

ETHAN shrugs.

SARA (CONT'D)
You're going to get through this.
You know that, right?

ETHAN nods. SARA stops when she sees the look on ETHAN'S face.

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SARA (CONT'D)
Tori cares for you. I know she does. But when her boyfriend comes around, it's a different story. You need to stand up for yourself.

(beat)
Look, I know I'm not as close with you as Tori, but I can still see you're struggling. I know you're working hard, but I also know that you've been late to work a couple of times this month- You're going through a lot right now and it's okay to take time for yourself.

(beat)
I mean, your parents might think differently but you need therapy or medication or a day off. Not a day to study, an actual day off. Stay in bed, watch movies, do whatever you want. I think it'll do you some good.

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FADE TO:

SCENE 10 EXT. BACK ALLEYWAY - AFTERNOON

TORI sits on the curb, scrolling through her phone while on her break. OTS shots of her scrolling through her camera roll. There are many ridiculous photos of her and CHRISTIAN in various scenarios. They are in class, getting ice cream, hugging, etc. She then comes across a photo of ETHAN. It is from earlier that day when ETHAN was trying to better his appearance through the darkened computer screen. She goes back and forth between the picture of CHRISTIAN and ETHAN, finally landing on ETHAN'S. There is a CLOSEUP on TORI as she mentally contemplates the events of the past day. There are V.O.s and flashbacks of moments that stuck with her playing in her head:

-- ETHAN rushes through the front door in a frenzy, his shirt wrinkled and his hair unkempt.

-- CHRISTIAN meets TORI for a hug and kisses her on the cheek.