

Lost & Deceiving

INT. BEDROOM - LATER ON THAT NIGHT

Tori walks in quietly, carrying her shoes. Paulie is awake in her bed, lying face down, and holding a pillow by her face. Tori takes a sleeping shirt from under her pillow, then goes and sits at the foot of her bed, and starts changing. Paulie lifts her head a bit, and looks over at Tori.

PAULIE
What'd you put that shit on for??

TORI
Because...

PAULIE
Because why??

TORI
Because I went out.

PAULIE
Oh, where'd you go??

TORI
Just out...with a friend...

PAULIE
What friend??

TORI
Just a friend of mine, ok??

PAULIE
I'm just interested to know, that's all...

TORI
Yeah well, friends respect each others privacy.

PAULIE



Friends??

TORI

Yeah, friends.

PAULIE

We're not just friends.

TORI

I'm sorry, Paulie...

PAULIE

Have a good time??

TORI

It's none of your business Paulie!

PAULIE

You lied to me...

TORI

I said I was going out with a friend, and that's what I did...

PAULIE

Do you always fuck your friends up against trees??

TORI

My life is none of your business, Paulie! And you had no right to spy on me...

PAULIE

Tori, everything you do is my business! You are my business, and I am yours!!

TORI

If I ever catch you spying on me again...

PAULIE

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What??

TORI
Just don't!!!

Pause.

PAULIE
Are you gonna see him again??

Tori goes over to Paulie, and sits on the bed beside her.

TORI
Listen, Paulie, it's time we...we grew out of this. It...it's not right anymore. I just wanna be friends, ok??

PAULIE
This is not happening...Tori...Baby...please...

Paulie puts her arms around Tori and hugs her. Tori takes Paulie's arms off of her, and tries to get away.

TORI
Let go of me, please...

PAULIE
I bet he doesn't know how to do what I can do for you...

Paulie starts to kiss Tori on her chin...Tori tries to push Paulie off.

TORI
Paulie...

Paulie starts kissing and touching her. Tori moans...Tori pushes Paulie off of her, and then sits up.

TORI
There'll be no more of this, ok??

TORI
I love Jake!!

Paulie doesn't say anything.

TORI
Paulie, listen to me ok?? because I'm gonna say this once
and never, ever again. I will never love anybody the way I
love you...Never...You know that, and I know that, and I
will die knowing that, ok?? But it just can never, it just can
never, ever, forever be. Do you understand?
(pause)
It just can never, ever, forever be...

PAULIE
You used to love to dance with
me on the roof...remember??

TORI
Paulie...please...

PAULIE
What??

TORI
Don't make this difficult...

PAULIE
You love me Tori!!

TORI
Like a friend...

PAULIE
As a lover. Say it! I'm in love with you Paulie!!
You say it or I'll tell everyone!!!

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TORI
Paulie please...please...

PAULIE
Then say it!!...say it...

TORI
No!! You tell anyone whatever you want...

She leaves Paulie alone.

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