<u>Tonight</u>

Act 1, Scene 1

(Lights open on stage. Ella, Reese, Dimitri, and Sage are in a kitchen, baking around a square table. Ella is mixing ingredients in a bowl with a concentrated facial expression. Dimitri has a blank expression while looking at his phone and is the only one sitting down. Reese and Sage are talking to Ella)

ELLA

Can you pass me the eggs?

(Reese passes Ella the eggs, their hands touch for a moment. Ella lets out a small gasp)

REESE

(factually)

Make sure you crack em on the table and not the bowl otherwise some of the shell could fall in.

ELLA

(scoffs)

I know how to do ittt, pft.

REESE

(raises eyebrows and smiles at her)

I've seen you crack eggs before Ella okay,

(laughs)

I'm just saying I'm just saying.

(Ella laughs lightly and grins, continuing to stare at Reese even after he looks away)

(As she conversation continues Ella remains preparing the ingredients together to be put in the oven and sneaking eyes at Reese, looking at him and then looking away)

SAGE

What do you guys wanna do after they're done?

REESE

(casually)

Uh I don't know, has anyone said anything in the groupchat?

SAGE

(pulls out her phone, is silent for a few seconds) Um... Some people are at the skatepark right now.

REESE

Ok let's go there after then. (Looks at Dimitri) That cool?

DIMITRI

(Blank expression, montone)

Sure

(Puts phone away and is simply looking at each person blankly as they speak)

ELLA

Is everyone over there or just a few people?

SAGE

I think nearly everyone except for us probably. Oh wait I forgot to take a picture of you mixing the batter together.

(Ella begins playfully posing as Sage pulls out her disposable camera)

(Reese moves closer to Ella and puts his arm around her, Ella gulps noticeably and grins. She is still holding the whisk in the bowl)

SAGE

Ok, 1, 2, 3 *(Ella and Reese smile)* Aw that was so cute. Dimitri do you wanna be in one?

DIMITRI

(blank expression)

Sure

(Sage turns the camera towards him, while Reese enthusiastically moves towards him and crouches down behind him. Reese sticks his tongue out and throws up peace signs, while Dimitri remains expressionless. As this happens Ella is looking at Reese and laughing, she then bites her lip and finishes mixing the batter.)

ELLA

(excitedly)

And they are ready for a pan man!

(Sage passes Ella a pan. Ella pours the batter in the pan and plops it in the oven. She then turns around to the others.)

(Fastly)

Clean up clean up time, they'll be out in 8 minutes exactly.

('Ispy' plays quietly in the background as the four of them move the dishes into the sink, wipe down the table, and put the remaining leftover ingredients in the pantry. After they clean up, each of them stand around the table, gathering their belongings up. Ella puts her sweatshirt on while Reese unplugs his phone from an outlet)

DIMITRI

(montone) They smell good.

ELLA

(happily) Aw thank you Dimitri! (checks her phone)

One minute left. I say we just put the pan on a plate and bring a bunch of napkins and just let people go at it.

SAGE

Loveeeee it, buttt we get first pick.

DIMITRI

(montone)

Yes

(The timer goes off. Ella grabs an oven mitt, opens the oven, and removes the pan, placing it on the table)

REESE

(leans into the pan and inhales deeply, then claps his hands together) Ok let's go.

(the stage goes black)

Act 1, Scene 2

(The lights come up on the skatepark. Show Lada, Oliver, Finn, Mason, Sophia, Lucy, Hunter, Melanie, Fifi, Julian, Mimi, Taylor, and Chris sitting in the skatepark spread out into little groups of people. Chris, Taylor, and Mimi are laying on each other and laughing. Lada, Fifi, Julian, and Melanie are sitting next to each other on their phones silently. Oliver, Finn, Lucy, Hunter, Mason, and Sophia are sitting in a circle and smoking. Ella, Sage, Dimitri, and Reese walk up to the park).

REESE

(shouting)

We have food!

(The rest of the counselors cheer as Sage and Ella pass out some clumps of brownies to people. Sage joins Taylor and her friends, while Reese, Ella, and Dimitri head over to the group that's smoking in a circle, remain standing)

LUCY

Hey cuties! How was baking?

ELLA

(snorts)

Fun, are *you* guys baked? (Sophia and Mason burst out laughing on their backs) Thought so.

OLIVER

Join join we're thinking about playing the question game.

ELLA

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(Ella, Dimitri, and Reese join the circle. Reese is between Ella and Dimitri)

FINN

(to Lucy)

Lucy how many people in this circle would you hook up with?

LUCY

(to Mason)

Mason how many dicks have you sucked?

MASON

(jaw drops and hesitates past 4 seconds) Ugh, I don't queen. I. DON'T. EVEN. KNOW. I don't kiss and tell. (makes a pouty face)

(to Oliver)

Oliver what's the hardest drug you've ever done?

OLIVER

(to Sophia)

Sophia what's the craziest experience you've had on ketamine?

