FADE IN:

INT.DOUGLAS HOUSE-KRISTEN BEDROOM-DAY

KRISTEN DOUGLAS, a thirteen-year-old girl, brunette hair is about to start her first year in middle school.

She begins to YAWN. She stretches both of her arms to each side of her bed.

KRISTEN

Time to start a new day!

KRISTEN (cont'd)
(Excited)
Seventh grade is going to rule!

She gets out of her BED. She goes into the BATHROOM and brushes her TEETH.

She turns on her RADIO and PLAYS some MUSIC while she gets DRESSED.

She goes to her CLOSET to get her CLOTHES that she had picked out the NIGHT before.

She HUMS the tunes.

KRISTEN

(Whispers)

I wonder.....

She PAUSES.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

(Whispers)

.....if I'll be safe at this school!

She laughs at herself.

KRISTEN

I shouldn't have a problem.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

What's the worst thing that could happen to me?

FADE TO BLACK.

FADE IN:

INT. FAIRHOPE MIDDLE SCHOOL-COURTYARD-DAY

A bunch of STUDENTS exit SCHOOL BUSES.

ANGLE ON- KRISTEN JOURNAL.

KRISTEN (WRITING) DAY-1

I'm so excited about school and I don't know what I got to look forward to?

A GIRL looks over to KRISTEN and walks over to her.

CRYSTAL HINDERSON, a thirteen-year-old girl, brunette hair is about to start her first year in middle school.

CRYSTAL

How are you doing? My name is crystal.

She extends her hand to KRISTEN.

KRISTEN

Hello, I'm Kristen, nice to meet you?

She looks up with ANTICIPATION.

CRYSTAL sees KRISTEN writing in her JOURNAL.

CRYSTAL (cont'd) What are you writing?

KRISTEN (cont'd)
Oh' it's nothing!

KRISTEN didn't want to tell CRYSTAL what she was WRITING.

CRYSTAL (CONT'D)
Can I see?

She was still HESTANT to see what she was WRITNG

KRISTEN (cont'd) (Frustrated) I SAID NO!

CRYSTAL puts her PALM up.

CRYSTAL Okay!

KRISTEN APOLOGIZES TO CRYSTAL

KRISTEN

I just don't want anyone to know any of my writings? That's all!

CRYSTAL (cont'd)
I can understand.

CRYSTAL

Well, if you need anything, don't hesitate to ask?

KRISTEN Okay, I won't!

CRYSTAL walks away.

INT. FAIRHOPE MIDDLE SCHOOL-HALWAY-DAY

A bunch of FLYERS are PLASTERED on the walls, which says "HOMECOMING DANCE SEPTEMBER 14, 2006.

Her JAW dropped.

KRISTEN (Excited)
That's awesome!

KRISTEN (cont'd)
(Whispers)
I hope someone ask me?

She holds the edge of the FLYER in her HAND.

CRYSTAL walks up to her to see what she's doing.

CRYSTAL What's up, girl?

KRISTEN gives a HUG to CRYSTAL.

KRISTEN Nothing much!

CRYSTAL What's up with you?

KRISTEN (cont'd)
Just looking at this?

KRISTEN stares at the FLYER in deep THOUGHT.

CRYSTAL sees KRISTEN looking at the FLYER.

CRYSTAL Are you thinking about going?

KRISTEN
I don't think no one wants to go with me?

CRYSTAL

You don't know that until you ask someone?

KRISTEN looks around to see some BOYS that she would like to go with. CRYSTAL starts to PICK them out.

CRYSTAL (cont'd)
Kristen, Kristen!

CRYSTAL taps KRISTENS on her shoulder.

KRISTEN Yes!

CRYSTAL Are you okay?

KRISTEN (cont'd)
Huh.....

KRISTEN sees a BOY in the CROWD of PEOPLE.

CRYSTAL (cont'd) I'm talking to you?

KRISTEN

Sorry..... I was looking at something?

CRYSTAL

.....don't you mean someone?

KRISTEN (cont'd)Yeah!

The BELL rings and they both go to CLASS.

FADE TO BLACK.

CUT TO:

FADE IN:

INT. SCHOOL CAFETERIA-DAY

Different groups of KIDS are sitting at their own TABLE. CRYSTAL and KRISTEN are at their own TABLE discussing the DANCE.

CRYSTAL

So, Kristen, who's going to be the lucky guy?

CRRYSTAL (cont'd)
I saw you looking at a boy in the hallway?

KRISTEN was nervous telling CRYSTAL about the BOY that she seen.

KRISTEN

Don't worry about it?

CRYSTAL No, tell me!

CRYSTAL sees KRISTEN getting agitated.

KRISTEN

(Sighs)

Okay, if you must know!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I was looking at Jonathan pierce?

CRYSTAL

Really?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Yes, really! Is that a shock to you?

CRYSTAL

Well, yeah!

CRYSTAL is surprised at KRISTEN response.

CRYSTAL (CONT'D)
That's good!

KRISTEN

Thanks! I hope that he ask me to the dance?

CRYSTAL (cont'd)
I'm sure that he'll ask you?

KRISTEN

I sure hope so because I think that he's so cute!

KRISTEN wants to hear who CRYSTAL has picked OUT.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
(To crystal)
What about you?

CRYSTAL No one!

KRISTEN What do you mean?

CRYSTAL

I mean, no one comes to mind.

KRISTEN sees CRYSTAL crying.

KRISTEN

Please, don't cry!

She pats CRYSTAL back to CALM her down.

CRYSTAL

I just don't know why I haven't found anyone?

CRYSTAL (cont'd)

Every guy that I see, I just don't have a special type of guy?

KRISTEN

And what type would that be?

CRYSTAL makes air quotes.

CRYSTAL

The "Nice" guy type!

KRISTEN turns to CRYSTAL and LAUGHS.

KRISTEN

What do you mean?

CRYSTAL

I mean a "nice" guy?

KRISTEN is confused.

KRISTEN

Please, define!

CRYSTAL goes into this big DISCUSSION of the TOPIC.

CRYSTAL

Well, you see that...I want a boy to treat me like I'm the only girl in the world for him? I want to be called a princess and I want the "perfect" boyfriend?

KRISTEN laughs at the "PERFECT" part.

CRYSTAL

What are you laughing at?

KRISTEN

Well, you said that you want the "perfect" boyfriend, but there's no such thing as that?

They both get in a big ARGUMENT about this.

CRYSTAL (cont'd)

Yes there is.

KRISTEN

No there is not.

CRYSTAL

YES!!!

KRISTEN

(Laughs)

No!!!

The ARGUMENT stops. CRYSTAL plays with her MASH PATATOES with her FORK.

CRYSTAL

So, tell me this Kristen?

KRISTEN

What's that?

CRYSTAL

If this Jonathan is such a "stud" to you, then why don't you get the courage to talk to him?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

(Sighs)

He might think.....

CRYSTAL is wondering what JONATHAN might think.

CRYSTAL

Tell me!

CRYSTAL (cont'd)

(Laughs)

I'm dying to know this?

KRISTEN

He might think that I'm a tramp?

CRYSTAL is shocked at what she just heard.

CRYSTAL

That's absurd!

CRYSTAL (cont'd)

No, you're in the seventh grade?

CRYSTAL

(Gasp)

Don't say that you're a tramp? Never say that about yourself?

CRYSTAL

You're a beautiful girl and I'm very sure that he's going to ask you out?

KRISTEN feels guilty about the COMMENT that JONATHAN might think of her.

KRISTEN

Thank you for saying that!

KRISTEN uses her HANDS while she's talking to CRYSTAL.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Maybe he's going to ask me..... I'm not sure.

KRISTEN sees a bunch of GIRLS at a TABLE across from her. One of the girls is looking at her.

MADISON QUINN, a fourteen-year-old girl, blond hair, popular.

MADISON is still STARING at KRISTEN. KRISTEN taps CRYSTAL on the SHOULDER.

KRISTEN

(To crystal)

Who's that girl over their?

She points to the girl.

CRYSTAL

You mean her!

KRISTEN

Yea, she's been staring at me for a while?

CRYSTAL leans in to get a closer look.

CRYSTAL

That's Madison and she can be a piece of crap at times!

CRYSTAL (cont'd)
Don't worry about her!

They both FINISH their LUNCH.

CUT TO:

EXT. DOUGLAS HOUSE-DAY

Leaves are blooming; kids are walking home from school.

INT.DOUGLAS HOUSE-BATHROOM-DAY

KRISTEN is looking in the MIRROR with tears in her EYES. She has BLOOD coming from her WRIST.

KRISTEN

(Shouting)

Why? Why doesn't anybody like me?

She glances at her bloody HANDS.

KRISTEN

What has become of me?

She is disgusted by herself. Her MOM knocks on the DOOR to see if she's okay.

