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FADE IN:

INT. HOSPITAL - HALLWAY

DOCTORS push a gurney through the swinging double doors. DAVID, blood covering his open shirt and chest, lies on top, NURSES trying to put pressure on his crimson wound.

DOCTOR
Gunshot wound to the midsection.
The bullet's still inside. Get me
a...

They push on as ALISHA runs in behind them.

ALISHA
(hysterical)
David!! DAVID!!!!

A NURSE grabs her.

NURSE
Sweetie, sweetie, you're going to
have to let the doctors take care
of him --

ALISHA
He's my boyfriend!! DAVID!!!

NURSE
You need to calm down --

ALEX
Alisha!!

ALEX comes running to her, followed by ROSE and MICHAEL.

NURSE
(to Alex)
You need to try and calm her down.

Alex grabs onto Alisha, but she quickly pulls away.

ALISHA
Don't touch me!!

ROSE
Alisha --

ALISHA
David was just shot and you're
trying to get me to *calm down?!*
(beat)

(MORE)

ALISHA (CONT'D)

Oh my God, this... this is all my fault - *this is all my fault!!*

MICHAEL

Alisha, this is not your fault --

ALISHA

How are you okay?! David was *shot!!* He's dying - he's *DYING!!*

ALEX

We are freaking out, Alisha, but we have to stay calm right now --

ALISHA

Why!? Why do we need to stay calm!? What's that going to do? Is that going to stop his bleeding? Is that... is that going to magically get that bullet out of his stomach?!

(beat)

No!! So don't tell me to *calm down!*

Alisha runs off and swings open the RESTROOM DOOR. She slams it shut.

STAY ON the trio. Alex drops his head; Michael looks at him.

MICHAEL

She's just scared, Alex.

ALEX

Yeah...

He takes a deep breath.

ALEX (CONT'D)

Yeah.

Rose pushes her hair out of her face and steps off to the side. Alex notices and follows her.

ROSE

(cracking)

I -- I saw it happen... I saw... I saw him shoot David... right in front of me... all of... all of the blood.

Alex wraps his arms around Rose, bringing her in for an EMBRACE.

ALEX

He's gonna be fine, Rose... He...
he has to be...

PUSH IN as Rose begins to sob into his shoulder. Then, tears swell up and Alex's eyes gloss over.

INT. HOSPITAL - OPERATING ROOM

David lies unconscious on the operating table. His midsection is blocked off by blue sheets, but dark red dots have been spattered across them.

The doctor rises up, bloody utensils in hand.

DOCTOR

It's lodged up against his spine --

David quickly begins to CONVULSE, and his heart monitor goes insane --

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP!!

INT. HOSPITAL - BATHROOM

Alisha stares up at herself in the mirror. She wipes away her smeared makeup, tears continuing to fall down her face.

She suddenly SCREAMS and begins to BANG her fists against the sink. She turns around and KICKS the wall over and over.

She swings back around to the mirror. Looks at her reflection. Sees her sadness. Sees that her happiness is gone. Sees her possible future.

And she continues to cry.

INT. HOSPITAL - WAITING AREA

Alex has his arm wrapped around Rose. They sit. Michael stands by them, rubbing his hands on his legs.

Heels are heard CLACKING against the hard floor, and PAULA comes running in, followed by JUDY.

PAULA

Oh my gosh...

MICHAEL

Paula? How did --

PAULA

Alex called me.

She quickly wraps her arms around Michael and HUGS him.
She does the same to Alex and Rose.

PAULA (CONT'D)

Is... is he... okay?

ALEX

We don't know yet...

PAULA

Where's Alisha?

MICHAEL

She... she needed some time alone.

PAULA

Where?

MICHAEL

In the bathroom, but Paula --

Ignoring her bestie, Paula quickly runs over to the
restroom door.

JUDY

What... what happened?

MICHAEL

He was... he was shot...

JUDY

Do they -- did they catch the
shooter?

Alex and Rose drop their heads.

MICHAEL

(to Alex)

You didn't tell her who it was?

JUDY

Who was it?

SNAP TO Paula, who raises her hand to *KNOCK* on the
restroom door.

PAULA

Alisha...?

INTERCUT: Alisha looks up.

ALISHA

(long pause)

I... I don't want to talk right now, Paula -- just... just leave me alone.

(beat)

Please.

PAULA

Alisha --

ALISHA

Paula, please!

(beat; cracking)

Please...

PAULA

(long pause)

Someone told me that... that even if you feel like nothing's gonna get better... that... there'll be people there to pick you up.

(beat)

You've got people, Alisha...

(beat)

Please don't forget that.

Paula slowly turns around and walks off, leaving Alisha sitting on the floor, sobbing into her hands.

FOLLOW Paula as she walks back over to Judy, Michael, Rose, and Alex. They all fall silent. She notices.

PAULA (CONT'D)

What...?

JUDY

Paula, the... Jace...

PAULA

(realizing; to Michael)

You're okay, right? He... he didn't try and hit you again or anything?

MICHAEL

No, Paula...

ANCHORMAN (O.S.)

It was just a little over an hour ago when David Sullivan, a twenty year old aspiring actor, was shot on the set of "Warfare," an upcoming science fiction film...