SOPHIA

(to Lucy)

Lucy is there anyone in this circle that you don't like?

LUCY

(hesitates) No, I like everyone here. (makes dagger eyes at Sophia) (to Hunter) Hunter have you ever sent nudes to Mason?

HUNTER

(hesitates) What no dawg gross.

MASON

(gasps, stays silent)

HUNTER

(to Finn)

Finn what's your favorite sex position?

FINN

(to Ella)

Ella do you have a crush on Reese?

ELLA

(to Reese)

Reese have you ever masturbated at camp?

REESE

(to Oliver)

Oliver what's your favorite kind of porn?

OLIVER

(hesitates)

Oh god, *(laughing)* honestly... peeing. Like I do kind of have a pee fetish. (everyone else in the circle laughs very hard and there are murmurs of 'eww' and 'gross')

(The laughing dies down, indicating to the audience that the game has as well)

REESE

(to Dimitri)

Oo oo oo Dimitri can you blow up the couch?

(Dimitri stands up, removes an inflatable couch from his backpack and shakes it until it's inflated. While this is happening the rest of the counselors are having low murmured conversations, laughing, and lounging around. Also while this is happening Reese and Ella are close together and laughing.)

(Dimitri sits down on the couch. Reese goes and sits beside him, while Ella follows behind. Everyone is still in their respective groups. The three of them sit on the couch, Ella and Reese remain looking at each other and sitting close together)

REESE

(playful tone) That was a... funny game.

ELLA

Oh my god it makes my heart pound way too much. *(chuckles)* It's like my own heart attack waiting to happen.

REESE

Well why's that?

ELLA

What?

REESE

(leaning in, smiling, making eye contact) Why does it make you so nervous?

ELLA

(fastly) Oh. Um, same reason for anyone I guess. Like you never know what someone's gonna ask you and it could be so tame- *(slower)* or like uber extreme. Are *you* not stressed whenever we play that?

REESE

Not really no. I think it's more funny watching how other people react to the questions, like you.

(Puts his hand on her knee)

ELLA

(sighs)

Oh well I'm glad I have enough worry in me for the both of us jeez.

(both laugh)

(Josh walks by them and stops in his tracks)

JOSH

(mockingly)

Aww Ella tryna get in Reese's pants.

(Ella's jaw drops and Reese looks back at her expressionless) (Everyone pauses where they are. Ella stands up and faces the audience center stage)

ELLA

(facing audience, nervously)

As you can probably tell, I have a crush on Reese. It's so weird, we've known each other since we were nine years old and we never even liked each other until last year. In a matter of weeks he went from this obnoxious dickhead to an actually sweet person that cares for others.

(Looks back at Reese, then back to the audience)

(softly) We also kept in touch throughout the school year, which I wasn't expecting from him. Also one of the funniest people I know *(smiling)*. I guess he makes me feel safe and *(more emotional)* I feel less alone when I'm around him.

(smiles softly)

Act 1, Scene 3

(The setting has transitioned from the skatepark to the art barn, where Ella and Reese are finally alone for the first time. They are sitting next/ across to each other)

REESE

(inquisitively)

Do you wanna talk about it?

(Ella gives him a puzzled look) What Josh said at the skatepark about you... and my pants. (Ella raises her eyes)

ELLA

Um... do you... wanna talk about your pants? *(smirking)*

REESE

(laughs)

Not exactly what I was thinking no. More like, you... (getting closer to Ella)

ELLA

Me.

REESE

You. (smiling) I uh, I like being around you. (leaning in)

ELLA

(shyly but softly smiling) I like being around you too. *(takes a deep breath in, pursing her lips)*

(Both lean in and share a sweet kiss)

REESE

Was that okay?

(Ella nods her head quickly before she goes in again)

(They move from sitting across from each other to standing up. Reese wraps his arms around her waist as Ella goes on her tiptoes to reach Reese's face. Ella stops)

ELLA

This is okay?

REESE

Yeah

(They resume for a few more seconds until Ella stops again)

ELLA

Still good, all okay?

REESE

(chuckling)

Yeah you're good.

(They resume once more for a few more seconds until they both begin to slow down their pace, both heavily breathing. Reese lets out a soft laugh, causing Ella to do the same in return)

ELLA

Do you wanna go find everyone else?

REESE

Sure

(As they exit they're not touching. The stage goes black)

Act 1, Scene 4

(It's the next day and the group of counselors are in a circle-ish formation in a cabin. Everyone is murmuring in their own conversations. Ella walks in and sits with her friends. Reese is on the opposite side of the circle next to Dimitri)

FINN

(Talking loudly so everyone can hear) (to Ella) So are you guys dating now? (looking back at Ella and Reese)

(Everyone quiets down and waits for an answer from either of the two) (Reese and Ella look at each other, then at the rest of their friends, then back to each other. Both have expressions as if they want to say something, waiting for the other to speak first, but nothing comes out of either of them. The stage lights go black)