

GROUNDING FOR SISTER

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Characters:

Anne, 13-16

Mike, 16-18

Synopsis:

Mike gets grounded for fighting another kid in school. His younger sister, Anne, discovers it had more to do with her than the other kid.

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INT. LIVINGROOM - AFTERNOON

MIKE is sitting on the floor, propped up against the sofa watching TV. ANNE enters and sits on the sofa. Mike ignores her.

ANNE

I heard you got grounded ..again.

Mike tries to ignore her.

ANNE

What is that, like the third time?

MIKE

No big deal.

She watches TV with him.

ANNE

What are you watching?

MIKE

Breakfast Club.

ANNE

Never heard of it. Wow, that looks really old.

Her attention moves back to Mike.

ANNE

So, what did you do?

MIKE

It's really none of your business.

ANNE

How long this time?

MIKE

A month.

ANNE

Whoa, what did you do, wreck dad's car?

MIKE

Don't you have a TV in your room?

ANNE

Why are you mad at *me*?

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MIKE

I'm not. Just ...leave it alone.

ANNE

You know I'm going to find out eventually.

He turns the TV off with his remote and turns to Anne.

MIKE

I got into a fight.

ANNE

What? You? It was self defense, right? I mean, you don't have a violent bone in your body.

MIKE

Yeah, well, maybe I do.

ANNE

Who did you get into a fight with?

Mike hesitates.

MIKE

Carl Rush.

Anne's mood changes dramatically. She takes a silent moment.

ANNE

How do know Carl Rush?

MIKE

Let's just say I know what he does.

Anne's tone becomes softer.

ANNE

What did you do to him that he would want to fight you?

MIKE

Nothing.

ANNE

Then why did he pick a fight with you?

MIKE

He didn't.

ANNE

You picked a fight with him?

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MIKE

I didn't exactly give him an option.

(beat)

Look, I know what he does to girls, alright. I just thought someone needed to teach him a lesson, that's all.

Mike turns the TV back on and watches. Anne sits frozen for a moment staring at Mike.

She then gets up and heads for the door. Mike glances at her for a moment. She stops and looks back at Mike.

ANNE

Yeah, guys like him deserve it.

MIKE

He won't be bothering anyone anymore.

Anne looks at Mike with a faint smile.

ANNE

Sorry you got in trouble.

She leaves.

FADE TO:

END