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INT. CAFE - DAY

AMELIA and MIA sit at a table in a crowded cafe

MIA
We need to talk.

Amelia nervously sips coffee not making eye contact. Mia waits for a few seconds to see if she gets a response from Amelia. Amelia stays silent with her head down.

MIA (CONT'D)
You haven't been to class in two weeks and every time I've tried calling you it goes to voicemail.

Mia pauses to study Amelia's actions. Amelia is not moving and still looking down at the floor. Mia scoots her chair closer to Amelia and places her hand on her back.

MIA (CONT'D)
(rubbing her hand on Amelia's back)
You know you can tell me anything.
I'm here for you.

Amelia starts to sniffle and Mia grabs a napkin from the middle of the table and hands it to Mia. Amelia accepts it and blows her nose quietly to not draw attention to herself.

AMELIA
(sniffling)
I.....I....I thought I could handle this...but...I...I just can't do it. I feel like everything is being thrown on me all at once and I have no room to breathe.

Amelia stops talking and places her head on the table to stop herself from sobbing in front of everyone in the cafe. Mia moves closer to Amelia, blocking her from the view of most of the crowd.

MIA
(almost whispering)
Hey hey hey it's ok. It's normal to feel like this. Change is scary but it's a part of life. So is failure and failure ends up leading to success.

AMELIA
Yeah but how am I supposed to get through this?
(MORE)

AMELIA (CONT'D)

It's only the beginning and I'm struggling so much.

MIA

I know things may be tough right now but I have full faith in you and I'll be here for you every step of the way. Ok? We can struggle together just like we always have. Nothing can take us down.

Amelia looks up at Mia with tears staining her face. A small smile forms.

AMELIA

Man, you sound like some shitty motivational poster in an english high school classroom.

BOTH giggle

MIA

Maybe but hey it worked. Come on, I'm heading to Freddy's. I'm craving some fries. And you know I'm not a caffeine person.

Mia stands up and holds her hand out for Amelia to take. Amelia looks down at her unfinished coffee and looks back to Mia, giving her a smile and a small nod.

Amelia takes Mia's hand and stands up then they walk towards the door. Amelia lets go of Mia's hand to discard her cup in the trash can near the door.

Amelia rejoins Mia and takes her hand again. Mia pushes open the door and they continue small talk.

INT FREDDY'S - DAY

Freddy's is a run down but well loved diner. Most of the tables and booths have signs of wear and tear.

AMELIA and MIA enter Freddy's with the door chime sounding. Mia still looking down with Amelia having a chipper attitude. Both walk up to the counter. WAITER is bent out cleaning behind the counter then stands to face the two.

WAITER

Welcome to Freddy's! What can I get you?

Amelia moves closer to the counter and point at the menu behind the Waiter.

AMELIA

Hi can I get a double cheese burger with a side of fries.

Amelia turns to face Mia

AMELIA (CONT'D)

What are you in the mood for?

MIA

I'm not really that hungry.

AMELIA

Split a milkshake?

Mia nods her head yes. Amelia turns to Waiter.

AMELIA (CONT'D)

And a large chocolate milkshake with two straws.

WAITER

Alright that will be 12.65\$

Mia goes to take her wallet out of her bag but Amelia places her hands on it shaking her head no.

AMELIA

It's on me

Mia smiles a little.

Amelia takes her wallet out and swipes her credit card.

WAITER

Your food will be out shortly.

AMELIA

(smiling)
Thank you so much

They walk towards a booth and sit across from each other.

The diner is quiet with only a few people.

AMELIA (CONT'D)

I love this place

MIA

Why?

AMELIA

I can hear myself think.

Both giggle.

AMELIA (CONT'D)

Seriously though, tell me what's going on?

Mia is visibly uncomfortable and starts to shift in her seat.

MIA

You remember Tyler?

AMELIA

Tyler is that guy you met on Singe right?

MIA

Yeah. We went on a couple of dates. Things were going well.