Paula sees the screen and slowly walks towards it.

ANCHORMAN (CONT'D)

We are just now receiving confirmation on the shooter.

(beat)

Jace Riordan, a casting producer for the film, has been taken into custody and identified by the authorities as the shooter.

TIGHT ON Paula. She gapes. Her eyes flood with tears. But she doesn't move. Frozen.

JUDY

Paula...

PAULA

No...

Paula turns around and runs off. Judy follows.

JUDY

Paula!

FOLLOW her as she manages to catch up to her sister.

PAULA

No, no -- he -- Jace... no -- *no!!*

Judy brings Paula in for an EMBRACE, but Paula is unable to wrap her arms around her sister and lets them stay placed against her chest.

JUDY

It's okay, Paula, you did nothing wrong.

PAULA

(hyperventilating)

He... he... he *shot*... David...

JUDY

Calm done, Paula... Please...

PAULA

I -- I can't, Judy -- he *shot him*.
 (beat)
 It -- it has to be... be *my fault*.
 I -- I didn't mean to... I'm --
I'm sorry!! I didn't know, I'm
 sorry!!!

JUDY

Paula, this is *not* your fault. It
 was that psycho's. *Not yours*.
 Don't you *ever* blame yourself for
 what he did.

SWISH PAN and PUSH THROUGH the people in the waiting
 room, TURN down the hallway, past the restroom, to find
 MIA and ROBBIE walking by another DOCTOR.

DOCTOR

Everything seems to be fine, Miss
 Edwards. You were just shaken up.

MIA

Well, thanks anyway.

Mia and Robbie depart from the doctor just as Alisha
 exits the restroom, immediately seeing the duo.

ROBBIE

Did you really need to go through
 a full check up?

ALISHA

You *what*?

Alisha storms towards them.

ALISHA (CONT'D)

You went and got checked when
David is in there dying with a
gunshot wound?!

MIA

Do you have a short-term memory?
 (beat)
 Did you have a freakin' psycho
 point a gun at you? *Huh?*
 (beat)
 No.

ALISHA

This is all because of what you
 did, because of what --

MIA

Because I showed your boyfriend
that you were cheating on him?!
You really are as psychotic as
that shooter.

ALISHA

I made a *mistake*. I know I screwed
up, I know what I did was
terrible.

(beat)

But *you*?! No, ever since you met
me you've been waiting to make my
life a living hell. You couldn't
help it, could you, Mia? You
couldn't help being a *bitch*.
Because that's what you are,
Mia...

(beat)

A *bitch*.

Mia's jaw tenses.

MIA

Well, would you look at that.
Kitty's got claws.

(beat)

You can throw those high school
insults at me all day long,
sweetie. But just remember...

(beat)

I didn't cheat.

Mia walks off, Robbie follows, but not before making eye
contact with Alisha.

ALEX

Alisha...

Alisha turns to see Alex walking towards her with Rose
and Michael. But Alex points in the other direction.

SWISH PAN as a DOCTOR walks towards them, a blank
expression on his face.

ALISHA

No...

DOCTOR

Are you four with Mr. Sullivan?

ALEX

Yes...

ALISHA
(to herself)
Please...

Time SLOWS DOWN but the breathing of Alex, Alisha,
Michael, and Rose all grow LOUDER as we...

FADE TO BLACK.

FADE INTO:

THE NEXT DAY

INT. HOSPITAL - WAITING ROOM - AFTERNOON

Alex and Alisha sit, both shaking their legs.

DOCTOR (O.S.)
Miss Hall?

Alisha LOOKS UP. The doctor stands in front of her.

DOCTOR (CONT'D)
Come with me please.

Alisha hops up and follows the doctor.

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL - PATIENT ROOM

David lies on the hospital bed.

BEEP... BEEP... BEEP.

He's alive. Breathing. Eyes barely open.

Alisha slowly enters.

ALISHA
David...?

David opens his eyes more.

DAVID
Hey.

ALISHA
David!

Alisha runs towards him and HUGS him, but he winces in pain, causing her to quickly let him go.

ALISHA (CONT'D)
(smiling)
Sorry! Sorry!

A long awkward pause.

ALISHA (CONT'D)

I'm so happy you're okay, David.

DAVID

(subtle harshness)

Yeah. Me too.

ALISHA

David --

DAVID

I only called you in her to tell you something.

ALISHA

What --

DAVID

This doesn't change what happened, Alisha. I haven't forgotten.

(beat)

What you did... was... unforgivable. You broke what we had.

(beat)

I don't ever want to see you again. I don't ever want to talk to you again. I don't even want to have to think about you ever again. And I don't want you in my life. *At all.*

ALISHA

David --

DAVID

Get out. Leave. Now.

Alisha stares at him, mouth agape and tears forming in her eyes.

DAVID (CONT'D)

Leave.

CUE MUSIC: Echoes - *The Rapture*

David winces in pain again.

Alisha slowly walks towards the door and exits. Once she gets out, she turns the corner but quickly SINKS to the floor, sadness overcoming her. She cries, and cries, and cries, and cries...

As does David.

BLACKOUT .

END OF EPISODE