

PREPARE BOTH SCENES

THEFOSTERS - DARIA SIDES - 9/22/14

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"DARIA"

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INT. SCHOOL - DAY

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They're walking to class.

START →

DARIA

I promised Taylor we would go see that movie together.

ZAC

So we'll see something diff --

DARIA

(interrupting)

But it's going to be so romantic, I want to see it with just you.

ZAC

Okay. Why don't you ask her?

DARIA

Because she's my bae.

Zac has no idea what this means.

DARIA (CONT'D)

Before anyone else? She's my best friend. Forever ever.

ZAC

Then she'll understand.

DARIA

No. I can't do this to her.

Zac is at a loss. He's not sure how to fix this. Then --

ZAC

What if we brought Aiden? So it's like... a double date?

DARIA

Maybe --

ZAC

Great, I'll ask --

DARIA

No! Taylor can't just be told something like this. She has to be "Inceptioned."

Zac just stares - huh?

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DARIA (CONT'D)

You really have to convince your  
Dad to let you see R-rated movies.  
(explaining)

It's where you make someone think  
that your idea is their idea.

ZAC

How would we do that?

DARIA

Oh, I am like, the Leonardo  
DiCaprio of Anchor Beach. I once  
got the English teacher to assign  
us the Divergent books so I could  
tell my mom that updating my fanfic  
page was "homework."

ZAC

(getting frustrated)

What do you need from me?

DARIA

You bring Aiden, I'll handle the  
rest.

She links her arm through Zac's.

DARIA (CONT'D)

We make a good team.

Feeling more at ease, Zac flirts --

ZAC

Thanks, bae.

Daria unlinks, gently shoves him.

DARIA

Shut up!

Zac just smiles -- hey, he listened.

DARIA (CONT'D)

Friday night at 8. I'll be the one  
inceptioning you into kissing me.

And she leaves him with that image, walking off with the  
studied confidence of a girl who thinks she's 13-going-on-30. END

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INT. ABCC COURTYARD - DAY

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Daria nervously approaches Aiden.

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DARIA

Can I ask you something? About Zac?

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Aiden pauses. He doesn't really want to talk about his best friend with his best friend's girlfriend.

DARIA (CONT'D)

You know his dad, right?

This gets his attention. He nods.

AIDEN

He's not really a fan of mine.

DARIA

Oh it's not that, he -- I mean, I think he likes me.

Aiden: great. So?

DARIA (CONT'D)

But it seems like he's mad at Zac - his dad. Every time I'm over there he's yelling at him. Zac just says it's because he's disappointed and acts like it doesn't bother him - but I'm pretty sure it does.

AIDEN

Yeah, well. He expects a lot out of him.

DARIA

But Zac is so awesome. He's cute, he's smart - funny. He lets me just - talk, about anything, even when he has no idea what it means.

Daria takes a deep breath. She's not used to discussing serious problems.

DARIA (CONT'D)

I really like him. And I, um... I think he's sad or - I dunno. I'm kinda worried.

Aiden hears her, but isn't sure he can be any help.

AIDEN

He doesn't really tell me things anymore. Ever since you guys started, you know...

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DARIA

It's not like I told him to stop talking to you --

AIDEN

I know.

He looks at her, considers.

AIDEN (CONT'D)

I'll try.

Daria is visibly relieved.

DARIA

Thanks...

She gets up from the table. Then --

DARIA (CONT'D)

Hey - why doesn't Zac's dad like you?

He shrugs. He knows, but he's not telling. And Daria can sense he's in on whatever Zac's secret is.

DARIA (CONT'D)

Just... let me know what you find out?

Off Daria, not sure if she made the right choice trusting Aiden --

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