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Dialogues / Drama / 3 min
Cast 2 Female x1 Male x1

June has decided to report what a teacher did in the physics lab. Dev was in the room when it happened, and the same teacher is writing his college letter. On the school roof after hours, he asks her to wait. She already knows what it will cost him.

CHARACTERS

JUNE - 17, sharp, decided, more scared than she lets on

DEV - 16, likable, conflict-averse, the kind of kid teachers love

SETTING

The roof of a public high school, just after the last bus has left, early evening in October.

The roof of a high school. Almost dark. The stairwell door is propped open with a brick. JUNE, 17, sits on the edge of an air vent with her backpack in her lap.

DEV, 16, comes through the door, out of breath.

DEV

You're not supposed to be up here.

JUNE

You're up here.

DEV

I followed you up here. That's different.

He sits. Not close.

DEV

So.

JUNE

So.

DEV

Maddie said you're going to Ruiz tomorrow.
First period.

JUNE

Maddie should mind her business.

DEV

Are you?

JUNE

Yeah.

DEV

Okay.

(pause)

Can I just... can I say one thing?

JUNE

You're gonna say it anyway.

DEV

It's not that I don't believe you.

JUNE

Great start.

DEV

I do. I believe you. I was there for half of it, June, I'm not... I know what I saw.

JUNE

Then what's the one thing.

DEV

It's just, the timing. Regionals are in three weeks. And Hale's the one who signs off on the whole... if he gets pulled, they don't just get a sub, they cancel the trip, the whole team's done, that's Ty's whole senior year, that's...

JUNE

Say it.

DEV

What.

JUNE

Whose whole senior year.

DEV

I said Ty's.

JUNE

Dev.

DEV

He's writing my letter, okay? He's the only teacher who's ever... My mom already told her sister I'm getting in. She told the whole church.

JUNE

So I should wait until after you get in.

DEV

That's not what I said.

JUNE

It's kinda what you said.

DEV

I'm asking you to think about it. That's all. Like, what actually happened. He put his hand on your back. He said a weird thing. That's... I'm not saying it's nothing.

JUNE

You're saying it's nothing.

DEV

I'm saying people are gonna say it's nothing. And then it's your name, forever, in this building. Not his. Yours.

JUNE

You think I don't know that?

Silence. She picks at the strap of her backpack.

JUNE

You know what the weird thing was? Not the hand. The hand I could explain away. It was after. When I looked at you. And you were looking at the floor.

DEV

June...

JUNE

You looked at the floor, and then you laughed. Like he'd made a joke.

DEV

I didn't know what to do.

JUNE

Yeah. Me neither. That's kinda the whole problem.

DEV

If you go to Ruiz, he's gonna ask who else was there.

JUNE

Yeah.

DEV

And you're gonna say me.

JUNE

I'm gonna tell the truth. You were there.

DEV

And then I have to sit in that office and say I saw it and I laughed.

JUNE

(quiet)

Yeah.

DEV

That's what it costs me. It's not the letter. I can get a letter.

JUNE

I know.

DEV

So you knew that, and you're still...

JUNE

I didn't come up here to ask you, Dev. I came up here because it's the only place he can't walk in.

He takes that in. A long beat. He pulls out his phone, thumbs it, puts it away.

DEV

What time.

JUNE

What?

DEV

Ruiz. First period. What time is that, like 7:50?

JUNE

7:45.

DEV

I'm not gonna be able to say it right.

JUNE

You don't have to say it right. You just have to say it.

DEV

(almost a laugh)
That's exactly what he'd say.

JUNE

Yeah. Well. He's not up here.

She stands. Shoulders her backpack. He doesn't get up yet.

DEV

June. If I'm gonna do this, I'm not doing it so you'll forgive me.

JUNE

Good. 'Cause I haven't decided.

She goes to the door. Holds it open. After a moment, he gets up.

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