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THOMAS

This is ridiculous. Someone steals my phone and I'm the one who gets in trouble?! Talk about "blaming the victim." Why am I even here?

(BEAT)

How did you -- Okay, look, the contents of that phone were private - as in password protected. I had no idea those pictures would... Oh crap. Did Mr. Hoffman see them?

(BEAT)

Listen, I know she's the principal's daughter, but Kelly is also my girlfriend. We love each other. I'm serious, we do. And sometimes people in love do stupid stuff... like send intimate pictures to their boyfriend. I should've deleted them. This is my fault and I'll take whatever punishment you think I deserve, but *please*, don't let Hoffman see those. Kelly shouldn't have to pay for my mistake.

JAIME

You want the truth? I think she was a coward. You asked and I'm being honest. I think it's the most selfish thing a person can do. I know you're not supposed to "speak ill of the dead", but she was weak... a quitter.

(BEAT)

Now that I'm older, I can see how hard being a mom must be. Add to that an abusive husband, one of your kids has special needs, fighting an addiction to prescription pills... I get it - life can be horrible. It can be full of *real* suffering. We all struggle. But the one rule is - No matter how bad things get, you're not allowed to check out...

(BEAT)

Where are we supposed to go now?

JASON

Being a guy at that kind of party,
is like being on a diet at a
buffet. The most tempting things in
the world, on display all night,
and the rule is, I'm not allowed to
touch. You know what the problem
is? Modern society. We all got
these animal instincts in us. It
doesn't matter what you believe; we
evolved with them, or god gave them
to us, or whatever. All I know is,
we all wouldn't be here without
those instincts.

(BEAT)

C'mon, when a cheetah kills a baby
gazelle, we don't say he's a
criminal. That's just a cheetah
being a cheetah.

(BEAT)

There was a time - maybe you have
to go all the way back to when we
lived in caves - but there was a
time when being a man meant you
could take what you want.

SYDNEY

Okay, at first I thought this was just one of your stupid jokes, but now you're taking it too far and I'd appreciate it if you'd stop.

(BEAT)

I know you hate him. Yeah, you've never said that, but it's obvious. The little comments you make. You can't stand the fact that things are so good between us right now. You're so jealous that you make up a story - a *lie* - about Brandon and some other girl? Like I'm supposed to believe...

(BEAT)

Why? Why would he cheat on me when we just celebrated our one year? Doesn't make any sense.

(LONG BEAT)

Why are you still here? You can go.

QUINN

Wow. Seriously? Okay, that's the reaction I expected from mom and dad but *you're* supposed to have my back. We're supposed to be able to tell each other this stuff. I didn't judge you that time you and Evan got drunk. How's this different?

(BEAT)

You've been watching too many movies. Just because something is illegal doesn't make it bad. Besides, everybody in this town smokes pot. It's not just losers and burnouts like you think. Half the people that were there with me are in freakin' Honors classes.

(BEAT)

Look, I didn't tell you to ask for permission. I wanted you to know that I tried it, and I like it, and I think I'm going to keep doing it.

ANABELLE

I did it. Exactly how we practiced it. I sat them down. I was direct. I was honest. I was prepared for the conversation, the argument, the explosion. But what I wasn't prepared for... was nothing. Cold silence.

(BEAT)

She couldn't look at me. She didn't have to. And *his* face... I could literally see, in that moment, that he loved me less.

(BEAT)

This morning I was so excited - finally making this big announcement - letting the world know who I am.

(BEAT)

Not many kids know how it feels to break their parents' hearts.