY

What is the SAT?

HOPE

The big test that we all sat in the gym and took together? (with a pointed look at CHARLIE) Well MOST of us.

IVY

Oh you mean the sats?

Camera cuts to ZACK

ZACK

...What?

Camera cuts to IVY

IVY

(speaking slowly as if to a toddler)

S A T spells sat. Man I guess I am the smart one of the group.

Camera goes shows IVY's side of the circle

DIANNA
What did you get on the SATs

IVY
I don't know if I should tell you, it
might make you feel bad.

FELIX
I promise it won't

IVY
Fine, but don't say I didn't warn you.

Camera cuts to Felix

FELIX
Really, it's ok

Camera cuts to IVY

IVY
I got the highest score you could

Camera cuts to CHARLIE

CHARLIE
you got a 1600?!?!

Camera cuts to IVY's side of the circle

IVY
1600? no, the test only goes up to
900, duh.

HOPE
You got a 900?

IVY nods

HOPE
Overall?

IVY nods again

the group stares at her in disbelief

FELIX
(drawing out the word)
Anyways...

Camera cuts to DIANNA

DIANNA

I would like to get out of here as soon as possible so next person!

Camera goes wider and shows IVY's side of circle

HOPE

I think our time would be spent better coming up with a way out.

DIANNA

No we tried that already. The fastest way out is to do what it says and tell our secrets.

camera cuts to FELIX's side of circle

FELIX

Well I don't have a secret so I might as well just go to sleep.

Camera cuts to IVY's side of circle.

HOPE

Yay I'm also not hiding anything.

DIANNA

Oh come on give me a break. The wall said all our names and it has proven to be right so far with three of us. Just tell us.

HOPE

No

DIANNA

For pete's sake I already told you I got people expelled, Ivy said she steals, Charlie confessed to cheating. Do you think it wasn't hard for us to tell you guys!

IVY

Ya don't be jerks and share.

HOPE

I told you I have nothing to hide.

DIANNA

Ahhhhh

DIANNA gets up and starts for HOPE. HOPE gets up and backs away from DIANNA. DIANNA runs at HOPE and tackles her. They fight for like 30 seconds. Then ZACK breaks them up with FELIX pulling HOPE back and IVY and CHARLIE pulling DIANNA back.

FELIX

What the heck are you doing Dianna. We need to stick together.

HOPE

I thought we were friends how could you attack me.

DIANNA

Your being a jerk and not telling us. If you don't tell us whatever inconsequential thing that you did we will be stuck in here forever.

IVY

(Mockingly)

Well that's no excuse for violence

DIANNA

Shut up Ivy!

DIANNA turns to HOPE

Just tell us your stupid secret already Hope!

HOPE

No, it's none of your business

FELIX

(in a calm voice)

Your right, it's not. But whoever, or whatever, trapped us in here made it our business, so just tell us. It'll be fine.

HOPE

(Clearly uncomfortable and defeated)

(She sighs)

Ok, fine

HALLWAY - INT -DAY - FLASHBACK

HOPE is walking down the hall with her friend and spots a cute guy. She slaps her friend's arm to get her attention

HOPE

Sarah. Who is that?

She motions to the attractive young man in front of them.

SARAH

That is Cole Johnson. He's was on the soccer team. How haven't you met him.

HOPE

No. How could I have missed such a cutie.

SARAH

Huh, I'm surprised you've never seen him around Kelly's been dating him for like a month.

HOPE

What? Kelly! But I see her everyday at practice and she has never mentioned him. We're like best friends.

SARAH

Strange? Well I'll see you tomorrow at the game.

HOPE

See ya.

HOPE's gaze never left COLE and once the hallway is empty she goes up to COLE to talk. She bumps into him pretending it was an accident.

HOPE

Oh sorry.

COLE

It's fine.

HOPE

I love your shirt by the way.

COLE

(Excitedly)

Oh really no one here likes Duke's basketball team.

HOPE

Ya I hope to play for their girl's team.

COLE

You play basketball.

HOPE

Yep best on the team!

(Laughs awkwardly when Cole doesn't react)

Are you coming to the game tomorrow?

COLE

Ya I was planning on going. I have been too busy to go the other games, so I'm excited.

HOPE

Great I'll see you there then.

HOPE walks away smiling. COLE watched her walk away.

STAIRWELL INT DAY FLASHBACK PART 2

Maybe have a thing on screen saying one month later. HOPE and COLE are holding hands talking lovingly at each other.

HOPE

Do you want to go see that new movie that just came out?

COLE

Sorry but I have plans with Kelly.

Camera cuts to show JULIA walking down the stairs when she hears the next line.

HOPE

Why can't you break up with her already?

Camera goes back to COLE and HOPE.

COLE

I'm friends with her brother. I can't break up with her. But I am trying to get her to break up with me.

