

## Gone For Good Script

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### Prologue:

*(Aubrey and Zoey are standing center stage in the hallway talking to each other. The backdrop throughout the play will be a huge school hallway. The hallway is narrow and the walls are surrounded by lockers, posters, etc. Whole stage is lit.)*

**Zoey:** OMG! Aubrey do you remember that time when we played that prank on my brother?

**Aubrey:** Yes, he kept sneezing cheese for a whole week!

**Zoey:** My mom grounded me for like a month!

*(Aubrey and Zoey start laughing)*

**Aubrey:** Then that one time when we freed the chickens from the petting zoo.

**Zoey:** We had to run for hours to get away from the chickens, and the adults!

*(They laugh again)*

**Aubrey:** I can't believe I've known you for eleven years, that's insane.

**Zoey:** *(Smiles)* Not as insane compared to how we met.

**Aubrey:** We should write a book, The story of Zoey and Aubrey, how two kids met while throwing up from eating green eggs and ham, stupid sam I am.

*(Beep goes off, sound of a text message. Zoey checks her phone.)*

**Zoey:** *(Excited)* Yes! Chris just messaged me, he says he can meet up with me after school to study!

*(Aubrey chuckles at Zoey's excitement)*

**Zoey:** *(Teasing)* Do you approve of him for me, my dearest friend?

**Aubrey:** I have no problem with him, his friends Brittany and Mandy however, I have problems with.

**Zoey:** What do you mean? They're pretty cool.

**Aubrey:** Do you like not hear them or something? They call me a fat pig everyday. They always have something to say about how I look.

**Zoey:** I know that's hard for you. *(Pause)* I wouldn't want to struggle with that everyday, then go home and feel like crap. I hate to see you in so much pain, especially what you constantly do to yourself and-

**Aubrey:** Shh. The last thing I want is people to know, then they'll actually have a reason to bully me.

**Zoey:** There is nothing wrong with being insecure Aubrey, if people found out they would understand.

**Aubrey:** People are cruel, it doesn't matter.

*(Another text message is heard, Aubrey looks down at her phone and smiles.)*

**Zoey:** *(Curious)* Who is it?

**Aubrey:** Chris.

*(Aubrey looks down at her phone, laughs, then sends a text back, Zoey watches intensely.)*

**Zoey:** *(Concerned)* I didn't know you guys were so close...

**Aubrey:** We're not really THAT close we just talk a lot during math, since we sit next to each other.

**Zoey:** *(Forcefully laughs)* Oh cool!

*(There's an awkward pause until Zoey breaks the silence.)*

**Zoey:** You should ask if he likes me.

**Aubrey:** Excuse me?

**Zoey:** Yeah, seems like he would tell you. If you guys talk and text all the time..

**Aubrey:** What's that supposed to mean?

**Zoey:** Nothing! Will you just ask?

**Aubrey:** Why don't you ask him for yourself?

**Zoey:** Aubrey I'm serious. I need to know so I'm not wasting any time.

**Aubrey:** You're not wasting any time liking Chris, even if you don't know how he feels.

**Zoey:** But if you could know how he feels then why waste the opportunity?

**Aubrey:** You mean if I know how he feels..

**Zoey:** Yeah.. so then you could tell me!

**Aubrey:** *(Concerned)* How bad do you need to know?

**Zoey:** It's bad. I never stop thinking about him!

**Aubrey:** Okay.

**Zoey:** Can you ask?

**Aubrey:** I don't know!

**Zoey:** *(Pause)* Do you like him or something?

**Aubrey:** No, no. *(Pause, shakes head and waves hands, talks fast.)* No, no, no. I could never be with him anyway.

**Zoey:** Well why not?

**Aubrey:** Brittany and Mandy would judge him. Either way he would be humiliated to be seen with me.

**Zoey:** C'mon he's so, *(Looking in to the distance)* nice, caring, sweet, accepting, kind, and-

**Aubrey:** *(Laughs)* Okay I get it.

**Zoey:** *(Pause)* Well don't worry about Brittany and Mandy they are obviously just jealous, just focus on the good things, like Chris.