MOM

Kristen! Are you okay?

KRISTEN answers her MOM with PAIN in her voice.

KRISTEN

Yes!

MOM

What's wrong? I heard you crying?

KRISTEN tries to hide her CRYING.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Mom, I'm okay?

She bangs her FIST on the WALL.

KRISTEN

(Shouting)

Don't worry about me!

Her MOM has a STRANGE look on her FACE.

MOM

Well, okay if you need me, I'll be downstairs?

KRISTEN is ANGRY at the KIDS at SCHOOL.

KRISTEN

Dam this!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Why in hell would they be mean to me like this?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I mean they don't know me!

KRISTEN is BREATHING heavy.

KRISTEN

Calm down, Kristen!

KRISTEN falls down on the floor. She begins to have a BREAKDOWN; she's wiping her FACE with her BLOODY hands.

FADE OUT.

FADE TO BLACK:

INT. KRISTEN-BEDROOM-DAY

She's sitting on the edge of her BED. She feels NAUSEOUS from the BLOOD that she had lost. She begins to lie down on her BED.

INT. KRISTEN-BEDROOM-DAY-FLASH FORWARD

KRISTEN pictures herself in a WEDDING gown. She's standing beside a very attractive MAN, who kisses her on the CHEEK. She has a big SMILE on her face.

TIME CUT:

INT. DOUGLAS-BATHROOM-NIGHT

We see that KRISTEN is taking a BUBBLE BATH. She's humming a TUNE of a SONG that she had heard on the RADIO.

INT. DOUGLAS-BATHROOM-NIGHT (LATER)

She steps out of the BATH TUB. She grabs a TOWEL on the ground

KRISTEN

Oh my gosh!

She sees a little dab of BLOOD that she had cleaned up. She looks at her WRIST and realizes that there's a big cut.

KRISTEN

(Laughs)

Man, why didn't I go deeper?

She inspects the CUT.

KRISTEN

Why didn't I just kill myself when I had the chance?

She takes a closer look of herself in the MIRROR. She quickly dries herself off and gets DRESSED.

INT. KRISTEN-BEDROOM-NIGHT

KRISTEN gets into BED. She begins to PRAY.

KRISTEN

God, please let people like me? I want them too! Amen!

She turns off the LIGHT.

EXT. FAIRHOPE MIDDLE-COURTYARD-DAY

KRISTEN is sitting on a BENCH by herself. MADISON walks up to her. KRISTEN has her HEAD down.

MADISON

Hi!

MADISON (cont'd)

Excuse me!

MADISON taps KRISTEN on the SHOULDER. KRISTEN LOOKS up.

KRISTEN

(Excited)

Oh, hi!

MADISON

I was just wondering...?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

...what!

MADISON

Would you like to eat lunch with me and my friends?

KRISTEN

Yes!

MADISON

(Laughing)

Oh, wait, I just remembered that I'm not eating lunch?

KRISTEN

You said that you were going to invite me to eat lunch with you?

MADISON

Yeah right..... I wouldn't eat lunch with you?

MADISON (cont'd)

(Intimidates her)

You're such a looser!

MADISON walks away. KRISTEN begins to get ANGRY.

KRISTEN

(Frustrated)

She's a.

KRISTEN bites her LIP.

KRISTEN (V.O)

How can she live with herself? I mean, now I know how mean she can be when she just came over to me?

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. SCHOOL CAFETERIA-DAY

KRISTEN is having LUNCH BY HERSELF. She's pushing around her PEAS with her SPOON. She's thinking the DANCE that's coming up.

KRISTEN

I hope that Jonathan ask me out!

We see that MADISON comes up behind KRISTEN.

MADISON

Nobody will go out with you!

MADISON inspects KRISTEN. MADISON eyes begin to study KRISTEN appearance and looks.

MADISON (cont'd)

(Laughs)

They certainly won't go out with you? And you know why they won't go out with you because you're a FREAK!

MADISON knocks KRISTEN tray on the FLOOR. Everyone stares at KRISTEN and LAUGHS.

MADISON

What do you think about that? Prissy!

KRISTEN gets up from the TABLE, tears coming down her FACE. She quickly goes out of the lunchroom.

CRYSTAL is at the DOOR.

CRYSTAL

Where you going?

MADISON walks up to CRYSTAL.

CRYSTAL

What's wrong with Kristen?

MADISON

(Laughing)

She had to rush home to take care of something?

CRYSTAL knows that MADISON did something to KRISTEN.

CRYSTAL

(Angry)

Madison, I know you're like the "cool" girl at school, but... you're a BITCH!

CRYSTAL (cont'd)

(Heated)

I hope you deserve everything that comes your way!

CRYSTAL goes after KRISTEN. She calls OUT to KRISTEN

CRYSTAL

Kristen, wait up!

KRISTEN storms out the door, still CRYING.

CUT TO:

INT.DOUGLAS HOUSE-LIVING ROOM-DAY

KRISTEN shuts the DOOR. She has her BACK to the DOOR, still crying.

KRISTEN

(Closes her eyes)

Why? Why is it so hard for me to make her want to be my friend?

She bangs the back of her HEAD against the DOOR.

KRISTEN

(Chuckles)

She's such a mean person!

She wipes her nose. She throws her BOOKBAG down beside closet. She goes over to the COUCH and FLOPS down.

KRISTEN

HOLLY CRAP!

She takes a NAP, curled up.

KRISTEN

(Whispers)

That's better!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.DOUGLAS HOUSE-LIVING ROOM-MOMENTS LATER-DAY

She wakes up from her NAP. She stretches, as she yawns.

KRISTEN

Oh, my goodness!

She lies their for a moment, her ARMS crossed.

KRISTEN

(Whispers)

I hope that it'll get better?

KRISTEN gets up from the COUCH and walks over to the KITCHEN. She opens up the FRIDGE and gets a drink.

She unscrews the top to the DRINK.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Ahhhh, that's good!

She puts the DRINK back in the FRIDGE. KRISTEN hears a knock on the DOOR.

KRISTEN

(Shocked)

Hold on!

She almost trips over her BOOKBAG.

KRISTEN

Dam!

She opens up the DOOR and notices that JONATHAN is at the door step. He has a SINGLE ROSE in his hand.

JONATHAN

Hi!

KRISTEN is shocked; she brushes her hair with her HAND.

KRISTEN (Nervous)
Hi!

KRISTEN notices the ROSE.

JONATHAN This is for you.

She is overwhelmed. She inspects the ROSE.

KRISTEN
You didn't have to?

JONATHAN
I just wanted to see if you were okay?

(A beat)

Because I saw you running and crying and I was worried about you!

KRISTEN has a look on her FACE.

KRISTEN You did?

JONATHAN Yes!

A beat, Jonathan brushes his fingers through his hair.

JONATHAN

...And I was wondering if you would like to go to the dance with me?

KRISTEN is excited that he asked her.

I would like to very much go to the dance with you!

JONATHAN

Good! I'll pick you up here!

KRISTEN

Sounds good!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

(Nervous)

Well, I guess it's a date, I mean a plan.

He laughs.

JONATHAN

Well, bye then! I'm glad that you're okay?

She shuts the DOOR.

CUT TO:

EXT. SCHOOL-COURTYARD-DAY

We see that MADISON is sitting with her FRIENDS. They're talking about KRISTEN.

MADISON

I mean, what is it with that girl?

GIRL #1

Yeah I know! Can she be any more of a looser?

GIRL #1 (cont'd)

I bet you that I can get a date before she can?

MADISON interrupts her.

MADISON

Yeah, about that!

GIRL #1 (cont'd)

What!

MADISON

(Talks softly)

Well, I went to Kristen house and I hid behind one of the tress outside!

GIRL #1

(Intrigued)

No you didn't!

She looks over to MADISON and put her hand on her lap.

MADISON

Yeah, it turns out that Jonathan went to her house and was feeling sorry for her?

GIRL #1

She's so gullible!

MADISON laughs.

MADISON

Yeah she's!

MADISON (cont'd)

In fact.....

GIRL #1

What?

MADISON

I sent Jonathan to her house!

GIRL #2

(Shocked)

You did what!

MADISON

Yeah!

GIRL #1

Why?

MADISON

Because I know that she has a crush on Jonathan and I told him to go to her house?

EXT.DOUGLAS HOUSE-DAY

BEGIN FLASHBACK

MADISON is hiding behind a TREE. She had her left hand gently on the TREE TRUNK, as she looks to see the conversation.

MADISON (Intrigued)
Come on!

MADISON (V.O)
And that was the highlight of my life!

END FLASHBACK

GIRL #1
That's sneaky, Madison!

GIRL #2
Yeah, that's harsh girl!

MADISON has a mischief look on her FACE.

MADISON Thanks, I thought so.

