Hidden Secrets

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1 EXT. WOODS- NIGHT

Six teenagers standing in the middle of the woods looking up at the dead body of a girl who was once their best friend hanging on a tree.

2 INT. HIGH SCHOOL- HALLWAY- DAY- FLASHBACK

The bell rings and the hallways are filled with students rushing to get to their lockers, or to their cars or to wherever they needed to be.

Six teenagers opened their lockers a note fell out with their names written to them.

NOTE

Remember how much fun we used to have together? Remember all the secrets you all swore you would take to the grave? All the promises made and all the memories? I remember them, it's time for all of you to remember too. Meet me at The Waterfall at 7pm. Love you bitches.

PS: If you don't show up, all your secrets will be revealed.

Confused by the note they all make eye contact with each other trying to decide if this is a joke. But just as the moment came, the moment left. Each one of them closed their lockers and headed their separate ways like they always did.

3 EXT. WOODS- NIGHT

All six stand there looking at each other confused and irritated.

SABRINA

Okay, joke's over, I'm serious.

RILEY

And what makes you think there's a joke being played?

SABRINA

I mean come on really? What are we in Pretty Little Liars? We all know Maddison moved away years ago, why the hell would she be back now and threatening us?

JOSH

For once, I have to agree with Sabrina, I mean what's the point of all of this?

RILEY

And how does it make sense that one of us is doing this?

COLE

Look, if you are all done arguing, I have better things to do with my time.

JOSH

Like what, hooking up with the entire cheerleading squad?

COLE

Aw, is someone jealous?

OLIVER

This is ridiculous

SABRINA

You're awfully quiet back there Valentina.

VALENTINA

Surprised you even remember my name. And why would I want to be around all of you again? You are nothing but toxic.

RILEY

This was a waste of time. I'm going home.

They start to walk back to their cars but a spine chilling scream makes them stop.

OLIVER

Please tell me somebody else heard that.

RILEY

I think it came from back there.

Riley stars walking towards where the noise came from.

SABRINA

Riley where are you going?

RILEY

Somebody might be in trouble. Well are you just going to let me go alone?

OLIVER

Eh, what the hell, this should be interesting.

Oliver, Josh and Sabrina follow her.

COLE

What? Not a fan of creepy screams in the middle of the woods.

VALENTINA

In every horror movie this is how the group of teenagers die, so no, not a fan.

COLE

Well then. Come on, unless you want to stay alone.

VALENTINA

What if someone is trying to scare us?

COLE

Don't worry, I'll protect you.
 (He puts his arm around her shoulders.)
Just like old times.

VALENTINA

COLE

Whatever you say princess.

They start walking trying to catch up with the other as all of them disappear deeper into the woods.

Another scream makes Cole and Valentina run but they come to a sudden stop with the others, all of their mouths hanging open.

Riley is on the floor crying as Josh holds her. Sabrina, Oliver and Cole look away but Valentina could only stare.

OLIVER

We need to call the police.

SABRINA

I'll do it

She takes out her phone and starts walking away looking for signal

OLIVER

I'm going to go with her.

Josh takes Riley with him leaving Cole and Valentina alone.

COLE

Valentina we should go. Valentina come on.

Valentina ignores him and walks closer reaching her hand up until her fingers grace the body. Her eyes water and her mouth trembles

COLE

Valentina.

Without speaking Cole grabs her hand and pulls her away.