*(Aubrey rolls her eyes in a joking way, then laughs. A bell rings and they exit stage right talking to each other.)*

## **Parados:**

*(Two popular kids and two geeks are standing together.)*

**Popular Kid 1:** Zoey and Aubrey are connected together by memories and secrets, two things that can determine who you are as a person.

**Geek 1:** A memory could be very precious to you, something that will always be able to provide you some closure. A link to happiness and a chance to escape through something you've already lived through.

**Popular Kid 2:** A secret is also powerful. Secrets are something that can take over your life, especially when someone you trusted lets them escape from their lips.

**Geek 2:** When that secret is revealed, you will be obtaining different memories. If that secret is personal enough, your mind will begin to be haunted by awful thoughts.

**Popular Kid 1:** Once it's available for people to discuss and process, your life will never be the same. Like Aubrey said, people are cruel.

**Geek 1:** You will no longer reminisce joy or take gratitude in your past achievements. The only thing you'll be able to feel is despair for something that once only you had comfort in knowing.

**Popular Kid 2:** Your anger towards whoever decided to tell everyone will occupy your emotions, and change your vision of trust.

**Geek 2:** The terrible feeling is that you'll feel disappointed if you think people will care for you the way you care for them. You cherish their presence, and love them deeply. But everything will change once you see what they're willing to exchange from you for their own happiness.

### **Scene One:**

*(Zoey and Aubrey are standing in the hallway talking to each other, stage left. Chris walks in stage right)*

**Chris:** *(Looks at Zoey and waves)* Hey Zoey!

**Zoey:** *(Excitedly looks over at Chris, flirtatiously)* Oh hey Chris!

*(Chris and Zoey walk to center stage, Aubrey follows behind Zoey. Chris cuts through Zoey to face Aubrey.)*

**Chris:** Hey Aubrey, how's it going?

**Aubrey:** *(Smile on her face as she turns to Chris)* Hey Chris, I'm fine, you know the usual. How about you?

**Chris:** *(Looking into Aubrey's eyes)* I'm great.

*(Aubrey continues smiling and staring at him. Zoey looks over at them with jealousy.)*

**Zoey:** Hey Chris I was wondering what time we should meet up after school? So I can help you with your English packet, and we can study?

**Chris:** I actually can't today.

**Zoey:** I thought you were free on Tuesdays?

**Chris:** Yeah, but I have this math test that's worth sixty points, me and Aubrey found out yesterday.

**Aubrey:** I'm helping him after school.

**Zoey:** *(Disappointed, trying not to let it show)* Oh. Yeah-yeah that's fine, no big deal. I actually forgot that I made plans with Mandy and Brittany.

**Aubrey:** *(Under her breath)* What?

**Zoey:** Um yeah! They asked me, couldn't really back out of it.

**Chris:** Cool, maybe another time. *(Looks away from Zoey and stares at Aubrey, Aubrey is fidgeting with her hands and her shirt)* I really like your shirt Aubrey.

**Aubrey:** Thanks! You too.. or is that a hoodie? *(smiling)*

**Chris:** *(Laughs and looks down at his hoodie)* Yeah. Do you want to get to class a little early?

**Aubrey:** Sure! *(Chris and Aubrey begin to exit stage left)* See you at lunch Zoey.

**Zoey:** Bye.

**Chris:** Bye. *(Chris and Aubrey walk offstage.)*

*(Mandy and Brittany walk in stage right, talking non-stop to each other. They walk center stage to Zoey.)*

**Zoey:** Hey guys!

**Mandy:** Why are Chris and Aubrey walking together across the hall?

**Zoey:** Umm they're just going to class.

**Brittany:** Together?

**Zoey:** Yep.

**Mandy:** Wow, that's low. Especially for Chris.

**Zoey:** How is that low?

**Mandy:** Aubrey's a freak.

**Brittany:** She's SO weird too.

**Mandy:** That's like the same thing Brittany!

**Zoey:** It's not that she's weird, it's that she's all of a sudden become super close to Chris.

**Mandy:** How could someone lame like her be friends with Chris? Chris isn't doing her any favors anyway. He sees Aubrey for the stupid desperate girl she is, *(fake pouty face)* just wanting a friend for once. But we all know he's going to use her for her answers in math or something stupid like that.