MADISON gives her friends a big HUG.

GIRL #1 Anytime!

GIRL #2

Anytime!

INT. FAIRHOPE MIDDLE-HALWAY-DAY

MADISON is at her LOCKER. She's talking with a group of her FRIENDS. Her FRIENDS said something funny.

MADISON

(Laughing)

What are you guys talking about?

GIRL #1

Are you coming over to study?

MADISON

Sure!

GIRL #1

Just making sure!

MADISON sees CRYSTAL pass by.

MADISON

Hey, crystal, why don't you tell your little friend right there to shut her mouth?

CRYSTAL and KRISTEN looks at each other.

CRYSTAL

(To Madison)

What did you say?

MADISON

Yeah, your friend said that she saw doing drugs in the courtyard! And also that I been cutting myself?

CRYSTAL

That's a lie.

She notices that MADISON is making it up.

MADISON (cont'd)

Whatever!

CRYSTAL walks off.

KRISTEN (Whispers)
Bitch!

MADISON continues to talk to her friends.

MADISON

I showed her!

TIME CUT:

INT. FAIRHOPE MIDDLE-COURTYARD-DAY

KRISTEN is DRAWING a picture in her NOTEPAD. MADISON walks over and knocks her NOTEPAD on the ground.

KRISTEN

What the hell!

MADISON

What, you going to cry now?

MADISON is laughing.

KRISTEN

(Upset)

No, I'm not a baby!

KRISTEN picks up her NOTEPAD.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Why you got to pick on me so much?

MADISON (cont'd)

(Laughs)

Because you're so easy to pick on!

KRISTEN is getting frustrated.

KRISTEN

Well, stop it!

MADISON gets close up to KRISTEN and threatens her.

MADISON

...Or what!

MADISON pounds her FIST together. She pushes KRISTEN off the BENCH. She's laughing at her. KRISTEN quickly gets up to defend herself.

KRISTEN

That wasn't very nice.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

You're a mean person!

KRISTEN

You're rude, mean and nobody likes!

MADISON

Me....., nobody like you, that why you don't have any friends?

KRISTEN

Yes I do! I have crystal!

MADISON has her HEAD down.

MADISON

Wow, only one friend!

MADISON (cont'd) No you don't!

KRISTEN

Yes I do.

MADISON

(Smiles)

Crystal, hah, I paid her to be your friend for the remainder of the semester?

KRISTEN is horrified by this NEWS.

KRISTEN

(Shocked)

What...?

MADISON explains to KRISTEN

MADISON

No one likes you and people were pretending to be your friend ever since the first grade? And I know I don't want to be your friend and Jonathan doesn't want to go to the dance with you?

KRISTEN

(Angry)

What about Jonathan! He told me that he would go to the dance with me?

MADISON has a cynical look.

MADISON

Actually, he's going out with me and I asked Jonathan to go knock on your door and "pretend" to ask you out?

KRISTEN

(Upset)

How could you?

KRISTEN is crying. She puts her hand on her forehead, while she rests her ELBOW on her leg. She gets up and leaves.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I can't believe you!

KRISTEN

(Saying it in a deep voice) You get what's coming to you?

MADISON

Yeah right!

EXT.STREET-DAY

KRISTEN is walking fast. She's still crying. She's mumbling under her BREATH.

KRISTEN

Maybe, I should get it over with?

KRISTEN (cont'd)
I should kill myself now!

She looks at her right WRIST.

KRISTEN

(Demonstrates it)
What if I take a razor blade and slice it right open?

KRISTEN

I just don't feel like living no more!

She stops CRYING. She passes by a HOUSE and notice the YARD.

KRISTEN

That's a nice yard!

She starts to talk about MADISON and she's mean to her.

KRISTEN

She's a very nasty and mean girl! I hope that she and Jonathan have a good time at the dance?

KRISTEN

Why would she do that to me?

KRISTEN (cont'd) She's so full of herself!

She looks back to see if anyone is coming up behind her.

KRISTEN

(Whispers)

I hope Madison doesn't walk on this street?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

(Whispers)

If she does, then I'm not going to walk here!

EXT. DOUGLAS HOUSE-DAY

She's standing in FRONT of her DOORSTEP. She takes a seat on the STEPS.

She sees the next door NEIGHBOR in her yard and is looking AROUND at all of the HOUSES on the block. LACEY, (17), blond hair with brown highlights, blue eyes.

KRISTEN

(Calls out to lacey)

What are you doing?

LACEY

Nothing really!

LACEY walks over to see if KRISTEN is okay.

LACEY

Are you okay?

KRISTEN

No I'm not!

She shakes her HEAD side to side.

LACEY

You want to tell me about it?

LACEY sits down.

LACEY

By the way, I'm lacey; it's nice to meet you.

KRISTEN

I'm Kristen!

KRISTEN starts to tell the STORY.

KRISTEN

Well, it all happen when I was this boy asked me to this dance at school and when I went to school today, a girl, who I dislike told me that no one likes me and that it was a setup between the boy asking me out and also my other friend, the girl told me she's not my friend!

LACEY doesn't like she hears.

LACEY

Well, you're my friend!

KRISTEN

(Shocked)

Really?

LACEY

Yes! Otherwise, I wouldn't have met you and I'm not lying to you?

KRISTEN almost tears up.

KRISTEN

You sure that you're my friend!

LACEY

Yes!

LACEY gives KRISTEN a HUG. KRISTEN breaks down CRYING.

KRISTEN Thank you!

Thank you!

LACEY

Your welcome!

LACEY (To Kristen)

Are you okay?

KRISTEN

Yes!

LACEY is getting up.

LACEY

Well, it was nice talking to you!

KRISTEN looks up at her.

KRISTEN

It was nice meeting you?

LACEY

You too!

LACEY walks away. KRISTEN goes inside.

KRISTEN

(Whispers to herself)
She was a nice girl!

She closes the DOOR. She puts her BOOKBAG down by the CLOSET.

INT. DOUGLAS HOUSE-LIVING ROOM-DAY

KRISTEN

(Yells)

Hello!

No one answers. She SHRUGS her shoulders.

KRISTEN

I guess moms not home?

She walks over to the KITCHEN to get a snack. She goes in the LIVING ROOM and sits on the COUCH to watch some T.V.

KRISTEN

Let's see if something is on?

She starts to flip through the CHANNELS to see what's on.

KRISTEN

(Agitated)

No!

She sees that nothing is on. She turns it off and lies down.

KRISTEN

(Yawns)

Man, I'm tired!

She curls up and takes a NAP.

CUT TO:

INT. DOUGLAS HOUSE-LIVING ROOM-DAY

KRISTEN wakes up, she stretches.

KRISTEN

That was a good nap!

She hears a knock on the DOOR.

KRISTEN

Okay! Okay!

She opens the DOOR to answer it.

KRISTEN Hello!

No one's there.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
(Confuse)
Is anyone their?

She closes the DOOR. Before she could go up to her ROOM, another knock is at the DOOR.

KRISTEN Hello!

Still no one.

KRISTEN

(Yells)

Stop playing games and come out!

KRISTEN is getting FURIOUS. She walks out and stands on the edge of the DOOR STEP.

KRISTEN

This is your last chance! Come out!

KRISTEN

(Smiles)

Okay! I'm going back inside?

KRISTEN

Fine!

She goes inside and SLAMS the DOOR. She goes upstairs and goes to her ROOM.

She takes off her SHOES and lies on her BED for a while, THINKING.

(To herself) You think people will miss me?

CUT TO:

KRISTEN hears a KNOCK on the DOOR.

KRISTEN

Not again!

She rushes downstairs to see who it is.

KRISTEN

Hold on, I'm coming!

She opens the DOOR.

KRISTEN

Hello!

No one's there.

KRISTEN

Dam it!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I hate this!

She leans out over her DOOR.

KRISTEN

(Scared)

I'm going to call the cops on you if you don't show yourself?

Her MOM pulls up in her CAR. She opened the CAR DOOR.

MOM

Hey, honey!

Hey, mom!

MOM

How are you?

Her MOM sees that KRISTEN is nervous.

MOM

What's wrong?

KRISTEN

Oh, nothing!

KRISTEN is lying.

MOM

You sure!

A beat.

KRISTEN

Well, no!

She begins to CRY. She HUGS her MOM.

MOM

What's wrong, baby?

KRISTEN

Everything!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

It's everybody at school?

They BOTH go INSIDE. KRISTEN closes the DOOR; they both sit on the COUCH.

MOM

Hey, HEY, did someone get to you?

Well... everyone did!

MOM DON'T feel bad?

Her MOM rubs her on her BACK.

MOM It's okay?

KRISTEN No its not!

KRISTEN (cont'd)
No one likes me?

MOM Let me tell you something?

She tells a STORY from her junior high school years.

