

## ACT ONE

## SCENE ONE

*A summer afternoon. A bedroom with wall decorations and a mirror with a bed that occupies a human-sized teddy bear and two small ones. Two girls are sitting. A video game sound can be heard.*

*Ore, scrolling through her phone anxiously, as if waiting for some text or call while ignoring Foyin who seems engrossed in her game. She stands, paces, looks in the mirror, unsatisfied, adjusts her dress, sits again.*

FOYIN:

*(Her eyes glued to her screen as her hands moved swiftly.)* Looks like I might win again!

ORE:

*(Looks at Foyin, sighs, then proceeds to open different social media apps and refreshes the messaging section one after the other.)* Do you think something happened? Why have I not gotten a call from Sammy?

FOYIN:

*(Smiling at her screen while still concentrating on her game)* Yay! I won. I told you that these people are no match for me. I won thrice in a row, Ore. These losers! *(She stares widely at her screen as if eyeing a person through it then proceeds to look at Ore.)*

ORE:

Yay! I'm happy for you. *(Staring at Foyin sarcastically)* How about you try to learn how to win by being a good best friend and not just games? Did you even listen to what I said a few minutes ago? Is this game all you care about?

FOYIN:

Ore, I heard you clearly, but I intentionally chose to ignore. *(Puts her phone away then looks at Ore with a serious facial expression)* You insinuated that I am not a good best friend just because of this Sammy boy and that is not fair. You make it obvious that my opinion does not matter. I keep telling you that he does not deserve you nor your time, but you always find an excuse to give him another chance.

ORE:

I love him, Foyin. I really do love him. *(Begins sobbing)* Yes, I know that he has been nothing but a pathetic liar and a cheat, but I can not help but give him another chance. I am aware that you care about me and want the best for me, but I need you to understand that I cannot help it. Moreover, he has promised to act right from now on.

FOYIN:

*(Rolling her eyes)* Promised to act right? You just complained about not getting a call from him, and we are both aware that it is how he starts misbehaving. He does not pick up, ghosts for days, then comes back to tell stories knowing that you will accept him with open arms. When will you

grow up, girl? (*Moving closer to Ore, proceeding to hold her hands*) You deserve way better than Sammy. You deserve someone who values you. You are smart, hardworking, and beautiful. You are not a liability, but an asset. When will you start taking this into consideration before giving that boy another chance to break you? Look at you, crying over someone who is not worth it. You do not deserve this, but you are blinded by love.

ORE:

You will probably understand how I feel whenever you decide to change your view about love. (*Wiping her tears*) I will be here to watch it all happen. By the way, thank you for the sweet words, I feel a bit better. Also, I am sorry for insinuating that you are a bad friend.

FOYIN:

(*Pulling Ore's chin*) You are always welcome. Also, I need you to understand that everything I say about Sammy is not based on my view on love but based on things that I hope you do not get to see for yourself, for the sake of your mental health. That said, I hope you do not get hurt again. (*Scrolling through her phone to pick another game*) This looks interesting. Hee hee!

*A video game sound can be heard.*

ORE:

I wonder how you never get tired of this game. (*Scrolling through her phone*) That reminds me, Foyin, do you know a girl in school named Toke?

*The room gets quiet.*

FOYIN:

(*Pauses her game immediately, then looks at Ore in shock as she answers hesitantly*) N...no, why? Does she come to school every day or hangout where we do?

ORE:

I do not think that I recognize her, but I am interested in knowing what she looks like. (*Looking at Foyin suspiciously*) Why do I have a feeling that you know this girl or have an idea about why I want to know her? Is there something I need to know?

FOYIN:

What do you mean? (*Acting innocent*) Maybe I have heard of that name in school, maybe. I do not know why you are so interested in knowing her though. Do you mind sharing? Does it have anything to do with Sammy?

ORE:

Yes, it does. I wonder why I still haven't gotten a call from him yet.

FOYIN:

(*Feeling a sense of guilt*) Ore, since he has not called you, why don't you just go to his house? What if there is something wrong with him? Since he told you he was home earlier, you could just

drop by. He is your boyfriend so he should not have an issue with it. Plus, he said you could do that anytime, right? (*Looking at Ore, hoping she would agree with her*).

ORE:

Yes, you are right. Sammy once said that I could come to his anytime since he has nothing to hide. You don't think he only said that to get rid of my doubts, do you? He would not have given me his extra key if that were to be the case, right? (*Looking at Foyin as if expecting an answer*). I will go.

FOYIN:

Yes, you should! (*Excited and anxious*) Call me if anything goes wrong, I will be here.