**Zoey:** Chris is just as good at math as Aubrey.

**Mandy:** Fine something else then, it doesn't matter. *(Looks at Brittany with a smirk)* She's still a loser.

**Zoey:** Chris is a nice guy. He probably pities her for how vulnerable she comes across.

*(Mandy and Brittany laugh, Zoey looks unsure but then smiles. Zoey feels better after talking behind Aubrey's back.)*

**Brittany:** Aubrey needs to look into a mirror and see the loser she really is, then she'll realize boys like Chris will never actually want her.

*(Zoey looks down, taking in the insults being said about Aubrey. Bell rings. Mandy and Brittany begin to exit stage left)*

**Brittany:** Are you coming Zoey?

**Zoey:** *(hesitates)* Of course.

*(They all exit together.)*

## **Chorus One:**

*(Two popular kids and two geeks are standing together.)*

**Popular Kid 1:** Zoey is content with her new reputation starting to rise, she gains confidence whenever she is slightly involved with the popular crowd. Her mind is wrapped around the idea of her special allegiance with Brittany and Mandy.

**Geek 1:** Aubrey is now an obstacle for Zoey to become who she wants to be. I pity Aubrey for the treatment she receives. She is abandoned from her only friend, left alone to wonder why no one respects her.

**Popular Kid 2:** I wish Zoey was aware of the mistakes she doesn't know she has already made. Zoey is full of happiness and toleration now that she finally has a voice.

**Geek 2:** Zoey will take pride in the acceptance from everyone. She'll cherish each individual moment she has to be appreciated. But all that joy can easily be replaced with regret. Regret not only for the sorrow Aubrey will now occupy, but for the actions that have already begun.

## **Scene Two:**

*(Chris, Brittany, and Mandy are center stage in the hallway talking to each other.)*

**Mandy:** Yesterday Aubrey was so pathetic and embarrassing, what a loser.

**Chris:** Get over yourself.. just shut up about Aubrey for once. All you do is talk shit about her.

**Mandy:** She deserves all the hate she gets.

**Brittany:** *(Nodding while looking off in the distance)* You're so right Mandy.

**Chris:** *(Judgmental look at Brittany, then looks at Mandy)* Why do you guys hate her so much?!  
*(Pause, Mandy adjusts her posture while looking down with sad expression)*

**Mandy:** She has it all with her amazing grades, perfect family and her life just seems great. It's not fair!

**Chris:** *(Harshly)* It seems pretty miserable with you guys bullying her all the time. *(Short pause)*  
Do you even like Zoey?

**Mandy:** Of course!

*(Chris stares at Mandy, then makes eye contact with Brittany. Brittany immediately turns to look at Mandy.)*

**Mandy:** *(Sighs)* Not really. If we're friends with her we can use her to hurt Aubrey.

**Chris:** You're kidding me.

**Brittany:** *(Laughing)* Why would she joke about that?

**Chris:** Are you seriously just using Zoey? You actually think she's willing to help you hurt Aubrey? Just because she knows a lot about her doesn't mean she would help you.

**Mandy:** Oh, I know she'll help. It's not like we're not giving her anything in return.

**Brittany:** *(Disgusted)* God, we're not that cruel.

**Chris:** Then what are you doing for Zoey?!

**Mandy:** Giving her what she wants! Everyone to like her.. as much as people like us. Popularity, to be simple.

**Chris:** Who's going to want to be best friends with someone responsible for ruining a person's life?

**Brittany:** She'll just be popular! I mean, we're already popular. Mandy and I will know how to help her if we've already gotten this far. We're like, the best at this.