MOM (cont'd)
I didn't have a lot of friends when I was your age?

KRISTEN stops crying.

KRISTEN (Mesmerized) You didn't!

MOM Yeah!

MOM

Actually, I was always bullied and teased on!

MOM (cont'd)
You know what?

What?

MOM

They never really wanted to be my friends in the first place?

KRISTEN is overwhelmed that this story sounds like her LIFE.

KRISTEN

(Shocked)

Neither does the people that I want to be friends with?

MOM

Don't be discoursed just because these kids walk all over you! You have to stand up for yourself?

KRISTEN

I'm not.

MOM

You know I love you, Kristen...

KRISTEN

I know that!

MOM

...but you just have to let time sink in to make new friends?

Her MOM doesn't get what KRISTEN is going through. KRISTEN makes an expression.

KRISTEN

(Whispers)

Yeah right!

INT. KRISTEN-BEDROOM-NIGHT

She's in her tank top and her night pants. The TELEPHONE rings.

Who could that be?

She picks it up.

INTERCUT - TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

KRISTEN
(Into phone)
Hello! Who's this?

LACEY is on the other line.

LACEY (V.O)
It's lacey!

KRISTEN can't understand how LACEY got her number.

KRISTEN How did you get my number?

LACEY (V.O.)

Well...
(A beat)

I looked you up in the phone book!

An awkward beat.

KRISTEN
(Under her breath)
Stupid!

LACEY (V.O)
I want to ask you something?

KRISTEN Sure!

LACEY (V.O)
Can we hang out sometime?

KRISTEN is overwhelmed by this.

KRISTEN
(Exited)
I would love to!

LACEY (V.O)
Great!

KRISTEN can't believe this.

LACEY (V.O) What day is good for you?

KRISTEN (cont'd)
I don't know
(Beat)
Probably any day would be good!

LACEY (V.O)
Well, I was thinking if we can hang out tomorrow?

KRISTEN
Sounds GOOD!

KRISTEN (cont'd)
And thanks for calling me? That was sweet that you thought about me!

LACEY (V.O)
No problem! I'll be at your house around 4?

KRISTEN
I'll be waiting!

LACEY (V.O) Okay, goodbye!

KRISTEN Bye!

You hear a CLICK on the other line. KRISTEN hangs up the PHONE.

KRISTEN

Wow!

She is overwhelmed by this.

KRISTEN

(To herself)

She must like me!

She is tapping her HAND on her lap.

KRISTEN

Now, I'm exited!

KRISTEN gets into bed. She turns the LIGHT off.

KRISTEN

I can't wait till tomorrow?

KRISTEN

(Eccentric)

.....So excited!

She begins to THINK.

KRISTEN

(Whispers)

What do you think we are going to do?

She shrugs her shoulders.

KRISTEN

Hmmm!

CUT TO:

EXT. FAIRHOPE MIDDLE SCHOOL-COURTYARD-DAY

The buses have arrived to pick up the STUDENTS to go home. KRISTEN is standing in the middle of the COURTYARD.

KRISTEN

I can't wait for tonight?

She is anxious waiting to go home. KRISTEN sees MADISON getting on the BUS.

MADISON shouts to KRISTEN.

MADISON

(To Kristen)

Hey, looser, why don't you get some new friends?

KRISTEN

(Taken aback to Madison)

Did you come up with that all on your own?

KRISTEN laughs.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
Stupid idiot!

KRISTEN

(Frustrated)

Man, I really don't like that girl?

Her bus has arrived.

KRISTEN

Well, okay, this is it!

She gets on it.

KRISTEN

No turning back!

INT. DOUGLAS HOUSE-DAY

She opens the door and rushes to her ROOM. She changes out of her CLOTHES and takes a bath.

KRISTEN (Excited)
Oh my gosh!

KRISTEN (cont'd)
I can't wait!

TIME CUT:

She gets out of the BATHROOM, with her NIGHTCLOTHES on. She hears a KNOCK from the DOOR.

Her MOM answers the DOOR.

MOM Coming!

She opens the door. She sees a GIRL standing on the step.

LACEY Hi, I'm Lacey!

The MOM sees a DUFFLE BAG. They both shake HANDS.

MOM
I'm Kristen's mom!

LACEY (cont'd)
It's so nice to meet you!

MOM (cont'd)
You too!

LACEY starts to look over the moms shoulder.

LACEY

Is Kristen home yet?

MOM

Yes!

Before the MOM starts to call out for KRISTEN, she is behind her.

KRISTEN

Hey, mom!

She KISSES her on the cheek. She looks over and see LACEY in the doorway.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Oh, hey Lacey!

KRISTEN can't believe that she showed up. She gives LACEY a big hug.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Lacey!

Lacey!

Lacey!

KRISTEN

Thanks for coming?

LACEY

(Softly)

Of, course!

LACEY walks in and follows KRISTEN to her ROOM.

KRISTEN

So, this is my room.

LACEY closes the DOOR. She puts her BAG down by the DOOR.

LACEY

How have you been?

KRISTEN

Good!

KRISTEN mom calls out for her.

MOM (V.O)

(Yells)

Do you want me too get you and Lacey some pizza?

KRISTEN calls back.

KRISTEN

(Yells)

Wait!

(A beat)

Yes, please!

KRISTEN

(To Lacey)

You want some pizza?

LACEY

Yeah, sure!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Okay!

LACEY goes to get her BAG, opens it up and gets some DVDs out and some CANDY.

KRISTEN

What's all this?

LACEY is laying all the DVDs on the floor. She puts the CANDY on the floor also.

LACEY

Well, since its girl's night

(A beat)

I thought that we could watch a movie, or movies?

KRISTEN

Awesome!

LACEY lets KRISTEN pick out a MOVIE.

KRISTEN

Hmm... let's see!
(A beat)
I pick this one.

LACEY holds up the MOVIE.

LACEY

Good choice!

LACEY (cont'd) I like this movie?

KRISTEN

You do!

LACEY

Yeah!

LACEY (cont'd)

Have you seen it?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

(Shakes her head)

Nope!

LACEY

Well, you'll like it!

KRISTEN

Okay, I take your word!

LACEY goes over to her T.V. and pop in the DVD. She gets a bag of CANDY that is sitting by her DUFFLE.

They both sit down on the bed.

LACEY

(To Kristen)

You're really going to like this movie?

LACEY (cont'd)
It's a sweet love story!

KRISTEN looks at LACEY.

KRISTEN

Will it make me cry?

LACEY

Just a bit!

(A beat)

But more at the end!

KRISTEN

SHHHH...it's starting.

TIME CUT:

They finish watching the MOVIE. They're both crying and eating PIZZA.

KRISTEN

That movie was intense?

LACEY

It was!

KRISTEN wipes her HAND on a napkin and wipes her MOUTH. She takes a breath after eating the PIZZA.

KRISTEN

Well, that was good!

LACEY goes over to the T.V. and turn off the DVD player.

LACEY

Well! What do you want to watch now?

KRISTEN thinks.

KRISTEN

I don't want to watch nothing?

(A beat)

We can talk!

LACEY Okay!

LACEY turns off the T.V., she sits down on the BED.

LACEY (cont'd)
So, what do you want to talk about?

KRISTEN

Well, I can tell a little more about myself?

KRISTEN (CONT'D)

(Sighs)

You already know my name and where I go to school at? (laughs)

Now, I would like to tell you about my past?

LACEY O-Okay!

KRISTEN

I had a bully, who use to torment me and to call me names?

LACEY mouth just drooped down.

LACEY (Shocked) Really?

KRISTEN
Yes, for reels!

She starts to tell her the STORY.

KRISTEN

When I was eleven, I was always the quite kid and no one would even have the audacity to talk to me.

LACEY Awe!

KRISTEN

They would call me freak, idiot, and sometimes even bad words!

LACEY is holding her hands together.

KRISTEN (cont'd) Yeap, I didn't like it one bit.

LACEY (cont'd)
I bet!

KRISTEN

And then one day...!

BEGIN FLASHBACK:

INT. DAPHNE MIDDLE SCHOOL-HALWAY-DAY

MITCHELL CORNERSTONE, twelve-years-old, dorky with horn-rimmed glasses and a SHAVED HEAD.

MITCHELL

Well, well, what do we got here?

KRISTEN is sitting on a BENCH.

KRISTEN (Sarcastic) Hi, Mitchell!

KRISTEN (V.O)

(Laughs)

He was the most imitating bully that you ever saw?

MITCHELL pushes KRISTEN books on the ground.

KRISTEN

That wasn't nice!

MITCHELL

I don't care!

KRISTEN gets up.

KRISTEN

(Puts up her fist)

You should.

MITCHELL

What you goanna do about it?

MITCHELL (cont'd)

(Softly)

You bitch!

