

One Thing

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Cast of Characters

BRIANNA:

Teen

DARREN:

Teen

Place

America

Time

After School

Setting: High School Field

At Rise: Brianna and Darren talk near the bleachers.

Darren: What are you doing, Friday?

Brianna: When Friday?

Darren: You know, after school and stuff, like, later in the day, eight or nine.

Brianna: I'm not so sure yet, why?

Darren: Was thinking you can come over my house and chill. My parents are going to Saratoga for the weekend so, you know...

Brianna: What?

Darren: We'd have time.

Brianna: What makes you think that I'm so willing to give you my time?

Darren: Come on Brianna...don't you like me?

Brianna: Yes, I like you Darren but---

Darren: But what? We'll have fun. I can get some beers, find a good film, just you and me.

Brianna: What do you think is actually going to happen?

Darren: Whatever you want to happen.

Brianna: How about we watch a movie and that's all?

Darren: Well, isn't that kind of lame?

Brianna: What's lame about it?

Darren: I'm just saying...don't you want to spend some *time* with me?

Brianna: No, not in the way you're thinking of spending it.

Darren: What did I say?

Brainna: It's what you're not saying. That's the problem. I'm no fool, I know exactly what you're gettin' at.

Darren: So, you want me to be more blunt?

Brianna: I don't want you to be anything...just be cool.

Darren: I am cool. I thought you liked me.

Brianna: I do like you but you don't have to be so, I don't know...it doesn't have to be just about that.

Darren: We can take things slow.

Brianna: You haven't even taken me out on a date. What do you expect from me?

Darren: We can go out. I can take you out.

Brianna: You've already...let me think it over, okay?

Darren: I'll take you out and stuff.

Brianna: Whatever.

Darren: Why are you acting so difficult?

Brianna: I'm not acting difficult, you're missing the whole point.

Darren: Look, we'll talk more about it later, okay? I have to get to practice.

Brianna: Yeah.

Darren walks off.

Brianna takes a seat on the bleachers.

CHRISTINA sits next to Brianna.

Christina: Yo! How'd it go?

Brianna: Alright.

Christina: Was waiting patiently to get the scoop. So, you guys hanging out or what?

Brianna: He asked me to go over his place on Friday, but now, I'm turned off by it.

Christina: Why?

Brianna: Why is it that these boys only want one thing? Why can't I meet a guy that is a decent, good guy? I understand the need for men to want to be intimate, I get it, but why does it always get pushed? Why can't I ever meet a guy who can pace himself and not rush into things? Is *gentleman* a forgotten word in our generation?

Brianna (Cont'd): It's not that I don't want to have intercourse, it's just that I don't want to have it after the first or second or third date, you know? It's all such a turn off, so, unattractive to me. I'd like to get to know the guy first, REALLY get to know him. Learn about the things he likes, the things he doesn't like and make sure that he's really into me for me.

I'm not just going to have it with someone because it's cool or whatever. I'm just trying to be smart and protect myself from stupid decisions. I mean, look what happened to Carol...she got pregnant...that scares me.

I don't mind kissing on the first date if he is genuine and everythin' but to just go and have it with someone, just to have it straight away, is so stupid and honestly, I think it's disgusting.

That's why disease continues to spread in this country and I'm not going to be another statistic. It's not like I haven't been raised right...my family taught me to respect myself and that is what I plan on doing.

Too many young women sleep with a guy just so they will like them. NOT ME. I couldn't care less because if that's all the guy is after, then he's not worth my time.

I just have to believe that one day I will find the right guy and besides I'm too young for anything *that* serious anyway, let's be honest.

Christina: Damn.

Brianna: What?

Christina: Had no idea you felt so strongly about all that. Darren is freaking hot.

Brianna: So, you go to his place.

Christina: I'm not the one he likes.

Brianna: You know I'm not like that.

Christina: Yeah, but you don't have to walk around like little miss perfect.

Brianna: I'm not trying to be perfect, Chrissy. I want to be treated good, without feeling like someone's trying to take advantage of me. I want Darren to really care about me or else forget it, why do I need to waste my time?

Christina: But this is how guys are.

Brianna: Why? How is that acceptable?

Christina: You don't find Darren attractive?

Brianna: Hell yeah, I do. And I do want to hook up with him. It's just, I need to know he is genuine and not using me for whatever.

Christina: I get it...you're right. Remember when I hooked up with Carl...I almost puked the next day.

Brianna: Exactly. That's what I'm talking about. I don't want to regret anything.

Christina: I agree with you Bri, it's not worth it. If he doesn't respect you, then don't rush into anything...good looks can be deceiving.

Brianna: You think so?

Christina: Absolutely. I should have been as smart as you and I wouldn't have to live with the regret I do now...you know, that night still haunts me.

Brianna: I'm sorry Chris (*Brianna embraces her softly*)...I tried to warn you, I just didn't wanna get in your way, you were so difficult that night.

Christina: Listen, it was my fault, I made that choice. Just wish it wasn't such a bad experience and I just never thought he'd act the way he did the next day, ignoring me...as if nothin' happened between us, like, what normal guy does that?

Brianna: Yeah, well karma will take care of him.

Christina: Ha, yeah you're right. It always does, don't it?

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