**Mandy:** Brittany, that's not what he's talking about. He thinks everyone is going to hate Zoey if they know she was the one who hurt Aubrey.

**Brittany:** Oh. *(Snotty)* My mom says to be understanding when someone has an obvious reason to be hated for. Maybe everyone will just focus on Aubrey being exposed for whatever we find out about her.

**Mandy:** It doesn't even matter what happens to Zoey in the long run, let her think she's gaining acceptance when in reality she's eventually going to be hated by everyone.

**Chris:** *(Has obviously had enough)* This is.. pathetic. *(Exiting stage right)* I'm not going to be involved in something this immature.

*(Mandy and Brittany turn to face each other. Mandy is upset)*

**Brittany:** I think that went great. We have a plan and stuff. What's wrong?

**Mandy:** I don't give a crap about what happens to Aubrey. I care about Chris.. a lot. Aubrey is just taking him away from me.

**Brittany:** We're the ones that hang out with him everyday.

**Mandy:** Chris really likes Aubrey.. everyone knows that. Except Zoey. She's so oblivious.

**Brittany:** Then we just need to do something to make him hate Aubrey along with everyone else.

**Mandy:** *(Snickering)* Exactly, and Zoey's the only one that can make sure that will happen.

## **Chorus Two:**

*(Two popular kids and two geeks are standing together.)*

**Popular Kid 1:** Your motives are not determined by your words, whether they are kind or not.

**Geek 1:** They are determined by your cold expressions, twisted thoughts, and the way you could let something go so easily, even if it once meant everything to you.

**Popular Kid 2:** It can be easy to forget, if there's something better worth remembering in your reach.

**Geek 2:** The only person who knows their true intentions is themselves; but that doesn't mean they understand them.

**Popular Kid 1:** Jealousy is a huge factor in one's motives, one that could fill your conscience with constant savagery. Jealousy doesn't just control you, it hungers for you.

**Geek 1:** The outcome of it is horrible, because once you can finally see the results, you'll realize you can't take it back.

**Popular Kid 2:** The key to acceptance is not through thriving to become a different version of yourself, and it's not through sacrificing a person that's preventing you to get what you want.

**Geek 2:** You cannot prove yourself by destroying something so important to you. *(pause)* Never regret anything because at one point-

**EVERYONE IN CHORUS:** -it was exactly what you wanted. *(Chorus exits stage, lights go off)*

### **Scene Three:**

*(Chris, Brittany, Mandy and Zoey are sitting together at lunch center stage, talking)*

**Chris:** *(Laughing)* Yeah, I heard Mr. Davis collects empty cans of cat food in his desk.

**Mandy:** What the hell?

**Zoey:** Really?

**Chris:** I'm not even kidding.

**Brittany:** *(Thinks she's being amusing)* No one eats cat food! *(Long pause while everyone stares at her, she smiles and stares back)*

**Chris:** Umm I think it's for a giveaway or something.

**Mandy:** *(Now bored at the topic)* It would have to be one of those stupid things where you can collect one hundred cat food lids to win a trip to the Eiffel Tower.

**Zoey:** Or a bunch of cat toys. He could have a cat.

**Brittany:** He doesn't seem like a cat person... where's the Eiffel Tower?

**Mandy:** *(to Chris)* How did you hear about this anyway?

**Chris:** Luke.

**Mandy:** Luke? You never talk to him.

**Chris:** Yeah but I had reasons to yesterday. *(Pause)* He was being such a douche. He was literally rating every girl in our grade on hotness.

**Zoey:** What did he rate me?

**Chris:** That doesn't matter, it's when he got to Aubrey. Just saying stuff like, "She would be below the negatives, if possible. Aubrey's so gross."