KRISTEN

(Devastated)

What did you say?

MITCHELL

You heard me!

KRISTEN runs away CRYING.

END FLASHBACK:

KRISTEN

(To Lacey)

Now, you see!

LACEY

Yes, that was quite the story?

LACEY (cont'd)
(Confused)
But... can you tell me this?

KRISTEN

Yes!

LACEY

What made you change schools?

KRISTEN

Well, Mitchell was like "abusing" me and saying mean things too me that I just couldn't take it anymore?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I had to leave that school and for him never to find me again, because it would just go back to him picking on me?

(A beat)

I almost tried to commit suicide and was on my last edge of life of wasting it away!

LACEY couldn't believe it.

LACEY Wow!

LACEY (cont'd)

I don't know why he would do such a thing like that?

KRISTEN

People are just cruel in this world, Lacey!

KRISTEN continues.

KRISTEN

So, luckily, I haven't seen him for a while and thank goodness for that?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I think that you're the only person that treated me with dignity and respect?

LACEY looks at KRISTEN.

LACEY

Why wouldn't I?

KRISTEN

Yesterday would been the last time that you would ever seen me, if I haven't met you?

KRISTEN

Unless, I would've waste my life away?

LACEY thinks KRISTEN is joking.

LACEY

No, you wouldn't?

KRISTEN

Yes!

LACEY

No!

KRISTEN

Yes!

LACEY

Okay, Mrs. Smarty-pants, you tell me why you don't want to live anymore?

KRISTEN

Okay!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

It's everything! It's all of the kids at school! I just can't take it anymore?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

So, I try to make friends and they won't be my friend? This girl name Madison is a popular girl and also she picks on me?

LACEY

Just like Mitchell?

KRISTEN

Yes, just like him!

LACEY

You don't think that their brother and sister do you?

KRISTEN

That's a pretty good observation, but no, I don't think so?

LACEY (cont'd)

The reason I was asking was because she's a bully at the school you go to now and he was your previous bully?

KRISTEN

Yeah, but it can't be!

LACEY

I guess not!

KRISTEN changes the topic.

KRISTEN

Lacey, what have you been doing?

LACEY

Nothing much! I have been okay!

KRISTEN

That's good!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

How's school been?

LACEY

It's going good!

She touches KRISTEN on the shoulder.

LACEY (cont'd)

Oh, I forgot to tell you, I go to Fairhope high school?

KRISTEN

Cool!

LACEY

Yes, it's!

LACEY

It's actually awesome!

KRISTEN

Good for you!

LACEY

Thanks! I'm doing good in all of my classes?

KRISTEN

Me too!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Well, I'm struggling in math class! But, that's my weaker subject?

LACEY (cont'd)

You'll pass! Trust me!

KRISTN

Thanks, I hope so!

LACEY

You have your whole life ahead of you?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

(Whispers)

Yeah, right!

DISOLVE TO:

INT. KRISTEN-BEDROOM-MORNING

PIZZA BOXES are scattered on the floor. A bag of CANDY is lying by the BOXES and SODA cans are on the floor.

LACEY is in a sleeping bag on the floor, next to KRISTEN's bed.

KRISTEN
Good morning!

LACEY Good morning!

LACEY (cont'd)
How did you sleep?

KRISTEN (cont'd)
It was okay!

KRISTEN (cont'd) How did you sleep?

LACEY is rubbing her NECK.

LACEY Okay!

KRISTEN What's wrong?

LACEY
Oh nothing! I just slept wrong, that's all!

KRISTEN
That's not good!

LACEY (cont'd)
No, it's not!

KRISTEN (To lacey)

I have a confession to make?

LACEY

Yes!

KRISTEN looks at LACEY and laughs.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I...I never had a sleepover before?

LACEY

(Shocked)

You didn't!

KRISTEN

Nope!

LACEY

(Overwhelmed)

That's hard to believe?

KRISTEN

No it's not!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Ever since I was ten years old, I always dreamed of having a slumber party, you know...?

LACEY (cont'd)

Well, now you had one!

KRISTEN continues talking about the SLUMBER PARTY.

KRISTEN

...And I didn't have any friends and not even one girl from my school would've come to sleep at my house, whenever I wanted to have one?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I was so excited to have just one typical slumber party with a cool person that I knew at the time and I didn't get one, not one single friend?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I just don't know what was wrong with me that the kids at school wouldn't want to hang out with me?

LACEY shakes her head.

LACEY

I don't know?

KRISTEN

Know what?

LACEY

What you just said!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Oh!

KRISTEN gets up from her BED. She goes to the BATHROOM, turns on the LIGHT, turns on the WATER and brushes her TEETH.

LACEY

Hey, Kristen!

KRISTEN

Yeah!

LACEY (cont'd)

I think that you're the only girl, who wanted to have a slumber party at the age of ten?

KRISTEN looks at LACEY.

KRISTEN

(To Lacey)

Didn't you want to have a cool slumber party at ten years old?

LACEY (cont'd)

Yeah, I did! I wanted one so bad and I even begged my mom for me to have one?

LACEY (cont'd)

My mom was a real hard ass ever since my dad died when I was eight?

A beat.

KRISTEN

Sorry.

LACEY

Now, that I'm seventeen, there's nothing stopping me now?

LACEY (cont'd)

But, I do still miss my dad!

KRISTEN turns off the WATER. She turns off the LIGHT and walks to LACEY. She sits next to her.

KRISTEN

You got me?

LACEY pats KRISTEN on the BACK.

LACEY

I know I can count on you?

She hugs KRISTEN.

KRISTEN (cont'd) (Whispers to lacey) Are you okay?

LACEY

Yeah!

LACEY (cont'd)

Thanks!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Your welcome!

CUT TO:

INT. FAIRHOPE MALL-DAY

KRISTEN and LACEY are enjoying a day at the MALL. They're both sitting on a BENCH, drinking SODAS. They both have BAGS with them.

KRISTEN

This sure is a nice day?

LACEY Yes, it's!

KRISTEN (cont'd)
It's so perfect that nothing could go wrong?

She sees MADISON walking.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
I spoke too soon!

MADISON sees KRISTEN. They both look at each other.

LACEY (cont'd) Who is she?

KRISTEN (cont'd)
That's Madison!

KRISTEN (cont'd)
She's this "mean" girl at my school?

LACEY (cont'd)
Well, I don't know why she's mean!

MADISON walks towards KRISTEN.

MADISON Hey, Kristen!

KRISTEN Hey, Madison!

MADISON looks at LACEY.

MADISON

Who's this?

KRISTEN points at LACEY.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

This is lacey!

MADISON extends her hand to LACEY and shakes it.

MADISON (cont'd)

Hi, I'm Madison!

She changes the subject.

MADISON

(Sincere)

So, what are you girls up too?

KRISTEN

(Embarrassed)

Madison, just leave us alone!

MADISON (cont'd)

(Laughs)

What, all I did was ask a simple question?

KRISTEN

I know!

She stands up and talks to MADISON, face to face.

KRISTEN

(Angry)

Why don't you just leave me alone?

KRISTEN

(To Madison)

Why, don't you just go back to the cave where you came from?

MADISON puts her head down for a minute.

MADISON

(Softly)

Okay, if it has to come to this?

MADISON takes KRISTEN soda from her HAND and opens up the lid. She pours KRISTEN drink on top of KRISTEN head.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

(Yells)

Why the hell did you do that?

KRISTEN wipes the SODA from her hair. She flings her hair back; most of it gets on the PEOPLE walking.

MADISON (cont'd)

I wanted to!

LACEY

That wasn't nice!

MADISON (cont'd)

I don't care! See deserved it?

LACEY (cont'd)

No she didn't!

KRISTEN runs away in a frantic.

MADISON

(Yells to Kristen)

Yeah, why don't you just run?

MADISON (cont'd) (Laughs) I can't believe her!

LACEY gets up and talk to MADISON.

LACEY

How dare you?

MADISON points to herself.

MADISON How dare I!

LACEY goes outside the MALL. She chases KRISTEN down, but nowhere to be found.

CUT TO:

EXT. FAIRHOPE MALL-DAY

LACEY is screaming for KRISTEN. She calls KRISTEN on her CELL PHONE to see if she's okay. She dials her CELL, no answer.

She tries a second time and KRISTEN picks up.

INTERCUT - TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

LACEY
(Into phone)
Kristen!

KRISTEN is on the other line, CRYING.

LACEY (cont'd) What's wrong?

KRISTEN Nothing!

LACEY

You okay?

KRISTEN

Yes!

KRISTEN stops CRYING.

LACEY

(Nervous)

That's good! For a minute there, I thought you were going to...!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

...to what!

LACEY (cont'd)

(Softly)

Kill yourself!

A beat.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Yes!

