

INT. KAREN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Karen is laying in her bed. She looks very somber. There's a light knock on the door.

Ashley enters.

ASHLEY

Hey Karen.

Karen is surprised to hear Ashley's voice and turns around.

KAREN

Ashley. What are you doing here?

ASHLEY

You haven't been to school much this week. I just wanted to see how you were doing.

KAREN

I'm alright. Just feeling a little sick, that's all.

(pause)

How are you doing?

ASHLEY

I'm alright, I guess.

(beat)

Can we talk?

KAREN

Yeah, sure.

Ashley sits.

ASHLEY

I'm sorry for being a such a bitch to you before.

KAREN

You don't have to be sorry.

ASHLEY

No, I want to apologize. I guess I needed someone to blame for Kenny's death. I shouldn't have taken it out on you.

(pause)

I have to remember that you loved Kenny. He was a big part of your life, and I know he loved you, too.

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KAREN
(tearfully)
I miss him so much.

ASHLEY
Yeah, me too.

Ashley goes to Karen and tries to hug her, but she pulls away.

ASHLEY
Please, Karen, you can't shut down like this. He would want you to be happy.

Ashley doesn't know what to do, so she starts crying, too.

KAREN
Please. Stop. You have to leave. I want to be alone.

ASHLEY
No, please don't push me away. We can get through this together.

KAREN
No we can't. You don't understand.

ASHLEY
Understand what?

KAREN
I didn't love Kenny enough... and it *is* my fault he's dead.

ASHLEY
What are you talking about?

KAREN
I lied to you. I didn't try to stop Kenny from driving. I knew he was drunk, I didn't stop him.

ASHLEY
I know you guys had a fight, it's not your fault. Kenny shouldn't have gotten behind the wheel.

Karen cries even harder.

KAREN
But he did. He did, because I hurt him.

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ASHLEY

What do you mean?

KAREN

I was with Jason.

ASHLEY

Jason? He was there?

KAREN

Kenny came over and caught us in bed together. That's why he was so angry. He was out of his mind. He was gone before Jason or I could even stop him.

ASHLEY

You slept with Jason? He was Kenny's best friend.

KAREN

He asked me not to say anything about it. He said it wouldn't do any good to bring it up. But I can't stop thinking about what I did. It was just that one time... and I am so sorry... I'm so sorry...

She falls to the bed and loses it all together, bawling her eyes out. We see Ashley's grief turn to anger.

ASHLEY

No, no, stop blaming yourself. It's not your fault. It was not your fault.

Ashley gets up and heads out the door. Karen continues to cry as we...

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