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Episode: "Innocent"

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INT. HIGH SCHOOL LOCKER ROOM - DAY

We MOVE THROUGH a STEAM-FILLED shower. We hear a WINCE and the sound of a SMALL METAL OBJECT HITTING CERAMIC.

A RAZOR BLADE sits next to a BAR OF SOAP covered with a little BLOOD.

FROM BEHIND, we see A SMALL GIRL, 12 or 13, standing in front of a steam covered MIRROR above a sink. She wipes away the steam and stares at herself for several moments. Then her shoulders begin to shake -- she's crying.

INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE WAITING ROOM - DAY

A plain waiting room, with two chairs occupied by...

ALLIE, (12) dressed in all black, her eyes drowning in eyeliner, arms crossed, fighting back the urge to cry more.

DANIEL, 17, is obviously a popular kid, probably the school's heartthrob. Dressed in cool jeans and a band T- shirt. He has side-swept hair that he rocks better than Justin Bieber.

A long uncomfortable silence. Finally...

DANIEL
So what're you in for?

More silence. Finally, Allie turns to him, a little shocked he is really talking to her. She shrugs.

DANIEL (CONT'D)
(with a smirk)
What, innocent?

ALLIE
'Till proven guilty.

DANIEL
Fair enough.

Awkward again.

ALLIE
What about you?

DANIEL
Possession.

ALLIE
That blows.

DANIEL

Huh? No, just pot. And I have a card--

ALLIE

No, I said-- nevermind.

DANIEL

What?

She gets up and goes to the magazine pile on the table opposite them.

DANIEL (CONT'D)

I've already looked, there's nothing good. It's weird, it's just stuff about, like, parenting troubled kids.

ALLIE

Parenting, huh?

She puts her hand over her belly, messing with Daniel, which he doesn't quite get.

ALLIE (CONT'D)

Perfect.

As Allie browses the magazines...

DANIEL

I know who you are!

ALLIE

I doubt that.

DANIEL

No, you're the 12-year-old, aren't you?

ALLIE

Look at this, "Six Ways to Tell if Your Teen is Sexually Active." Gross.

DANIEL

You skipped two grades, right?

ALLIE

Ha. "The Best of Tracking Technology: find out what your teen is really up to." This cannot possibly be legal.

DANIEL
My dad uses that.

ALLIE
Really?

DANIEL
Really.

ALLIE
Nice.

DANIEL
(answering a text)
So you're some kind of genius, huh?

ALLIE
No, just apart of a somewhat
vicious circle.

DANIEL
A what?

ALLIE
I was anti-social, so I studied
more, which led to more anti-
socializing, which led to more
studying, next thing you know, I'm
the only pre-pubescent in high
school.

DANIEL
(being charitable)
You don't look that young.

ALLIE
Thanks, Pinocchio, your nose could
battle Cyrano's.

DANIEL
Um. What?

ALLIE
Just ignore me and my weirdness.
I'm sure it's second nature to you
anyway.

DANIEL
What do you mean?

ALLIE
Don't play dumb.