The call ends. LACEY has a SHOCKED expression on her FACE.

LACEY rushes off to KRISTEN house.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.DOUGLAS HOUSE-LIVING ROOM-DAY

LACEY

(Yells)

Kristen!

She's searching the LIVING ROOM and the KITCHEN to find her.

She calls out to KRISTEN again. She hears a big drop in the BATHROOM.

Lacey (CONT'D)

(Yells) Kristen!

She goes up the STAIRS and enters the BATHROOM.

LACEY (cont'd)
(Gasp)
Oh my...!

She sees their a pile of BLOOD, next to KRISTEN. She sees a X-ACTO blade beside KRISTEN.

LACEY
Kristen!
Kristen!
Kristen!

KRISTEN is unconscious. LACEY begins to CRY, as she holds KRISTEN head. Blood is on her HANDS. She panics to get out her CELL PHONE to call 911.

She has trouble getting it out of her POCKET.

LACEY (cont'd)
Get out!

She dials 911 and the DISPATCHER picks up.

INTERCUT - TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

DISPATCHER
(Into phone)
Hello, 911! How can I be assistance?

LACEY
(Panicking)
Hello, my friend just tried to commit suicide!

LACEY is still CRYING. The DISPATCHER is trying to tell her to CALM down.

DISPATCHER (cont'd)

Calm down! I'll get an ambulance there real quick?

LACEY (cont'd)
Okay!

DISPATCHER (cont'd)
I have you at 260 Montgomery road!

LACEY (cont'd)
Yes! That's correct!

LACEY (cont'd)
Please, hurry!

The CALL ENDS. She puts her phone away.

LACEY
I sure hope they come!

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. DOUGLAS HOUSE-DAY

An ambulance car is outside. We see KRISTEN being pulled out by a gurney, two EMTs is pulling out KRISTEN. LACY is standing beside her. She holds her HAND.

LACEY (cont'd)
Hold on, Kristen!

They put KRISTEN in the ambulance and LACEY also. The ambulance goes off to the hospital.

INT. AMBULANCE-LATER

We see LACEY looking at KRISTEN.

LACEY
Don't die!

She puts her HAND On KRISTEN chest.

KRISTEN eyes are forcing to open up a little.

LACEY

Kristen, save your strength!

The ambulance drives up to the ER entrance.

INT. FAIRHOPE HOSPITAL-ER ROOM-DAWN

Both of the EMTs opens up the ambulance door and gets the GURNEY, Lacey gets out.

The EMTs rushes her inside, LACEY is following behind.

A MALE NURSE sees the two EMTs rushing. The NURSE and the other NURSES prop KRISTEN up to the operating bed.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM-DAWN

NURSE

Kristen, can you hear me?

MONTAGE-VARIOUS

- A) EXT. DAPHNE MIDDLE SCHOOL-DAY-Mitchell is teasing her.
- B) INT. FAIRHOPE MIDDLE SCHOOL-HALLWAY-DAY-Madison throws Kristen books on the floor.
- C) EXT. DOUGLAS HOUSE-NIGHT- Kristen is crying.
- D) INT. DOUGLAS HOUSE-BATHROOM-DAY-Kristen cuts her wrist open with a blade.

END OF MONTAGE

The NURSE is trying to get KRISTEN attention.

NURSE (cont'd)
Can you hear me?

We see KRISTEN eyes opening up.

NURSE (cont'd)
I thought we lost you their? How you felling?

KRISTEN Good!

The NURSE is getting the IV BAG ready and tapping the tube to Kristen arm.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
I messed up, didn't I?

NURSE (cont'd)
No!

The MALE NURSE looks at KRISTEN.

NURSE
Not at all!

KRISTEN

I wanted to do it, you know?

NURSE (cont'd)

Do what?

KRISTEN (cont'd)
Kill myself?

NURSE (cont'd)
You want to tell me about that?

A BEAT.

KRISTEN

(Speaking in and angry tone)
No one liked me at school, and I'm not popular? That's why!

The NURSE grabs the blood pressure meter.

NURSE (cont'd)
I'm going to check your blood pressure?

The NURSE checks KRISTEN blood pressure; he wraps it around her ARM.

NURSE (cont'd)
Good!

He takes it off her ARM.

NURSE (cont'd)
I'm going to step out, but I'll be back later to check on you?

KRISTEN Okay!

The NURSE exits the room. KRISTEN falls asleep.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM-DAWN-LATER

We see that the DOOR is opening. Lacey walks in and goes to KRISTEN, she stands over her.

LACEY
Kristen! Oh, Kristen!

KRISTEN wakes up.

KRISTEN (Surprised)
Hello!

KRISTEN (cont'd)
(Yawns)
How are you?

LACEY (cont'd)
I'm good!

A BEAT

LACEY (cont'd)
(Taken aback)
But most importantly, how are you?

KRISTEN

I'm doing okay!

She is looking at her WRIST, which is covered up with GAUZE.

LACEY Good!

She begins to TEARS up.

LACEY (cont'd)
(Crying)
I thought that I lost you?

LACEY (cont'd)
Why would you do something like that? Why would you kill yourself?

LACEY (cont'd)

I mean you got everything going for you?

KRISTEN looks at LACEY.

KRISTEN
(Surprised)
Not everything!

KRISTEN (cont'd)
I don't have a boyfriend?

A Beat

KRISTEN

Let me rephrase that, I can't get a boyfriend?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

No one wants to be my friend! Everybody picks on me?

KRISTEN

I couldn't live with myself anymore, so that's why I decided to end myself?

KRISTEN shows LACEY the cut on her wrist.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
(Demonstrates)

Yeah, I really did a number on myself?

LACEY strokes KRISTEN hair.

LACEY No!

LACEY (cont'd)
In fact, you did good!

KRISTEN is confused.

KRISTEN How?

LACEY

Well, for starters, you get to live another day?

KRISTEN (cont'd)
What you talking about? I almost killed myself?

LACEY (cont'd)
God gave you another chance to live?

KRISTEN
Yeah, right!

LACEY

Don't say that?

LACEY (cont)
(To Kristen)

Don't you believe in god?

KRISTEN is caught off guard.

KRISTEN What?

LACEY (cont'd)
You heard me!

KRISTEN stares at LACEY.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
I guess that I do, now!

LACEY
(Shocked)
Why do you guess?

KRISTEN explains to LACEY.

KRISTEN

Well, from me almost killing myself and knowing that someone up their care for me?

(Looks up to the ceiling)

I do believe in God, now and there's no doubting that because I want to live another day and what he has plan for me?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

For a second there, I did believe in God when I saw bright lights flashing before my eyes and I know that it sounds crazy, but I want to do something more with my life?

LACEY looks at KRISTEN

LACEY
Like what?

KRISTEN holds both of her HANDS up in the air

KRISTEN
I don't know?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I guess I want to be a teacher, or a nurse!

LACEY

That's awesome!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

(Jokes)

Or maybe I can rule the world?

LACEY (cont'd)

(Laughs)

Maybe!

KRISTEN

Nahh, I'm kidding on the whole conquering the world!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I just might be a nurse and help people

(Excited)

Because you helped me and saved my life!

They both HUGGED each other.

LACEY

It was no problem!

LACEY (cont'd)

You know, I took care of a lot of people! So, I'm use to it.

KRISTEN

I guess so!

KRISTEN stares at LACEY for a minute. KRISTEN starts to CRY.

LACEY hugs KRISTEN.

LACEY

(Softly)

It's okay!

KRISTEN continues to CRY.

FADE TO BLACK.

FADE IN:

INT. DOUGLAS HOUSE-KRISTEN BEDROOM-MORNING

KRISTEN is lying in her BED. She is about to get out of BED and start the day, She undo's the covers. She looks at her left arm, where it is covered by a big bandage.

KRISTEN

(Begins to tear up)
Oh my goodness!

She begins to have flashbacks.

BEGIN FLASHBACK:

INT. DOUGLAS HOUS-BATHROOM-DAY

KRISTEN has an X-ACTO blade in her HAND. She looks in the mirror and back at the BLADE. She stares at the BLADE for a minute.

KRISTEN

(To herself)
Just get it over with?

She stares in the mirror. Her EYES are wondering down to her wrist.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
I'm sorry. Please, forgive me!

She starts to make a small incision by her wrist. She slices the blade towards her. She closes her EYES, so she won't see it. She starts to cry.

A gush of BLOOD starts to pour out from her wrist. She faints and drops to the FLOOR and drops the X-ACTO blade.

EXTREME CLOSE UP -- X-ACTO BLADE

Blood is dripping from the blade.

END FLASHBACK:

INT. DOUGLAS HOUSE-BATHROOM-MOMENTS LATER

We see the water is running. KRISTEN is brushing her teeth. She looks down at the FLOOR and sees some DRY BLOOD on the BATH MAT.