**Zoey:** Jerk.

**Mandy:** But how does you talking to him come into this?

**Chris:** I stood up for Aubrey.

*(Zoey looks down. Mandy remains eye contact with Chris.)*

**Mandy:** *Why?*

**Chris:** *Why?*

**Mandy:** Yeah. *Why?*

**Chris:** Because I had to. Shouldn't be that hard for you guys to understand, not even for Brittany.

**Zoey:** *(Suddenly looks up)* Well that's really nice of you to do, Chris.

*(Mandy and Brittany look at each other as Chris smiles to Zoey.)*

**Brittany:** *(Friendly tone of voice)* So why are you friends with Aubrey, Zo?

**Zoey:** She's a great person. *(Shrugs)* I just really like her and I've known her for awhile.

**Mandy:** If you've known her for awhile then you must know a lot about her.

*(Chris rolls his eyes and looks somewhere else)*

**Zoey:** Um yeah.

**Brittany:** Wanna exchange some secrets?

**Zoey:** Wait, what?

**Mandy:** It's what we do! It's like gossiping, but.. *good* gossiping.

**Brittany:** *(Talks really fast, nods obnoxiously)* Yeah. Good gossiping.

**Zoey:** I don't understand what you guys mean.

**Mandy:** I say a secret, and you say one. They're not supposed to be about yourself, they're supposed to be about someone else. And it can't be a rumor. *(Smiles)* So I would say Brittany always sleeps with her special stuffed frog every single night, then-

**Brittany:** Mandy! That's actually really personal to me.

**Mandy:** That's the point. Your turn Zoey.

**Zoey:** *(Thinks about it, closes her eyes for a brief moment)* Aubrey has this crazy ritual before she goes to sleep. It's weird. She has to listen to piano for five minutes and have two glasses of milk. If she doesn't do that, then she can't sleep.

**Mandy:** *(Forced laughter)* Wow! That's a good one. So good. More like that and we could invite you to play this game at Vanessa's house when EVERYONE is there. You'd make it so fun.

**Zoey:** That'd.. be really fun! It's kind of messed up though. This could really cause emotional problems for someone.

**Mandy:** C'mon. You won't feel guilty when you're doing it.

**Zoey:** *(while Chris is getting up)* Yeah, I will.

**Chris:** Alright, this is getting ridiculous. *(Begins to walk stage left.)* See you guys later. *(Exits stage left.)*

**Mandy:** Oh my god see what you did? You just made a fool out of yourself in front of Chris.

**Brittany:** Embarrassing. He probably thinks you're scared to do anything now.

**Zoey:** *(Serious)* Shoot.

**Mandy:** You won't feel ashamed after. It actually feels like some weights being lifted off your chest. *(Casually)* Everyone will think you're cool anyway.

**Zoey:** *(Nervous)* Fine! I do know something. Something really bad about Aubrey.

*(Brittany and Mandy look at Zoey smiling, waiting for her to continue)*

**Zoey:** Aubrey.. well, actually... Okay. Ever since freshmen year Aubrey's been struggling with bulimia. She won't listen to me when I tell her she needs to get help because I hate seeing her deal with it. She's such a strong person but as soon as she's alone I think she breaks. Insults from you guys and even self doubt cause her to seek another image of herself.

**Brittany:** She really does that to herself? I never knew she was so unconfident that she would make herself throw up.



**Zoey:** That's the thing, I don't think she ever intended for me to know. I came to her house a year ago to see if I left my backpack there and I caught her in front of the toilet sobbing. She had to tell me. *(Pause)* I wasn't even supposed to know. No one was, she's afraid of people thinking she's weaker than they already think she is.

*(Brittany is speechless, Mandy shocked.)*

**Mandy:** Holy shit.. That's serious.. imagine what would happen if everyone knew something so horrible. *(Zoey shakes her head, Mandy has convincing expression)* No, think about it, we just put it on Instagram and *BAM*. So many people would come up to you, asking you about it.

Wondering your name, wanting to know more. You'll be way too popular to be friends with us.

**Zoey:** I.. just can't tell anyone else. No way. It's a serious disorder that's already ruined her, I don't even want to think about what would happen if everyone knew about it.

