

SCRIPT EXCERPT: DAMO/ZOE

CONTEXT: ZOE (15 years old) calls her boyfriend DAMO (17 years old) on FaceTime.

Zoe's bedroom. We see her calling and it rings and rings, meanwhile we see her swallowing and stressing before Damo finally answers.

DAMO
Hey, wat up?

ZOE
Hey. Nothing.

DAMO
Nothing? Well that's boring.

ZOE
What about you?

DAMO
Been at work.

ZOE
Busy?

DAMO
Yeah. What are we doing this weekend?

ZOE
Um...

DAMO
I'm working nights but we should do something on Sat. Hit up the beach or go for a drive.

ZOE
Yeah, let's go for a drive. I want to get some more photos from that bridge.

DAMO
You and your camera, ay? Sounds good.

ZOE
Cool.

DAMO
So, when do I get another photo of you?

ZOE
Not right now.

DAMO

Come on. This sucks being at different schools. I never see you. I think I forget what you look like...

ZOE

You're looking at me right now.

DAMO

You know what I mean.

ZOE

I don't feel like it tonight.

DAMO

You should be flattered that I want to look at you.

Pause.

ZOE

Um, thanks.

DAMO

Oh calm down. I mean, it's a compliment.

ZOE

I guess.

DAMO

It is. I could be looking at random nudes on the internet or whatever, but I don't. I want to look at you.

ZOE

Okay, well thanks.

DAMO

So...tonight?

ZOE

I said not right now.

DAMO

What's your problem? You don't trust me or something? When did this happen?

ZOE

I do trust you. Obviously. I sent you one already.

DAMO

Well what's changed? You've gone all paranoid.

ZOE

I just don't feel like sending another one right now.

He seethes.

DAMO

Nah, you don't trust me. That's clear. And its bullshit, Zoe. Thanks a lot.

ZOE

I'm sorry. I didn't mean to imply that. I'm just not in the mood today. Can't you understand that?

DAMO

Understand what? You don't talk to me about what happens in your day. You just say 'nothing' and, what, I'm supposed to read your friggen mind?

ZOE

No.

DAMO

I don't need this drama. I don't need your stupid mind games.

ZOE

I'm not playing mind games. I'm just telling you—

DAMO

Just... forget it. Forget it. You're not worth all this trouble...

ZOE

Damien—

[*Silence*]

He hangs up.