She knells down and touches the spot, where the BLOOD is at.

KRISTEN (cont'd) (Laughs) That's funny!

She reminiscing the day before and continues to LAUGH.

INT. DOUGLAS HOUSE-DINING ROOM-LATER THAT MORNING

KRISTEN and her MOM are eating BREAKFAST. Her MOM looks at KRISTEN wrist.

MOM

You want to tell me about that?

KRISTEN

There's nothing to talk about?

Her mom is a little UPSET.

KRISTEN

I don't want to tell you?

KRISTEN is embarrassed to tell her MOM. KRISTEN looks over her shoulder.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
(Whisper to herself)
No!
(Talking to herself)
I don't want to?

MOM Kristen!

KRISTEN

Yes!

MOM I know!

KRISTEN Know what?

MOM

I know that you almost try to kill yourself?

KRISTEN (cont'd) That obvious, huh!

She points at KRISTEN wrist.

MOM (cont'd)

Yes! You have the bandage wrapped around your wrist?

KRISTEN stares at her WRIST.

KRISTEN

(Jokes with herself) Oh, I do!

MOM

Why would you do that? You must have a good reason?

KRISTEN

I do!

KRISTEN told her MOM.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

(looks at her mom)

It was people picking on me at school and I just couldn't take it anymore?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

You know, I just couldn't face that regret anymore? I felt like my life was wasting away before my eyes?

MOM (cont'd)

You know I love you and killing yourself is not the way of going through things?

MOM (cont'd)

I want the best for you and I want you to be happy?

KRISTEN

But I am!

MOM

Not if you want to kill yourself?

KRISTEN plays it off.

KRISTEN

(To mom)

I have a friend and she had made me see the light at the end of the tunnel?

MOM

(Mesmerize)

Really? What friend?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Wait...you met this girl?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Duh!

MOM

(To Kristen)

Silly girl!

KRISTEN

Mom!

She gently shoves her MOM on the shoulder.

MOM

Stop!

MOM (cont'd)

I'm glad your okay?

KRISTEN

Me too!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I'm glad that I didn't die?

MOM (cont'd)

I don't want to lose you? Your important to me!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Thanks mom! More importantly, I'm just thankful that Lacey had found me on the bathroom floor!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

She's a really good friend and it turns out that I need more friends like her?

MOM

Yes you do!

KRISTEN gets up from the TABLE and grab her PLATE. She walks over to the SINK and puts the PLATE in the SINK.

She walks towards her MOM and gives her a big HUG.

MOM

What was that for?

KRISTEN

I just love you and I want you to know that?

She continues to HUG her MOM and she cries.

KRISTEN (cont'd) It's okay!

Her MOM pats KRISTEN on the BACK.

EXT. SPA AND PAMPERED-DAY

We see a sign that says "SPA AND PAMPERED." We also see VARIOUS STORES that are right beside it.

We ZOOM IN at the SPA AND PAMPERED store window and see a sign that says "WALK-INS ARE WELCOME, 20%OFF."

INT. SPA AND PAMPERED-CONTINUOUS

LACEY AND KRISTEN is sitting beside each other. They are in SPA chairs, getting a PEDICURE. They are talking to each other, while a ASAIN LADY wash their feet.

LACEY
(To Kristen)
Doesn't this feel good?

KRISTEN (To Lacey)

Yes, it does!

KRISTEN (cont'd)
I can just sit here all down and do nothing, but relax?

LACEY (cont'd)
I know!
(To Kristen)
You so needed this!

KRISTEN (cont'd) Me! What about you?

LACEY (Dazed) Oh.....yeah!

LACEY (cont'd)
(Laughs)
I want this too?

KRISTEN Yeah you do!

KRISTEN mumbles to herself.

KRISTEN
(Whispers)
I think that I deserve this?

LACEY interrupts KRISTEN.

LACEY (TO Kristen)
What did you say?

KRISTEN hides what she was saying.

KRISTEN Oh...nothing!

KRISTEN calls out to LACEY.

KRISTEN (cont'd) Hey, lacey! LACEY (cont'd)
Yes!

KRISTEN grabs LACEY hand.

KRISTEN

I just want to say thank you?

LACEY

For what!

KRISTEN

Thank you for taking me out on a gorgeous day like today? And thank you for saving my life!

LACEY

Awe! Your welcome!

KRISTEN

If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't be here today?

One of THE LADYS looked at KRISTEN and was stunned.

LACEY (cont'd)

I'm just happy that I got to your house in time?

KRISTEN puts her HAND over her CHEST.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I just would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Seriously, you are my best friend?

KRISTEN

(Jokes)

We are friends?

LACEY

(Laughs)

Yes!

KRISTEN

Just checking!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

That's awesome!

LACEY I'm glad we're friends?

KRISTEN Me too!

EXT. SPA AND PAMPERED-DAY

They both walk out LAUGHING at each other JOKES.

KRISTEN Yes she's!

KRISTEN talks to LACEY.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
That was fun!

LACEY
Yes it was!

They both HUG each other.

KRISTEN I love you!

LACEY (Shocked) What?

KRISTEN
I meant as a friend?

LACEY Oh!

KRISTEN looks at the SKY.

KRISTEN
It sure is a gorgeous day!

LACEY Yes, it's!

LACEY looks at KRISTEN.

LACEY

Well, what do you want to do next?

KRISTEN

Your asking me!

LACEY (cont'd)

Yes!

LACEY

Is that a shock to you?

KRISTEN

Yes! Why me?

LACEY (cont'd)

Because you're my friend and I want you to be treated okay!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

(Scared)

Well.....okay!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Can we go out to eat and then can we go to the mall?

LACEY

Okay!

INT. LACEY JEEP-LATER

LACEY is driving along the ROAD. KRISTEN is looking at all of the BILLBOARDS and the BUILDINGS.

LACEY

You're going to be the turn of the century at your school?

LACEY (cont'd)

I just know it!

KRISTEN

(To herself)

Yeah, right!

LACEY turns to KRISTEN.

LACEY

You are!

LACEY (cont'd)
You better believe me when I say that you are?

KRISTEN

If I'm going to be such a "Turn of the century" than why do I still look pitiful?

LACEY (cont'd)
You're not pitiful!

KRISTEN Really!

LACEY Yes!

KRISTEN Thanks!

LACEY (cont'd)
Your welcome!

LACEY pats KRISTEN on the back.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. FAIRHOPE MALL-LATER THAT DAY

They both go in a CLOTHES STORE, just to look around. KRISTEN goes to different RACKS to see if she sees something.

KRISTEN Shoot!

LACEY goes by KRISTEN to see if she found something.

LACEY Did you find something?

KRISTEN is holding up a SHIRT.

LACEY (cont'd) (Looks at it) I like it! KRISTEN (cont'd) Well, I don't!

LACEY (cont'd) Why you holding it up?

KRISTEN (Laughs)
I don't know!

KRISTEN puts the SHIRT back. She ask LACEY if she found something.

KRISTEN

Did you find anything that you like?

LACEY No!

LACEY (cont'd)
(out of the blue)
You know, I got the perfect thing for you?

KRISTEN (cont'd) What's that?

LACEY A makeover!

KRISTEN Why?

LACEY (CONT'D)
Because, I just think that it'll do you good?

KRISTEN
(Appalled)
What you trying to say, lacey?

LACEY
Nothing! I think you're a beautiful girl?

LACEY (cont'd)
It would bring your beauty even out?

KRISTEN
I think that I'm just perfect the way that I'm?

LACEY looks at KRISTEN.

LACEY (cont'd) Look, I'm sorry if I offended you?

KRISTEN (cont'd)
You didn't!

KRISTEN stares at the PEOPLE walking by.

KRISTEN (To lacey) You ready?

LACEY
Yeah, I'm ready!

LACEY (cont'd)
That's it!

KRISTEN puts her HAND on LACEY shoulder.

KRISTEN (cont'd) (Laughs) Yes!

INT. RESTAURANT-LATER

KRISTEN AND LACEY ARE SITTING IN A BOOTH. We see them eating both eating HAMBURGERS.

KRISTEN Man, this is so good!

LACEY Yes, it is!

KRISTEN talks to LACEY about college.

KRISTEN (cont'd) Lacey!

LACEY (cont'd)
Yes!

KRISTEN

Do you plan on going to college?

LACEY

I'm not sure!

KRISTEN

What do you mean? I know that I'm going to college when I graduate high school?

KRISTEN (cont'd)

But that won't be for a long time!

LACEY (cont'd)

(Excited)

That's good that you want to go! Proud of you for making a good decision!

KRISTEN

Thanks, lacey! That's so nice of you to say that!

LACEY

You're so welcome!

KRISTEN drops some KETCHUP from her HAMBURGER ONTO HER LAP.