**Brittany:** You're wussing out on something..that would make your life so much better.

**Mandy:** I knew you were just a nervous wreck. *(turns to Brittany)* Let's go find Chris, Brittany. He won't believe how much of a coward Zoey is. Not even willing to do something for herself.

*(Mandy and Brittany exit stage left, leaving Zoey sitting alone. Zoey buries her face in her hands, then looks up.)*

**Zoey:** Wait... just let me think about it.

**Mandy:** *(In a sarcastic way)* No worries take your time.

**Zoey:** How can I please myself and gain acceptance from everyone at the same time? *(Pause)* Chris is just talking to Aubrey because he feels bad for her, but I guess he wants her to be hurt too. Doesn't he get humiliating Aubrey won't end good for anyone? *(Zoey shakes her head)* But Mandy has a point. This could mean something I've never been able to find. Some recognition, being appreciated for once. She'll eventually get over it. I mean, she's an easy-going person. This could make Aubrey realize she needs to stop doing this to herself. If Aubrey is my real friend and wants the best for me, then she will understand. *(Lights dim)*

### **Chorus Three:**

*(Two popular kids and two geeks are standing together.)*

**Popular Kid 1:** Sometimes when you make a mistake you have no idea how badly it will affect your future. You might feel like it's the right thing at the time.

**Geek 1:** There's so much to say about what the right thing really is. It could be the right thing for yourself, or for everyone around you.

**Popular Kid 2:** Maybe it's not benefiting anyone. You could be doing it because you can. You could make everything different, and you could do something no one has done before.

**Geek 2:** It's that moment when you flip a coin in the air, or when you shake hands for a bet. As soon as the coin is flying in the air, or when your shaky palms meet, you finally realize what you really want.

**Popular Kid 1:** It's also what you're willing to risk for something significant. The worst part is you're blinded from everything else around you. You cannot see everyone's misery through your brainwashed eyes.

**Geek 1:** *(sad expression)* There is no such thing as second chances when you have already declined multiple opportunities from the people you once were willing to give anything to.

**Popular Kid 2:** The war with yourself will end, eventually. You'll be overjoyed, happy now that you're free of your horrid thoughts. Except there is a time after a wave crashes down, erupting in the ocean.

**Geek 2:** The water smooths itself out, much like you do when you recover after a long battle. Except, the ocean isn't prepared when the next storm comes.

**EVERYONE IN CHORUS:** And neither are you, when the guilt stacks like paper in your chest.

#### **Scene 4:**

*(Mandy, Brittany, and Zoey are stage left. Mandy is on her phone)*

**Mandy:** There. I posted her secret everywhere. Now all we have to do is sit back and watch as Aubrey gets swarmed by people who are going to pretend to care, but are really just going to laugh at her when she starts to cry and beg for their pity. *(Mandy snickers)* That's what she gets.

**Brittany:** Now the whole school will know what a waste of space she is.

**Mandy:** Yeah and just so we know for sure that everyone knows, I posted it on everything, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and I texted EVERYONE in school. After they see it, she'll wish she could go back to the loser she is now.

**Zoey:** Are you guys sure this is a good idea? I mean we could always just go do something else...

**Mandy:** It is, don't chicken out now. It's too late anyway, it's been done and you watched it happen without saying a single word.

**Brittany:** Yeah it's too late, and plus you're popular now so who cares what happens to Aubrey. You're the second person everyone is going to be interested in once they know about her.

**Mandy:** Yeah, she only has Chris and once he'll finally realize what a loser she is he'll come back to us.

*(A group of students, the chorus, enter stage left then walk center stage. Then Aubrey enters stage right. Zoey looks over at Brittany and Mandy, they nod their heads. Aubrey looks around and sees that everyone is looking, whispering and laughing in her direction.)*

**Aubrey:** *(Walks center stage to one of the kids)* Do you know what's going on? What's everyone whispering about?

**Popular Kid 1:** Oh my god, Aubrey really?

**Geek 2:** *(Staring at phone)* What the-

**Geek 1:** This can't be true!

**Popular Kid 2:** Hey Aubrey! Wanna sit at lunch together? Oh wait, wouldn't want to be complained to about your weight for forty minutes.

