

INT. SCHOOL, HALLWAY - DAY

Reece walks out of the bathroom holding her stomach.

She notices HAYDEN about to go in.

HAYDEN

Hey.

Reece puts her hands to the sides.

REECE

Oh, I wouldn't ... Someone very quickly regretted their food consumption.

They walk together.

HAYDEN

Ah, was it the poutine?

Reece gets a bit defensive.

REECE

How would I know what ... they ate?

She changes the subject.

HAYDEN

Nice shirt.

She looks down, forgetting she is still wearing a Blake movie t-shirt.

REECE

It's a little **much** don't you think?

HAYDEN

He's proud of his work.

Reece smirks.

REECE

Work.

They slowly approach a photo board with behind the scenes photos of Blake's movie. Hayden stops to admire them.

Reece looks annoyed and starts to walk away. Hayden notices.

HAYDEN

You know, Blake is pretty great if you just gave him a chance.

Reece can't believe her ears. She turns to face Hayden.

REECE

Give **Blake** and chance? Hayden, why do you think you and I haven't talked in like eleven years?!

HAYDEN

Blake had nothing to do with that.

REECE

Bullshit! He stole you away from me!

HAYDEN

Stole?

Reece regrets what she said but still stands her stubborn ground.

Hayden slowly walks up to her. Reece's heart races.

HAYDEN (CONT'D)

Am I a vase?

REECE

No.

HAYDEN

A wallet?

Reece gives up and starts to walk away.

REECE

No!

HAYDEN

You were just a naive little kid with a crush.

Reece stops walking and turns toward Hayden.

REECE

I didn't have a crush!

HAYDEN

Blake was my brother's best friend. And when my brother died, he was there for me. Someone to help me with the pain. We helped **each other** with our grievances. And for some reason you believed **you** had to be **everything** I needed.

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HAYDEN (CONT'D)

It became a tug of war, except you were the only one on the end of the rope. **You** were the one who decided I was something you had to win back.

With a tiny ounce of pride left --

REECE

Don't flatter yourself.

HAYDEN

You turned me into a fucking object, Reece. That's not flattery!

REECE

Whatever! I hope you guys live happily ever after!

Hayden, very disappointed, gives Reece a pity shoulder tap.

HAYDEN

Wow... I'm really excited for you to catch up. Lemme know when you get here.

Hayden leaves.

Reece's emotions are stirring like a stew in their belly.

REECE

(to themself)

What the hell does **that** mean?

Reece looks down at the stupid Blake shirt.

Reece struggles to take off the shirt but has a tough time doing it. Finally she gets it off, throw it, stomp on it, throw it in the trash and give it the finger while walking away.