

SIDE ONE - ALEX MORGAN

INT. SIDEWALK - CONTINUOUS

POPPY (17) and her best friend ALEX (17) are sharing an umbrella over their heads as they walk to school.

POPPY (V.O.)

It's SO stupid. I'm not being ridiculous!? I mean you would be mad too?

ALEX (V.O.)

Poppy, usually you're pretty irrational when it comes to things like this but this time I actually completely agree with you. Listen, what you need to do is (we think she's gonna talk about something else like the stupid computer) come to him when he's at his most vulnerable.

POPPY

Most vulnerable?

ALEX

Mhmm. Boys, pretend they don't need your comfort but really they long for it. Try to catch him on a bad day! Ask him how he is and if he wants to go talk about it. Keyword, GO. That way you can ask him out without actually having to ask him out!

POPPY

Okay, I can do that.

ALEX

Mhmm.

END

SIDE TWO - ALEX MORGAN

INT. SIDEWALK - DAY - AFTER SCHOOL

POPPY and ALEX are walking home.

ALEX

Progress?

POPPY

Alex, he's always happy! How am I supposed to comfort him if he's always happy?!

ALEX

Maybe he's just hiding all his pain behind a smile.

POPPY

Trust me, he's not. He's a genuinely happy person. That's one of the reasons I like him.

ALEX

Well, there's that bonfire tomorrow night we could go to. I can't guarantee he'll be there though.

POPPY

He will.

ALEX

How do you know?

POPPY

Cause... he asked me if I was going.

ALEX

Wha... HOW?! THAT'S GREAT! I said that if you...

POPPY

I said no.

ALEX

...WHY?!?!?

SIDE TWO - ALEX MORGAN

POPPY

Alex think about it. He invited me and I said I couldn't go cause I was busy but I still want to. So he'll go without me but just think about me the whole time. That's what you did with Sabastian...

ALEX

Mmm, I wasn't listening but I strongly disagree. We will finish this conversation later! Bye Strawberry Shortcake.

POPPY

Bye Huckleberry Pie!

They part ways.

END