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MAIN CAST

ALEX BERRETA	JOSH HUTCHERSON
DAVID SULLIVAN	ANGUS T. JONES
MICHAEL BERRETA	PATRICK DEMPSEY
PAULA SMITH	AMY ADAMS
JORDAN LANGSTON	NATHAN KRESS
ANGELA DAVIS	ELIZABETH GILLIES

GUEST CAST

ROSE	BRIDGIT MENDLER
CASSANDRA BRAUN	JANE LYNCH

FADE IN:

INT. HALLWAY - AFTERNOON

ALEX and DAVID walk to their door. Alex stops before opening it, turning to David.

DAVID

You just turn it...

ALEX

I know! I was about to ask you a question.

BEATS of silence.

DAVID

You can start now --

ALEX

What time is Rose coming by?

DAVID

I don't know!

Alex slightly SLAPS his own forehead, frustrated.

But before they can open the door, CASSANDRA BRAUN swings her door open, rushing out.

CASSANDRA

Is there something I can help you with?!

DAVID

No....?

CASSANDRA

You have been in this hallway *far too long*. You know what happened if you stayed in a hallway too long where I'm from?

But as they go to answer --

CASSANDRA (CONT'D)

They threw you into the a den of scorpions. *Deadly* scorpions. YOU WANT THAT TO HAPPEN?

Alex and David quickly nod their heads no.

CASSANDRA (CONT'D)

Then don't stay in the hallway too long! Your auras where intercepting my contact with Ares!

She stomps back to her apartment and SLAMS her door shut.

Alex and David stare forward, confused.

ALEX

Um...

DAVID

I think we need to go inside.

Alex nods and opens the door, swinging into --

INT. BERRETA APARTMENT - LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

They walk in, and they see something off-screen. They quickly STOP. And GASP.

ALEX

Oh my God...

DAVID

PAULA?!

SWISH PAN to reveal PAULA SMITH, on her tip-toes, her hand on the THERMOSTAT. She instantly FREEZES, darting her eyes from left to right.

PAULA

Yes?

ALEX

Can we help you with something?

PAULA

Um... No?

ALEX

Why are you touching our thermostat?

PAULA

Um... Because... I... Can?

(beat)

And, cuz, it's, like, fa-ree-zin.

MICHAEL (O.S)

Alex? Alex, you home?

Quickly realizing:

ALEX
Paula, did you sneak in?

Paula shushes them, and runs into the KITCHEN, poking her head out.

PAULA
(whispering)
Play it cool!

MICHAEL (O.S.)
Alex?

ALEX
Yeah. Yeah, Dad it's me.

MICHAEL comes walking down the hallway, and as he passes the KITCHEN, Paula LEAPS out, SCREAMING like a mad, shaking arms wildly. Michael looks unaffected. His face blank.

PAULA
Why aren't you scared?

MICHAEL
Because this is the fifth time
you've tried to scare me... this
week.

Paula stomps, aggravated.

PAULA
I'm just trying to cheer you up!

ALEX
Cheer him up?

MICHAEL
Nothing! It's nothing.

He looks at Paula, who quickly catches on.

The door suddenly OPENS, and Cassandra sticks her head in, SCREAMING like a lunatic.

Paula, SCREAMING as well, leaps into Michael's arm, who barely has enough time to swoop his hand under her two legs.

CASSANDRA
WHAT DID I SAY?!

Everyone STARES at her blankly, more terrified really.

Cassandra sticks her hands in the apartment, holding a BOX. She shakes it wildly.

CASSANRDA (CONT'D)
Pit. Scorpions. SHUT UP!

She goes back into the hallway, SLAMMING the door closed.

Everyone still stares forward, their breaths being the only noise heard.

MICHAEL
It's really hot in here...

Paula slowly turns her head towards Michael, flashing a pleading smile.

JUMP CUT TO:

INT. CAR - MOVING

ROSE drives; David sits beside her; and Alex sits in the back. David picks up his CELLPHONE.

ANGLE ON: CELLPHONE. His background. It's ALISHA.

Rose glances over, noticing it.

ROSE
Who's that?

DAVID
Oh, uh, she's my girlfriend.

ROSE
(smiling; joking)
Darn. I was so close to making my move on you.

David cracks a fake smile.

ROSE (CONT'D)
How long you guys been together?

DAVID
Oh, not that long.

ROSE'S POV: She looks in her REARVIEW MIRROR, noticing Alex's glum expression.

ROSE
(jokingly)
What did you two fight over her, or something?

David and Alex both look down.

ROSE (CONT'D)

Guys, I'm kidding. What's up with
you two?

ALEX

Her name's Alisha. She... She moved
away a couple months ago.

ROSE

Oh...

(beat)

Where did she move to?

ALEX

Georgia.

ROSE

Oh. Um... I'm gonna shut up now.

She stares forward as Alex and David's gazes fall to the floorboard.

CUT TO:

EXT. BAKER PARK - LATER

The CAR pulls into a PARKING SPACE, and stops. Rose, David and Alex exit. Rose walks to the trunk, pops it open, and pulls out her VIDEO CAMERA and TRIPOD.

ALEX

Whoa. You weren't kidding.

ROSE

Aspiring singer and mega awesome
filmmaker. My double life. I'm like
Bruce Wayne.

She closes the trunk and we FOLLOW them as they walk through the semi-inhabited park.

ROSE (CONT'D)

So, I was thinking we could start
over there by the pond, and then
move to --

DAVID

OH. MY. GOD.

