MEANINGLESS SPACE

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EXT.SCHOOL COMPOUND-DAY

The sun shines brightly in the sky as hundreds of students dressed in white and wine uniforms make their way from the assembly ground into their various classrooms. PRECIOUS, a fair and tall senior student; WINIFRED, a melanin and moderately tall senior student, hug each other and exits the corridor into their various classrooms.

INT. CLASSROOM-CONTINOUS-DAY

PRECIOUS drops her bag, waves at a classmate from a distance, then proceeds to open her backpack. She brings out her pencil purse and sees a similar ring to what she has on her right index finger, then smiles, gets up, and exits her classroom.

PRECIOUS walks into WINIFRED's class, then hands her the ring she found in her purse. WINIFRED pauses, then smiles as she raises her eyebrows and taps her forehead as if she forgot or lost the ring.She collects the ring from PRECIOUS and puts it on her right index finger. They smile and hug each other. While they hug, they hear gunshots and see students running out of their classrooms. Masked gunmen are shooting from a distance, so they hold hands and run off, but end up running in separate directions.

EXT.SCHOOL COURTYARD-EVENING

The school compound is quiet, the students are gathered for headcount to figure out the numbers of students in the gunmen's hostage. The CCTV footage is being played without sound through the projector on the courtyard. PRECIOUS looks around for WINIFRED but does not find her. She raises her head, looks at the projector and see WINIFRED being taken. PRECIOUS yells, and sits on the ground. After the headcount, the students exit the courtyard to their respective hostels.

INT.BATHROOM-NIGHT

PRECIOUS stands in front of the bathroom mirror, away from the view of the CCTV on the bathroom corridor. She wails, looks at her ring, and yells. PRECIOUS proceeds to hang a rope on the ceiling, stands on a stool, puts the rope around her neck, moves the tool, and dies by suicide.