KRISTEN CRAP!

LACEY

What happen?

KRISTEN gets a NAPKIN and wipes it off.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I spill some ketchup on my lap?

LACEY is LAUGHING at her.

KRISTEN

(Serious)

It's not funny.

LACEY (cont'd)

(Laughs)

Sorry!

KRISTEN throws down the NAPKIN on the TABLE.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
(Laughs)
That's okay!

KRISTEN continues to talk to LACEY about college.

KRISTEN (cont'd) Why are you not going to college?

LACEY is caught off guard by KRISTEN question.

LACEY What?

KRISTEN
You should go to college?

LACEY Maybe!

KRISTEN (cont'd)
I guess that's an okay answer?

LACEY laughs.

LACEY stretches out her arms and YAWNS.

LACEY
That was good!

KRISTEN Yes it was!

KRISTEN touches her stomach. LACEY sees KRISTEN holding her HANDS over her stomach.

LACEY (cont'd) Are you okay?

KRISTEN Yeah!

KRISTEN (cont'd) (Laughs) I'm just really stuffed!

LACEY Let's go!

They are both getting out of the BOOTH.

KRISTEN Let's go!

They are both walking to the DOOR. KRISTEN sees MADISON and JONATHAN walking in. MADISON opens the DOOR.

MADISON (Enthused) Well, well, what do we have here?

She looks over to JONATHAN. He shrugs his SHOULDERS. MADISON looks the other way towards LACEY.

MADISON points to KRISTEN.

MADISON (cont'd)
(To lacey)

What are you doing hanging out with this looser?

LACEY defends KRISTEN.

LACEY (cont'd)
(To Madison)
(Angry)
Hey, don't call her that?

MADISON

I call her whatever I want?

KRISTEN looks at MADISON.

KRISTEN No you can't!

KRISTEN (cont'd) (To Madison)

Let me tell you something? You can put me down? You can call me bad names? You can even take away the people that I like?

KRISTEN (cont'd)
But I will not let you take my pride and my dignity?

LACEY looks at KRISTEN.

LACEY (cont'd)
Well put!

KRISTEN (Laughing) Thanks!

KRISTEN
(To Madison)
You're a selfish girl and I hope you live a dull life?

KRISTEN (cont'd)
I hate to say it, but it's true!

LACEY mouth is wide open, as she looks to MADISON.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
(To Lacey)
Come on lacey, let's go!

They both go out the DOOR. KRISTEN screams at the top of her LUNGS, when they get OUTSIDE. She's frustrated seeing MADISON.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. BALDWIN COUNTY UNIVERSITY

SUPER:

"TEN YEARS LATER"

We see a big BUILDING and a sign is plastered on it, it reads: "WELCOME BACK STUDENTS." We ZOOM in and a bunch of KIDS are throwing around a FRISBEE.

EXTREME CLOSE UP-a girl on a bench is writing something down in her JOURNAL. The camera PANS UP and we see that it's KRISTEN; she's 23 and a JUNIOR in college.

KRISTEN
(To herself)
I finally survived! I'm a junior!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

After all of the name calling and the abuse that I got!

She throws her FIST up in the air. A girl walks up to her and taps her on the SHOULDER. KRISTEN looks up to the girl, she talks to KRISTEN.

KRISTEN (cont'd) (Squints her eyes) Can I help you?

The girl stares at KRISTEN. KRISTEN has a strange look on her FACE. We see that the girl is LACEY and she's a SENIOR.

LACEY (Excited)
Hey, girl, what's up!

KRISTEN takes a good look at her. Her MOUTH is open wide and her JAW drops.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
(Excited)
Oh my goodness! Lacey, is that you!

LACEY (cont'd)
Yes silly!

KRISTEN gets up. She gives LACEY a HUG.

KRISTEN How have you been?

LACEY (cont'd)
I'm good!

LACEY (cont'd) How you been?

KRISTEN (Excited)
I'm really good! I have a.....

A beat

LACEY (cont'd)
Have what?

KRISTEN holds LACEY hand.

KRISTEN

I have a boyfriend and we have been dating for two years?

LACEY

That's really good! I'm proud of you!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Yeah, I really like him and he treats me so good?

LACEY (cont'd) (Enthused) Really!

KRISTEN

Yes!

She gently shoves LACEY. LACEY is laughing

KRISTEN (cont'd) It's true.

LACEY

I believe you!

LACEY (cont'd)

I'm glad that you found happiness?

KRISTEN

Thank you! I'm glad too!

LACEY (cont'd)

You know what, Kristen, I'm proud of you!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

(Scared)

Thanks I guess!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Why are you proud of me?

LACEY

I just am!

LACEY (cont'd)

I just can't believe how grown up you become?

KRISTEN thinks that LACEY is going CRAZY.

LACEY

Anyways, so you're crazy about this boy?

KRISTEN

I'm very in <u>love</u> with him?

LACEY (cont'd) (Shocked) Wow!

LACEY

So, you're saying that this relationship is going along great?

A beat

KRISTEN (cont'd)
Yes!

KRISTEN shakes her head and she SMILES.

KRISTEN (cont'd)

I never had been so happy in my life! And I get to spend it now with the one that I care about?

LACEY

I know! It's a good thing?

KRISTEN (cont'd) Yes it certainly is!

LACEY is talking to KRISTEN to see who the BOY is.

LACEY

So, who is the lucky boy that you been seeing?

KRISTEN (cont'd)
(Blushing)
Well...!

KRISTEN puts her HEAD down and starts to think.

KRISTEN

(Excited)
His name is Eric!

She smiles.

LACEY (cont'd)
Nice name!

KRISTEN continues talking about ERIC.

KRISTEN
He's wonderful! You'll like him!

LACEY (cont'd)
I bet!

KRISTEN plays with her HAIR.

KRISTEN

And I know that he will make a great husband? We hardly even fight and we get along just great?

LACEY (cont'd) (Surprised) That's so wonderful!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Yeah! And we're the same age and we are just doth connected to each other!

LACEY Good!

LACEY (cont'd) When can I meet him?

KRISTEN hesitates to tell her.

KRISTEN UHH!

A beat

KRISTEN (cont'd)
You can meet him after he gets out of class?

LACEY looks at KRISTEN with a particular look on her FACE.

LACEY

Class! What do you mean?

KRISTEN

I mean that he goes to school here?

LACEY is shocked.

LACEY (cont'd) Are you kidding me?

KRISTEN No!

LACEY Why didn't you tell me?

KRISTEN
I don't know why!
(Laughs)
Maybe, I wanted to surprise you!

LACEY (cont'd) (Laughs) Well, you did!

KRISTEN looks over her shoulder. She sees ERIC walking towards his DORM. She YELLS TO Eric, and he sees her. They both SMILE at each other.

KRISTEN holds her ARM up, so that he can see it. She makes sure that he WALKS her way.

KRISTEN Hi, Eric!

ERIC Hi, Kristen!

They both HUG each other. She introduces ERIC to LACEY.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
(To lacey
This is Eric!

ERIC (cont'd)

Nice to meet you!

They both shake HANDS.

LACEY

So, your Kristen's boyfriend!

ERIC

(Laughs)

Yeah! I guess you can put it in those terms?

ERIC looks at KRISTEN. ERIC smiles at her.

ERIC (cont'd)

I guess that you can call me a hopeless romantic?

LACEY (Laughs)

HAAAHAA!

LACEY (cont'd)

I guess that I can!

LACEY gets up to go to one of her CLASSES.

LACEY (cont'd)

I'm sorry I have to go! I have class to go to?

KRISTEN

Well, I hope you have fun in class?

LACEY

(Laughs)

I try to!

KRISTEN and ERIC kiss.

LACEY

(Disgusted)

Stop it!

KRISTEN shakes her HEAD.

KRISTEN

What!

ERIC

Don't be alarm! It's just a way of life!

LACEY

Whatever! I'm going to class?

LACEY hugs KRISTEN.

LACEY

You be good!

KRISTEN

I will!

LACEY (cont'd)

I'm proud of you!

KRISTEN (cont'd)

Thanks!

LACEY walks away.

KRISTEN

Bye!

LACEY looks over her SHOULDER.

LACEY

Bye!

KRISTEN looks at ERIC, they both stare in each other EYES. The camera PANS down to her LIPS.

KRISTEN

(Whispers)

I love you!

ERIC

(Whispers)

I love you too!

ERIC leans over to KRISTEN. He whispers in her EAR.

ERIC (cont'd)

I want to be with you!

KRISTEN has a SAD look on her FACE.

KRISTEN (cont'd)
(Taken aback)
I want to be with you too!

KRISTEN

You're the only person in the world that makes me smile and even when I'm having a bad day, you can make me happy again?

ERIC I'm just glad to do it!