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An empty cabin.

Judy enters, mid-sentence, followed by Ben. They are both counselors at a summer camp.

JUDY
I mean, it's fine, switching shifts isn't the issue--

BEN
Right.

JUDY
I'm fine with switching shifts, you know, in terms of the actual schedule. It's better, even, because then I can have off on lobster night--

BEN
You don't like lobster?

JUDY
I'm allergic.

BEN
Oh.

JUDY
Like normal allergic, not scary allergic. So it's fine, but my thing is just, why didn't she ask *me*?

BEN
Right.

JUDY
Instead of going straight to Jeff.

BEN
Yeah.

JUDY
That's weird, right?

BEN
She didn't tell you she was going to Jeff about it?

JUDY
That's what I'm saying!

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BEN

That's shitty.

JUDY

I mean, I wouldn't go that far--

BEN

Not shitty--

JUDY

It's just that we're friends, she could have just asked me.

Judy sits on one of the empty bunks and pulls out her phone. Ben hesitates, not sure whether he should sit next to her.

Before he can decide, Cate enters.

CATE

That was fucking nuts.

BEN

What was?

JUDY

Right!?

CATE

Eden is straight crazy.

BEN

Oh.

CATE

She didn't even ask you before going to Jeff, right?

JUDY

No!

CATE

Jesus. What if you'd had a problem with switching shifts?

JUDY

Right? I mean, it's fine, and now we're on the same shift--

BEN

Yeah!

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CATE

Thank fucking *god*. Because I love Eden, obviously, but if I had to choose...

JUDY

Right, and it's not like I was begging to stay on a shift with Marcus.

CATE

God, no.

JUDY

Honestly, it's fine, I get that she and Declan have their thing--

CATE

Gross.

JUDY

So it's fine, it's just weird that she didn't bring it up to me first.

BEN

Well--

Kelsey enters with her ukulele.

KELSEY

Helloooo!

CATE

Hi Kelsey.

KELSEY

Welcome to the B-team.

JUDY

Thanks.

A beat.

KELSEY

This is so fun! We never usually have new shift partners halfway through the session

JUDY

Yeah.

CATE

Super fun.

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KELSEY

Did Eden--sorry, you totally don't have to answer if it's, like, private--but did Eden say why she wanted to switch?

JUDY

No, she didn't tell me she was going to do that.

KELSEY

What?!

JUDY

Right?

CATE

Fucking crazy.

KELSEY

She just brought it up to Jeff right in the middle of lunch check in?

JUDY

Yeah. I mean, it's probably because of Declan.

KELSEY

Ooooh. Right.

BEN

Did, um--

CATE

And when they inevitably break up in about forty minutes she's going to want to switch shifts *again*.

KELSEY

Are they breaking up?

BEN

I didn't think they were *really* together.

All three girls whip around to look at Ben.

KELSEY

What do you mean? Did Declan say something?

BEN

Oh--uh, no. Not exactly.

JUDY

Did he say they weren't really together? Because Eden thinks they're really together.

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CATE

That's very Eden.

BEN

I don't know--he just seemed to think it was, um.
Casual.

Kelsey gasps.

CATE

Well that's what Eden gets for sleeping with a guy who brings his acoustic guitar to the dining hall.

Kelsey looks at her ukulele.

JUDY

Oh man. Eden's going to be upset.

BEN

Don't tell her.

JUDY

Ben, you have to know I'm going to tell her.

KELSEY

Judy's her co, Ben!

BEN

Seriously, I just think they haven't had a formal conversation about it yet--

JUDY

She clearly thinks this is the greatest romance of all time--

BEN

--don't tell her I told you that.

JUDY

--and she sleeps twelve inches away from my face, so obviously I'm going to tell her.

KELSEY

Declan seemed so nice.

CATE

Did he?

JUDY

I don't even know if Jeff will let her switch back.

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BEN

Don't tell her! Please! Don't! I just--I--he--it was a week ago. That he said it.

KELSEY

Oooh.

JUDY

Oh.

KELSEY

Well, he might have changed since then.

CATE

They were still screwing a week ago.

KELSEY

Right, but maybe he only *just* realized how much she means to him. Awww.

CATE

This is the same Declan who ran his own underwear up the flag pole, right?

JUDY

I forgot about that.

CATE

Him and Marcus.

KELSEY

When we were fourteen, though.

BEN

So you won't tell her?

JUDY

I guess not.

KELSEY

He was probably just trying to downplay it.

BEN

Yeah.

KELSEY

Boys always do that.

CATE

Don't be essentialist, Kelsey.

BEN
Just 'cause I don't think he meant it in a bad way--

JUDY
I won't say anything, Ben, relax.

Dante enters.

DANTE
Hey.

KELSEY
Dante!

Dante points at Kelsey in response.

DANTE
Jeff wants you.

KELSEY
Me?

DANTE
You.

KELSEY
Oh! Did they find Pinkus?

DANTE
No.

JUDY
Who?

KELSEY
Everleigh's stuffed animal is missing from her bed.
She's been a mess. She's already so homesick, and the
girls are mean about her weird eye and everything.

JUDY
Aw, that sucks.

BEN
Pinkus?

CATE
I hate kids.

DANTE
Not Pinkus.

KELSEY

Oh. Then it's--

DANTE

Madison.

KELSEY

Not again.

Kelsey gathers up her ukulele.

JUDY

Which Madison?

CATE

Madison P.

KELSEY

Madison P.

JUDY

Oooh.

BEN

Did he say what it was?

DANTE

Nope.

KELSEY

Shoot. Well, welcome to B team, Judy!

Kelsey exits.

CATE

It's always Madison.

JUDY

Isn't Stina on duty, though? Stina's her bunk counselor too.

DANTE

Jeff is a man of many mysteries.

CATE

Stina's incompetent. Which is not to say that Kelsey's competent, but...

BEN

I thought it was because Madison bit Stina?

DANTE

Yup.

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JUDY

She didn't, Stina exaggerates.

DANTE

Yup.

BEN

Oh. Because she said--

JUDY

No, I was there, it was during down time. Madison was chewing on wood and Stina tried to take it away from her, like ripped it out of her mouth, and I guess she nicked her finger on Madison's tooth and now she's telling everyone that Madison bit her.

BEN

Chewing on wood?

CATE

Yikes.

DANTE

Like...wood wood?

JUDY

Like a branch. She was pretending to be a beaver, or something.

CATE

A beaver? She's twelve.

JUDY

She's young for her age. Like Everleigh with the doll.

BEN

Yeah, but...I never chewed on wood.

DANTE

Ben never chewed on wood.

JUDY

Whatever, she's a weird kid, but she didn't bite Stina on purpose, that's all.

CATE

I hope she bites Kelsey.

Dante points at Cate.

DANTE

Hey.

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CATE

What?

DANTE

That's mean. Want to steal Frosted Flakes?

CATE

Yes, obviously. Judy?

JUDY

"A" team never raided the dining hall.

DANTE

It's the wild west over here.

JUDY

I'm in.

Judy and Cate start to exit.

DANTE

Ben?

BEN

Um, I, um--

Judy and Cate have left.

BEN

That's ok.

Dante takes Ben by the shoulders and looks directly into his eyes.

DANTE

Ok.

*Dante exits.**Ben hesitates for a moment, then starts after them. He stops. He changes his mind.**Ben sits on the empty bunk. There's something under the mattress.**Ben reaches under the mattress and pulls out a decapitated stuffed rabbit. The head is nowhere to be seen.**Ben puts the stuffed animal corpse back where he found it. He hesitates.**He exits.*