**Popular Kid 1:** Or possibly covered in vomit.

**Aubrey:** How do you guys- *(Processing people know about her secret)* What?!

**Geek 1:** Is this for attention or something? I can't believe it..

**Popular Kid 2:** Who would want attention for something like that?

**Popular Kid 1:** That's a new low, even for you Aubrey.

**Geek 2:** Aubrey.. *(Looks up and down at her body)* Is this for real? *(Aubrey begins to bite her lip, tears get in her eyes. Geek 2 walks up to her and hands her his phone. Aubrey takes a moment to scan his phone, then she forcefully hands it back to him. Aubrey looks up in the direction of Brittany, Mandy, and Zoey.)*

**Aubrey:** I hope you're happy, Zoey. *(Walks closer to them, stage left)* I really hope you got what you've always wanted. It must feel amazing, to not care about anything else except your reputation. *(Sobbing)* But who am I to talk about popularity? Because I'm ruined for good. *(Pause, crying)* I can't even live with myself anymore. *(Aubrey runs offstage right. Zoey tries to chase after her but right before she can Mandy grabs her arm.)*

**Mandy:** Good job Zo, I guess you're not that bad after all.

**Zoey:** *(Still looking in the direction Aubrey ran off)* Then why do I feel like I just got punched in the stomach.

**Mandy:** It's because you've been waiting so long to do this.

**Brittany:** Yeah now she won't follow you around like a lost puppy.

**Zoey:** No, something's wrong!

**Mandy:** Don't worry sweetie, you'll get over it. She was a loser anyway. She deserved everything she got.

*(Mandy and Brittany walk off stage left laughing and looking at the phone. Group of students, chorus, exits stage right. Some are looking at their phones reading, some are giving weird looks to Zoey. Chris walks in stage left, angry.)*

**Chris:** What the hell Zoey! What did you guys do?! I just saw Aubrey running out of the school. I tried talking to her but she just kept crying. She's a mess. She eventually told me to come and ask you.

**Zoey:** I did what you wanted me to do. I followed with Brittany and Mandy's plan. They said that that's the reason you didn't like me was because I could never do something terrible to Aubrey.

**Chris:** *(Looks at Zoey with disgust in his eyes)* I would never want this. Are you stupid! Why would I want to ruin someone's life?

**Zoey:** But Brittany and Mandy said-

**Chris:** And you listened to them?! You've let yourself become so obsessed with nothing but you. Every single thing has been done to make sure you end up happy.

**Zoey:** Are you really going to accuse me of being so rotten when you don't even know why I had to do it? I was just trying to get you to like me and for me to finally.. have acceptance.

**Chris:** Let me ask you Zoey, was it all really worth this? Losing your best friend since preschool, AND yourself. I don't even know who you are, do you?

**Zoey:** Look Chris, it's still me, I'm still the same. I just made a mistake. Aubrey will get over it!

**Chris:** Are you serious right now?! Zoey do you realize what you've done? You ruined her life, now everyone knows and the worst part is you don't even realize the impact of your actions. You are a monster and I could never ever associate myself with someone like that. No one is going to appreciate you when they find out you were the one who caused Aubrey all this pain.

**Zoey:** I didn't mean for all this to turn out like this... I-

**Chris:** Well what DID you think was gonna happen Zoey?

**Zoey:** I don't know... just not this... something that would make me into someone I've always wanted to be. I didn't know that it would turn Aubrey's life into a living hell.

**Chris:** I'm going to go check on Aubrey. *(Exits stage left. Zoey paces around and eventually falls to the ground. She buries her face in her hands and cries. Chris enters stage left after ten seconds.)* Oh my god.. *(Zoey looks up)* Everyone is saying that Aubrey is running to her house.