Rose and Alex look at David, confused.

ALEX

What?

David slowly lifts his arm up, pointing off-screen.

SWISH PAN to reveal JORDAN and ANGELA, setting up their CAMERA by the POND.

ALEX (CONT'D)
Awesome. Amazing. FABULOUS.

DAVID
CRAAAAAAAAP.

ROSE
Look, maybe we can just go by the trees.

ALEX
Yeah, we could, and then they'd notice and try to harass us.

ROSE
Let's just go see. It's not like they can run us out of the park.

Rose begins walking, Alex and David slowly following.

CUT TO: TREES. Rose, Alex and David arrive. Rose lays down her equipment, beginning to set up.

CUT TO: JORDAN AND ANGELA. They set up as well, and they glance to the side, noticing their competition. Angela takes a SIP from her WATER BOTTLE.

JORDAN
You have got to be freaking kidding me.

ANGELA
Again?

JORDAN
And they've got Blondie with them.

ANGELA
Hey, maybe they won't get in our way. We can finish this, we just have to ignore them.

JORDAN
True.

BACK TO: TREES. Rose finishes putting her camera on her tripod as Alex and David stand in front of the brown trunk, staring at her, their heads tilted to the side.

ALEX
How... The heck.

Rose GIGGLES.

ROSE
So, did you two *actually* finish the script last night?

DAVID
Yep!

He digs his hand into his pocket, pulling out a crumpled, slightly ripped piece of PAPER.

DAVID (CONT'D)
Got it right here!

Rose snatches the paper from David, reading it to herself.

ROSE
Okay... Okay, I can work with this.

ALEX
So... Now what?

Rose begins to point as:

ROSE
You stand there. And you there.

Alex and David tilt their heads once more.

ALEX
I think we should just wing it...

ROSE
Fine!

Rose gets behind her camera as:

ROSE (CONT'D)
And three, two, one... Action!

JORDAN
You idiots mind keeping it down?!

ROSE
Cut!

Rose flails her arms wildly.

Jordan and Angela stand behind her, wickedness in their eyes.

JORDAN
You're way too freaking loud!

ALEX
It's a park. Wah.

Jordan's temper begins to rise, as seen on his face. But Angela holds her boyfriend back, putting her palm against his stomach.

ANGELA
He asked you to keep it down, not find a cure for cancer. Just do it.

ROSE
You can't just tell us what to do --

Angela begins to step forward, her eyebrows knitting.

ANGELA
No, I can. I'm above you. You're nothing but the dirt on the bottom of my shoes.

(beat)
And I wouldn't get too comfortable with those *friends* of yours. Ever heard of Alisha? She was the one before you. And once you decided to go onto the next mission in your pathetic little life, you'll get replaced.

Rose GAPES, unknowing what to do next.

ALEX
Obviously this park isn't big enough for both groups.

JORDAN
(smirking)
We're glad you feel the same way.

DAVID
Oh! I have an idea!
(blunt)
Leave.

Jordan puts his hand on Angela's shoulder.

JORDAN
Fine, okay! We'll leave.

Angela looks at him as if he's lost his mind, but as he walks, she follows him anyway.

ALEX

Well that was...

DAVID

Easy.

Rose quickly turns around towards them.

ROSE

Okay, we need to go ahead and get this filmed. We can't lose the light.

She positions herself behind her camera, Alex and David taking theirs in front.

CUT TO: JORDAN AND ANGELA.

ANGELA

Jordan, why did you agree to leave?

JORDAN

Baby, I didn't.

ANGELA

I thought you wanted us to be better than them?

JORDAN

(smiling)

I do. Which is why...

He slowly turns his head and tilts it slightly down. FOCUS ON: THE WATER BOTTLE.

BACK TO: ALEX, DAVID, AND ROSE. Their filming has begun.

ALEX

(to David)

Look, it's over, okay? We can't fix this!

DAVID

Well we can try!

Their dialogue begins to FADE OUT as we FOCUS ON Angela, creeping up behind Rose, her water bottle in hand.

Angela glances back at Jordan, who gives her a reassuring smile, which she also gives back.

And suddenly, Angela LUNGES her arm out, sending the liquid in the water bottle SPLASHING from its container. It lands on Rose, who SCREAMS, and --

THE CAMERA. It SPARKS.

ROSE

What in the world?!

She quickly TURNS as Alex and David do.

ALEX

What happened?!

ANGELA

(sarcastic; smirking)

Oh no.

JORDAN

You might want to get that camera
looked at. Looks a little...
broken.

Jordan begins to LAUGH as he and Angela walk away.

DAVID

You can't just destroy someone's
camera, you psychos!!

Rose quickly begins to tend to the camera, which now SMOKES.

ALEX

Can it be fixed?

ROSE

I don't know.

(beat)

Did you guys see her throw the
water?

The boys shake their heads.

ALEX

No.

ROSE

Great. Just great.

She quickly grabs her equipment and begins to run, Alex and David quickly following.

CUE MUSIC: Echoes - The Rapture

DRIFT OVER to Jordan and Angela. They watch. SMIRKING.

Jordan quickly grabs Angela by the waist, lifting her up, and bringing her in for a KISS.

JORDAN

Baby, you don't know how happy you
just made me.

He KISSES her once more.

ANGELA

Are you happy?

JORDAN

I'm freaking *ecstatic!*

Angela flashes a SMILE, SIGHING with relief.

ANGELA

Great.

And, once again, they KISS.

BLACKOUT.

END OF EPISODE