Kelly peaks out behind the wall and walks up the stairs angrily and hurt. She is in tears. The shot is of her between their interlinked hands.

BASEMENT - INT. -NIGHT - PRESENT

IVY

Well I guess we do have something in common, we both steal. But I steal things you steal (glare at HOPE) people.

Felix is not sitting with the group obviously annoyed and angry with HOPE.

FELIX

(Angry at HOPE)

Kelly was crying for a week. Not only did her boyfriend two time her but it was with her supposed best friend.

DIANNA

(fast and unaffected)

Well great now she's done next!

ZACK

Wow she just told us she stole her friend's boyfriend and you just breezed over it.

CHARLIE

Ya Hope I never would have picked you for that kind of girl...However we do need to pick up the speed so we can get out of here.

FELIX

How could you guys be so ok with what she did. She really hurt Kelly...

DIANNA

Why do you care about Kelly so much?

FELIX

I don't, I'm saying that was a crappy thing to do.

ZACK

Actually I have been thinking and I'm pretty sure I can get us out of here. So we

HOPE

Enough we have already tried and failed. I was assaulted into telling everyone my secret so just give up and spill it.

DIANNA

Unless you want to be tackled as well.

ZACK

I don't think you can even push me an inch.

DIANNA

Maybe I can't but I don't think I'll be alone in my attack.

ZACK

I think you will. They like me more than you.

CHARLIE, DIANNA, HOPE and IVY start to stand up. ZACK starts walking backward.

ZACK

Uhhh

IVY

I'd say it soon, I wouldn't want your pretty face to get ruined.

ZACK

What if we just passed the time with a game?

FELIX

Ya I agree we are all pretty stressed out we just need to chill.

HOPE

I don't think so. I'm not letting you get away with not sharing when I had to tell everyone I'm a boyfriend stealing jerk.

DIANNA

I'm stronger than I look.

CHARLIE

4 against one is not great odds.

IVY

He's in statistics, he would know.

ZACK

(Laughing)

Calm down you're backing me into a corner.

FELIX

Nobody puts baby in a corner

ZACK

Shut up Felix!

DIANNA turns on him

DIANNA

Fine you go next Felix unless you would like to shut up.

FELIX

Zack, I think it's time for you to share

ZACK glares at him and FELIX smiles awkwardly

CHARLIE

If you were smart you would tell us what your hiding and help us get out of here.

ZACK

I thought we just established that you weren't smart.

CHARLIE

Uhg

FELIX

Let's just sit back down and go to sleep. This is probably just some practical joke.

HOPE

Give it up already.

IVY

Spill it.

DIANNA charges and right before she gets to him ZACK says.

ZACK

You know what, Screw it!

LOCKER ROOM INT DAY

ZACK and COLE are the last ones in the locker room and they are about to head out for the next half.

ZACK

Awesome touch down dude

COLE

Thanks man.

ZACK

That last minute catch really saved us.

COLE

Ya now we just got to keep the lead.

ZACK

I'm sure you'll get another touch down.

COLE

Hope so. We should get going, there is a minute left of half time.

ZACK

Ya I'll see you out there I just need to go to the bathroom.

COLE

'Kay dude see you out there.

COLE leaves and ZACK heads to his locker, he looks around then takes out a needle.

Camera cuts to outside the locker room door, JULIA is standing there and walks in to see ZACK taking steroids (from the back so you can't really see it) and shuts the door again. She leans against it and looks panicked. Camera cuts to inside the locker room to see ZACK throwing away a needle and walking out. He opens to door and Julia is there out of breath.

JULIA

Hey I was just about to get you, the game is starting.

ZACK

Thanks

JULIA looks after him looking conflicted.

BASEMENT - INT. -NIGHT - PRESENT

CHARLIE

Look who else is pretending to be greater than they really are.

ZACK

You'll never understand the pressure to preform and be the best. I was always second best. I could never beat Cole. My dad is always on me about how slow I was or how I could have been smarter about a play. He was always comparing me!

DIANNA

I understand that, I 'm always under pressure.

ZACK

No you don't. I was never good enough for my team, coaches, even my parents were disappointed.

HOPE

Alright enough we're running out of t...

CHARLIE

I also have a lot of pressure on me to preform well. I'm constantly being told to do better by my teachers and every kid at this school has set such high expectations for me. But I'm...struggling to keep my grades up. I didn't want to ruin my reputation with a poor SAT score.

ZACK walks over to CHARLIE and gives him a hug.

HOPE

Ok now back to...

IVY

I feel like I'm always one step below everyone else. My friends always are getting the newest clothes and jewelry. I just wanted to fit in. So I take things.

IVY joins the man hug and they look uncomfortable.

