

Advice

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INT. STUDY ROOM - EVENING

A quiet room. LILY sits at a table, pouring over open textbooks and notes. She appears stressed.

Her phone VIBRATES and Lily looks at the screen. A text from ALEX reads "Can't wait for tonight! We're gonna get so lit!" Lily SIGHS and turns over the phone. She runs her hands through her hair.

LILY
I really don't have time for this.
What do I do?

Suddenly, DEVIOUS appears on to the left of Lily at the end of the table. She wears a black leather jacket and dark makeup. Her chin rests on one of her hands.

DEVIOUS
Simple, don't go.

Lily whirls her head in shock.

LILY
Wait, who are you?

DEVIOUS
Duh, I'm you. Or at least the part of you who doesn't like wasting time. I'm here to help you make up your mind.

LILY
(slowly)
Shouldn't there be someone else over here?

Lily gestures to the other end of the table. Devious shakes her head.

DEVIOUS
Nice you isn't on the clock right now.

Lily gives her a look.

DEVIOUS
Consciousnesses need breaks too.

Lily shrugs.

LILY
So, you don't think I should go?

DEVIOUS

Correction: I know you shouldn't go. This girl has been driving you up the wall these past few days.

Lily opens her mouth to retort. Devious raises a finger.

DEVIOUS

Uh-uh. Don't try to deny that. I'm you, remember? I know what happened at the party on Thursday. Not to mention the whole homework fiasco.

LILY

She said she was sick.

DEVIOUS

Sure, copying answers minutes before class isn't suspicious at all.

Lily shakes her head.

LILY

You're right. She hasn't been the greatest recently. But she's still my friend. I don't want to blow off her party.

DEVIOUS

But...

Lily SIGHS.

LILY

But I have tests coming up and I'm stressed out. I could definitely use tonight to get ahead on things.

A pause. Lily slowly looks over at Devious.

DEVIOUS

Hey, don't look at me. You're the one who makes the final call, chief.

Lily ponders a moment then nods.

LILY

Okay, you know what, I am going to go, but only for a little while.

(MORE)

LILY (CONT'D)
I'll stay just to congratulate
her, but then leave to study the
rest of the night. Maybe she'll
realize something's up between us
and she'll bring it up on Monday.

DEVIOUS
And if she doesn't?

LILY
Then I'll talk to her about it.

Devious finger-guns. Lily gets up ready to leave but then
turns back to Devious, smiling.

LILY
You know, although this was pretty
biased, you're not that bad.
Thanks, mean me.

Devious narrows her eyes.

DEVIOUS
Don't push it.

Lily quickly turns around and leaves the room. Suddenly,
ANGEL appears on the other end of the table. She wears a
blue dress and flowers in her hair.

ANGEL
(enthusiastically)
Just clocked in! What'd I miss?

DEVIOUS
(smirking)
Just convinced us to rob a bank.

ANGEL
(yelling)
What?!

Devious CACKLES.

DEVIOUS
You're always so gullible!

Devious continues to laugh as Angel crosses her arms.

ANGEL
I can't help it!

THE END

