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?
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?
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