DIANNA

I have felt so guilty snitching on Robin and Angelina. I know what I did was not the best but I just didn't want to get caught not telling the teachers. If they found out that I was in the bathroom with them they could have expelled me too and would have lost everything I had been working for.

DIANNA walks over to the group that was hugging that is now just got their arms around each others shoulders.

HOPE

What, am I supposed come up with some great excuse as to why I did what I did. Well guess what, I don't have one.

They all look around at each other surprised

DIANNA

I don't know if this is something I need to share, but even if it isn't, I want to get it off my chest.

CHARLIE

Go ahead, we all shared something already, no judgment.

DIANNA

I feel responsible for Cole's accident.

CHARLIE

It's not your fault, it's not like you poured the chemicals on him.

DIANNA

No, but I should have been there. I went to the the bathroom for one minute. I was his lab partner and should have been there to keep that from happening.

ZACK

(Shamefully)

If it's anyone's fault, it's mine, I was the one that pushed him to make the lab up after school and miss practice so he couldn't play in the game that weekend. Then all the attention would be on me.

CHARLIE

I was the one who told him to do it in the first place. I just wanted to do my job as Mrs. Silva's teacher's aid. I was just trying to help him get his chemistry grade up. If he didn't he could have been kicked off the football team.

IVY

Well I'm completely blaimless in this whole thing. I was at the mall shopping.

DIANNA

Well that's just not true at all. You were the third person that was supposed to be doing the lab with us. If you were there it wouldn't have happened.

IVY looks sad and guilty

ZACK

You know what? No! It's none of our faults. Those chemicals shouldn't have been out. This is on Mrs. Silva.

CHARLIE

That's what gets to me about the situation though. Mrs. Silva was really responsible. She wouldn't just leave dangerous chemicals laying around like that.

ZACK

Well it only takes one slip up to change someones life in that big of a way. Cole was seriously hurt by her mistake, she deserved to be fired for something like that.

They all look at her awaiting her heartfelt speech.

HOPE

(Annoyed)

Why are you guys looking at me like that, I already told you guys what I did but Felix is still standing there with his mouth shut.

Everyone looks to FELIX who is standing on the other side of the room nervous.

ZACK

Alright dude, lets here it. We all told our secrets and have been vulnerable, your turn.

FELIX

No I don't have anything to hide.

DIANNA

You don't need to be scared we will never tell anyone.

They all agree.

HOPE

(Rudely)

Just say it already.

ZACK
You can trust us.

CHARLIE
We can't get out of here until you
tell us.

FELIX
(Freaking out)
No I really have nothing! You guys
know me!

FELIX backs away from everyone. Suddenly there is a bang at the door. DIANNA jumps and screeches. FELIX crumbles down with his hands on his head and sitting in the corner.

ZACK
Please just tell us and we can all go
home and got back to our normal lives.

FELIX
No! It will be fine! I can't tell you
because I have nothing to hide.

IVY
He's really freaking out guys! What
are we going to do, I don't want to
die.

CHARLIE
Calm down we're going to make it out.

DIANNA
Please just tell us! Please

Another bang on the door. The banging is counting down the minutes. DIANNA screams and starts freaking out, almost crying.

HOPE
He has to tell us now!

CHARLIE
Tell us

DIANNA
Please

IVY
Oh my God Felix just do it.

FELIX
NO! NO! NO! Everyone stop yelling at
me!

Another bang on the door.

DIANNA
(Almost in tears) please tell us

ZACK
Anything you did we won't judge.

CHARLIE
Is keeping your secret more important
than saving us.

HOPE
Hurry please!

FELIX is practically having a mental break down. There is
another bang and another counting down the seconds.

ZACK goes and shakes FELIX

ZACK
Felix!

CHEMISTRY ROOM INT DAY FLASHBACK

FELIX walks in with a beaker full of dangerous chemicals and
puts them on the edge of a shelf and walks out of the room.

COLE and DIANNA get all of the lab supplies and set them up
on the table.

DIANNA and COLE sit down to start the lab when DIANNA stands
up.

DIANNA
I have to use the little girls room,
I'll be back in a little while.

COLE
Ok. I promise not to mess anything up
when you are gone.

DIANNA

Oh! We forgot the (insert chemical here) can you grab it while I'm gone. It's on the top shelf.

COLE

Sure thing.

COLE gets up and goes over to the shelf. He grabs the chemical

But bumps the beaker that FELIX put there. It falls on him and there is a SIZZLING SOUND and COLE screams.

The door can be heard as it opens and FELIX looks up.

FELIX

(Under his breath)

I don't feel sorry, that's what he gets for cheating on my sister.

(Aloud)

See guys I had nothing to hide, they opened the door, I guess the things they really wanted you to share was the Cole stuff.

All characters are walking out the door when FELIX turns around.

Camera still in door frame

FELIX

Wait, I forgot my phone.

Felix bends down to get his phone and the door swings shut.