AMELIA

I remember you blowing me off a few times to hang out with him.

MIA

I started to really fall for him.

AMELIA

I've never seen you so smitten with someone before.

Mia smiles a little but then it shifts to a frown.

AMELIA (CONT'D)

But I'm guessing he's the reason you're not coming to classes anymore. What happ-

Waiter interrupts Amelia to bring them their order.

WAITER

I have a double cheese burger with a side of fries.

Waiter places the food in front of Amelia.

WAITER (CONT'D)

And a chocolate milkshake with two straws.

Waiter places the milkshake in the middle of the table with one straw next to Amelia and the other next to Mia.

WAITER (CONT'D)

Enjoy!

AMELIA AND MIA

Thank you.

There is a moment of silence in between them for them to unwrap the straw wrappers and get napkins out of the dispenser located at the back of the booth's table. Amelia grabs her burger and raises it to her mouth.

MIA

We had sex.

Amelia pauses, looking shocked at Mia.

AMELIA

What?

MIA

He texted me one night asking if he could come over to my dorm. My roommate was out so I said sure. When he came over we started a movie but in the middle of it we started kissing. And that led to sex.

Mia pauses to look at Amelia to see her listening intently while eating her food.

MIA (CONT'D)

After that night I didn't hear from him for a week. I tried texting him but he left me on read. Then, I ran into him at the dining hall. He said there was nothing between us. That I was another number to his count.

Mia takes a sip of the milkshake with tears started to form in her eyes.

AMELIA

What an absolute asshole. How dare he.

MIA

No it's my...

AMELIA

Don't you dare say it's your fault because it 100 percent is not.

MIA

But what if I...

AMELIA

No no no. There are no "what ifs". You did nothing wrong. There's no reason to run scenarios in your head because that won't change the fact that he's a dick.

Amelia sips the milkshake.

AMELIA (CONT'D)

I understand why you wouldn't want to come to class. I wouldn't either knowing that he's there. But you know you can't let some crappy guy ruin your time here.

MIA

I know but I just can't bring myself to see him.

AMELIA

Don't give him that power over you.

The door chimes and enters TYLER with a WOMAN. BOTH walk up to the counter, flirting with each other.

Amelia sees them and her eyes widened.

AMELIA (CONT'D)

Speak of the devil.

Amelia watches them closely as they take a seat across the diner from them. Mia looks at Amelia confused as to what she's looking at. Mia turns her head to see Tyler and tries to hide herself behind the booth.

AMELIA (CONT'D)

Hey this is your chance to confront him and get some closure.

MIA

I can't do that.

AMELIA

Yes you can and I'll be here as backup.

Mia sits there for a moment then stands and walks towards Tyler and the woman. She approaches the table with caution. Both are unaware of Mia as they talk.

MIA
Tyler,....hey.

TYLER
Uh hey.

MIA
Can we talk?

TYLER
Do I know you?

Mia freezes in place.

MIA
Excuse me?

TYLER
You heard me. Do I know you?

Mia gets visibly upset as she turns away and heads back to the table with Amelia. She grabs the milkshake off the table and walks straight up to Tyler. Both make eye contact. Not breaking it, Mia smiles and pours the milkshake on his head.

Tyler shoots up from his seat.

TYLER (CONT'D)
What the fuck Mia?!

MIA
Oh crazy how you remember me now.

Mia turns to the woman with Tyler.

MIA (CONT'D)
Believe me, it's small.

Mia turns away from the table and walks towards the exit. Amelia sees this and gathers her stuff, joining Mia.

AMELIA
Well that's one way to get closure.

Both snicker and exits the diner.

Tyler starts grabbing napkins trying to clean himself. The woman still sitting there.

TYLER
What the hell are you doing? Stop being useless and help me.

The woman looks at Tyler with a scowl and grabs her purse. She stands and walks out the diner.

Tyler stands there and watches her leave. In a huff, he sits back in his seat.

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