ORE:

(*Confused*) I do not know what you mean, but I will call you or text to inform you when I get there. If he is asleep, I will be back home early, if not, I will be back late. (*Getting up to fix her hair*)

*Ore waves at Foyin as she exits the room. Foyin remains in the room alone, looking worried.*

FOYIN:

(*Soliloquizing*) I wish I had told her earlier, then I would not feel as guilty as I do right now. God is aware that I only hid it for this long for her own good. Even after confronting Sammy to stay away from her, I am disgusted by his effrontery to make up with her only to cheat on her with this Toke girl again. The audacity! I hope Ore can handle what she is about to see. If he likes Toke so much, why make Ore go through this emotional rollercoaster? I hope that when Ore finds out that I have known about this for a while, she will understand that I kept quiet because I care so much about her. I hope she does not hate me and push me away. (*Pacing around anxiously*) Dear God, help me. (*Picks up a dirty dish which was beside the bed then proceeds to leave the room*).

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### SCENE TWO

*Late hours of a summer afternoon. A room with a mattress. A bedside stool with a purse, popcorn, wine, and wine glasses on it. A boy and a girl laying so close to each other on the mattress while laughing as they stare at an iPad screen. A movie sound can be heard.*

SAMMY:

This movie is hilarious. (*Feeding Toke some popcorn*)

TOKE:

I do not find it funny. (*Sitting up to look at Sammy*) I also think it is fictional because there is no way on earth that I would agree to be with someone who has a girlfriend. Not to sound selfish, but I am glad that you and Ore broke up.

SAMMY:

*(Staring into Toke's eyes)* No, baby you are not selfish. I am also glad that things ended between us. How else could I have gotten to be with you?

*Sammy and Toke continue watching the movie. Toke places her head on Sammy's chest while he feeds her popcorn. Ore walks in on them. Sammy looks shocked and gets up immediately. Toke looks at Sammy in confusion. A movie sound is playing in the background.*

ORE:

What on planet earth is going on here? *(Tears flowing through her cheeks)* Sammy!

TOKE:

*(Waving at Ore)* Hello, Ore. It is nicely to finally meet you. *(Turning to Sammy)* Is everything okay? Why is she here? I thought you ended things with her already.

ORE:

*(Facing Sammy with a shocking expression while tears continue rolling down her cheeks)* Do I know you? Also, what do you mean by ended things with her? Ended things? Sammy, can you say something? What does she mean?

*Sammy stands there staring at both girls in shame.*

TOKE:

*(Stretching her arms to shake Ore as tears dropped from her eyes)* Sammy must have mentioned me to you, or not. I am Toke, Sammy's supposedly only girlfriend.

ORE:

*(Sniffing)* Oh.

TOKE:

Also, you do not need to introduce yourself because I know you quite well, and I understand what exactly is going on here. *(Looking at Sammy)* For a second, you got me believing that you were different... *(Pauses, then shakes her head)* I am disappointed in you. *(Picks up her purse from the stool and walks out of the room as she hits Sammy by the shoulder)*

*Toke exits the room. Sammy remains quiet as he stares at the floor.*

ORE:

*(Moving closer to Sammy)* Sammy, why? Why did you come back to make those promises that you never plan on fulfilling? *(Wiping her tears)* Why did you lie to me again? *(Increasing her voice)* Say something, Sammy. Say... *(Breaking into more tears).*

SAMMY:

*(Finally breaking his silence)* I did not lie. I really mean everything I said to you, and nothing would change that. I am aware of the emotional damage that you have had to go through because of me, and I never want you to go through any of that again, I promise.

ORE:

*(Smirking)* Promise? Pro – mise? You must be a joker! Did you say the same things you said to me to that Toke girl too? Do you mind explaining what happened here tonight? You know what? Keep your explanation to yourself. I am done with your nonsense; I should have just listened to Foyin. *(Proceeds to leave)*

SAMMY:

*(Holding back Ore's hand)* Please, do not go. I will explain everything. I need you to know everything, but please, do not go. *(Tears fill his eyes)*

ORE:

*(Staring at him)* Six minutes, and your time starts now.

SAMMY:

*(Sighing in relief)* Thank you. Will you please sit?

ORE:

No way! Say everything you have to say in six minutes, and I will be out of here.

SAMMY:

*(Nervously)* Sure. So, after we had the fall out that led to our breakup, I could not handle it. One day, I went to the restaurant to eat out then came across Toke. We spoke about random stuff and hung out in the restaurant for a while. I actually did that thinking that she was the best distraction at the point, so I continued seeing her often. One afternoon, I had an emotional breakdown, so I called to meet with her. After explaining how I felt, she hugged and kissed me, but Foyin walked in on us then hissed and left. Later that day, I had a discussion with Foyin explaining what exactly happened, but Foyin threatened to tell you and asked that I stay away from you for your own sake, so I did, then decided to be with Toke.

ORE:

*(Cutting Sammy short)* Wait! Are you saying Foyin is aware? Now, I know why I was led here by force; to relieve her of her guilt. *(Looking at Sammy)* I do really do not want to hear whatever thing you have to say again, keep the rest of the information to yourself. My best friend and so-called boyfriend are betrayers!

*Ore exits the room while Sammy stands to watch.*

*To be continued...*

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