

ANNE

25.

WYNN

It was Clay Meachum. The two of
them have been...
(air quotes)
"hanging out."

KATIE

You don't know what you're talking
about!

WYNN

You were dating the guy!
(to Anne)
He broke up with her, but he won't
let him go.

KATIE

Oh, my God.

Katie looks off, furious, tears filling her eyes. She sighs.

ANNE

(calm; to Wynn)
Could Katie and I have a moment?

Wynn's reluctant to leave, but gets it. He rises and exits.
Then--

ANNE (CONT'D)

Katie--

KATIE

Please don't. I really don't need a
lecture.

ANNE

Okay. But can I tell you something
funny about me? Something I don't
tell many people?

No answer.

ANNE (CONT'D)

I hate to cry.

Katie looks at her.

KATIE

Everyone hates to cry.

ANNE

Not like me. I hate it more than
anyone you'll ever meet.

Start



KATIE

Why? *

ANNE

Because... I've gotten good at not letting people see what I'm feeling. Really good. So when I do...

(almost a whisper)

...it kind of terrifies me.

Katie's guard is coming down a little. She's listening intently.

ANNE (CONT'D)

The funny part is, I don't really cry when I'm sad... Or even when I'm hurt. I cry...

(ironic; and scary)

...when I'm angry.

(beat)

I'm not going to give you a lecture, but I would like to know what happened.

Katie holds.

KATIE

There was... a party. I had too much to drink. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] anything. Sarah and Clay

[REDACTED] back to Clay's house.

[REDACTED] I didn't check my phone until the next morning... the pictures were on it then.

ANNE

The pictures were taken with your phone?

Katie nods.

ANNE (CONT'D)

Did you show them to anyone?

KATIE

Just Sarah. I didn't know they were on Instagram until I got to school.

Anne's looking at the photos again.

ANNE

It's okay. I'll be strong so you don't have to.

End