

She moves closer to ETHAN and he begins uncontrollably crying.

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ETHAN

My parents are basically drowning me in the responsibility to be a successful, first-generation college student who has a full ride to MIT.

(beat)

Do you know what it's like to fear failing your senior year because you can't pass a simple biology test? Or what it's like for your parents to keep you up all night worrying about what may or may not happen in the future. Or to have to watch your every move to not lose a scholarship? And now, it could fall through due to a mistake at work. And I can't even go home because my dad might pick another fight about me taking his work items.

(quick beat)

I- I didn't realize it would be such a big deal. I didn't know the cops would get involved. I- I-

← End

ETHAN collapses onto the ground. TORI quickly sits next to him, comforting him in any way she can. She grabs his hand and squeezes it.

TORI

(beat)

You won't lose your scholarship. Everything's going to be okay. I'll make sure of it.

ETHAN falls into her and they hold each other as we:

CUT TO: BLACK

SCENE 9 INT. MOVIE THEATER LOBBY - EVENING

An elderly couple exits the theater and we PAN over to the front desk showing SARA helping a middle-aged customer. They ADLIB what movie they are seeing. ETHAN enters behind the desk with his eyes still puffy from crying. The customer leaves the desk and enters their theater as SARA turns to ETHAN.

SARA

You okay?