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Characters

ALICE

IZZY, her sister.

Scene

Punk sister Alice and goody-goody sister Izzy meet up at the convenience store crime scene where their brother, the high school valedictorian, was killed in the course of committing a robbery.

(Convenience Store.

ALICE stands outside, by the solid brick wall, contemplating where to aim her graffiti. IZZY enters.)

IZZY. What are you doing here?

ALICE. Nothing.

IZZY. Yeah? Gosh, that's funny. Me too.

ALICE. Don't try it, Izzy, you're too much of a nerd.

(ALICE shakes the can.)

IZZY. Is that spray paint?

(ALICE just looks at her.)

IZZY. What are you gonna do with it?

ALICE. I guess I'm going to spray. Paint.

(Pause.)

IZZY. You left so early this morning. I thought—I don't know what I thought. And Mom couldn't take me to school, so I walked. I walked all the way here.

ALICE. You win a prize.

IZZY. Was this where—?

ALICE. That's what the police tape indicated.

IZZY. I don't think you're supposed to take that stuff down.

(They look at the pile that ALICE has dismantled.)

ALICE. Have some if you want.

IZZY. Okay.

(IZZY shyly takes a section of it and stuffs it in her backpack.)

ALICE. You can do all kinds of things now, Ethan's not around to—whatever. Whole new world.

IZZY. Funny, this was the one thing he didn't do exactly right.

(Pause.)

ALICE. Yeah.

IZZY. If they say he did it-

ALICE. That's the question?

IZZY. I mean, he did it.

ALICE. Yes.

(Pause.)

IZZY. I just don't know anymore.

ALICE. What don't you know?

IZZY. Well, I guess, like, how we-still love him.

ALICE. How could you possibly not know that?

IZZY. Alice-

ALICE. How could you possibly not know?

IZZY. They said—

ALICE. "How do we still love him?"

IZZY. You didn't look up to him like I did.

ALICE. Has this made you stupid?

IZZY. Alice, don't be mean—

ALICE. He was my brother, too.

IZZY. But he robbed people. He stole money—

ALICE. Yes.

IZZY. He made everybody think he was good.

ALICE. Don't you?

IZZY. What.

ALICE. Miss Do Everything Right. Miss Predictable. Miss Follow the Directions.

IZZY. I don't lie like that.

ALICE. Who finished your chemistry project last month?

(Pause.)

IZZY. That's not-

ALICE. Right.

IZZY. You're better at chemistry than me.

ALICE. I had to take it twice. I've memorized the answers.

(Pause.)

IZZY. So-

ALICE. So nothing. So I don't know. About Ethan. Alright?

(IZZY turns to leave. She comes back.)

IZZY. Mom said to tell everybody that he died in an accident.

ALICE. Yeah.

(ALICE shakes the spray paint again. She turns her can to the wall and presses down on the nozzle.)

THE BLUEBERRY HILL ACCORD

by Daryl Watson

Characters

HANNAH

LINDSAY

Scene

Lindsay and Hannah have been best friends since the third grade. While eating at their favorite diner, Lindsay announces that it's time for them to break up so that they can move on and meet other people. Devastated, Hannah is about to walk out on her former friend, but Lindsay stops her. There's still one last thing that needs to be taken care of...

(Lights up on the Blueberry Hill diner. High school students HANNAH and LINDSAY are sitting across from each other in a booth.)

LINDSAY. Before we leave here today... There's a few things I'd like to get in writing.

(LINDSAY leans over, pulls her book bag up from the floor, and opens it. She removes several pieces of paper from the bag and sets them on the table. HANNAH stares at her in disbelief.)

LINDSAY. I've compiled some notes here... They're more bullet points, actually... I was thinking we could go over them and both sign at the bottom—

HANNAH. Is this a joke?

LINDSAY. Well... No...

HANNAH. I'm not signing anything.

LINDSAY. But—

HANNAH. NO! This is stupid.

LINDSAY. I feel this is the best—

HANNAH. I don't give a rat's behind what you feel.

(HANNAH rises again.)

LINDSAY. LOOK, I KNOW THINGS ABOUT YOU!

HANNAH. Are you threatening me?