**Zoey:** She's leaving?! What is she going to do there?

**Chris:** *(while Zoey is standing up)* Did she say something to you before all of this?

**Zoey:** She said she couldn't put up with her pathetic life and-

**Chris:** Zoey. Do you realize what she could be doing?! *(He exits, leaving Zoey alone. Zoey cries, lights dim)*

#### **Chorus 4:**

*(Two popular kids and two geeks are standing together.)*

**Popular Kid 1:** Zoey has done so much only to receive despair in return.

**Geek 1:** It doesn't matter how much or how little you give, the only thing that matters is what you're giving. Zoey did not do anything to benefit the people around her.

**Popular Kid 2:** The people around her will suffer with the consequences Zoey has created. However, that doesn't mean Zoey won't suffer as well. She has craved popularity for so long, and maybe she'll finally get it.

**Geek 2:** She'll be known for her actions that have spiraled into something horrible. Something that she can't reverse.

**Popular Kid 1:** When you're committing something that means the world to you, the possible outcome is invisible until it's the only thing that can be seen.

**Geek 1:** When the guilt takes over and you feel the pangs of regret, you'll be willing to do anything to change it.

**Popular Kid 2:** It doesn't matter what you're willing to change to get back what you wanted. *(Pause)* It doesn't matter you are now facing the pain you have caused others.

**Geek 2:** It matters that you've lost so many people that were important to you, but you never saw how special they were when you were focusing on something that seemed more special to you.

#### **Exodus:**

*(Zoey walks in stage left, there are kids standing around looking at her with either sad, angry, or disappointed expressions. Zoey looks around confusingly, then runs over to Brittany and Mandy who are center stage.)*

**Zoey:** Why is everyone staring at me like I did something? I thought you said people wouldn't be angry with me, only curious about Aubrey.

*(Brittany tilts her head looking at Zoey weirdly, and Mandy lets out a little laugh.)*

**Mandy:** Didn't you hear? She's gone.

**Zoey:** What are you talking about?

**Mandy:** She's gone for good. She committed suicide last night.

**Brittany:** Yeah, I could hear all the ambulances by her house, but apparently it was too late.

**Zoey:** She actually.. no.. You guys are kidding right? Please tell me you're kidding.

**Mandy:** What else would she do? I mean, it's not a huge surprise, if I was her I would ended my life awhile ago.

**Zoey:** *(In denial)* How do you know?! Who found her?

**Mandy:** Chris, he got in his car to follow her home yesterday when she ran away during school. He's been telling people her house was locked when he got there, but he called the police. When they finally busted down the door they found her.

**Zoey:** Did she leave a note?

**Mandy:** I don't know Zoey.

**Brittany:** You shouldn't be caring.

**Zoey:** Oh my gosh I can't believe this, it's all my fault...

*(Zoey begins to cry, Chris walks on stage right, Zoey sees him and runs to him)*

**Zoey:** Chris, oh my gosh are you okay? I-I'm so sorry! Why does this have to be true?!

**Chris:** *(Looks down at Zoey)* Just stop please.

**Zoey:** *(Shouting)* No! Just listen to me. I didn't want any of this to happen.

**Chris:** YOU KEEP SAYING THAT BUT YOU DON'T REALIZE IT'S TOO LATE. She died because she couldn't stand you betraying her and constantly having to be treated terrible from everyone. Including you, you were her best friend, her only friend and you turned your back on her for something as dumb as popularity. Something that won't matter in a couple years. Seriously Zoey just stop and leave me alone.

**Zoey:** Please Chris, just hear me out.

**Chris:** *(Raises voice)* Zoey I told you to stop! Do you not realize what you've done? Your best friend committed suicide because of you! I cant look at you without being disgusted. Leave me alone! *(Chris runs off stage right and Zoey tries to follow, but then stops herself. She looks around to find everyone giving her evil looks. Zoey runs stage left. Lights dim.)*