

"A SISTER'S SECRET"

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Characters:

Tanya, older sister, 25ish

Bianca, younger sister, 16

Synopsis: Tanya suspects her little sister Bianca is doing drugs.

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INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

BIANCA is sitting on the couch watching television. She is in her own little world spacing out when TANYA walks in.

TANYA

Bianca, we need to talk.

Bianca doesn't respond at first, still staring at the television. Tanya stands in front of the TV blocking the view.

BIANCA

Hey! What are you doing?! I am watching that.

TANYA

Did you hear me? I said we need to talk.

Bianca moves to try and catch a glimpse of what's on.

BIANCA

Can you wait til my program is over? There is only 15 minutes left.

Tanya moves to block her view again. She turns around and turns the television off. She turns back around and pulls a bottle of pills out of her pocket.

TANYA

I found this in your room today. You want to tell me where you got it?

Bianca stands up.

BIANCA

What gives you the right to go through my stuff?!

TANYA

As long as you are living in MY house, I have the right to do whatever I want. Now tell me where the hell you got these!

BIANCA

You know I have a right to privacy too!

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TANYA

Privacy? Yes you do, but when it comes to drugs I think I have a right to know. I am not trying to be mom here...

BIANCA

That's right! Moms dead. And if she was still alive she wouldn't go through my things.

Tanya steps back at the blow. She motions for the couch and they both sit down.

TANYA

I know you don't want to live with me. I know I can be a pain in the ass, but I do worry about you and care what happens to you. Please just tell me. Why are you getting into drugs?

Bianca sighs a bit and sits back on the couch.

TANYA

Don't think I haven't noticed you lately. You are always tired. You never have any energy. Trust me, I have done my fair share of stupid things. I just don't want you to make the same mistakes that I did.

BIANCA

They're not what you think. It's medication.

Tanya looks a bit confused.

TANYA

Medication for what?

Bianca grabs the bottle.

BIANCA

It's prednisone. I need it.

TANYA

For what?

Bianca looks away.

BIANCA

I didn't want to worry you. I found before mom died. I have lupus.

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Tanya looks at her still a bit confused.

TANYA

But you're gonna be okay right?

Bianca looks up at her. She shakes her head.

BIANCA

I don't know. I mean, I am doing okay right now but who knows?

TANYA

Well what does lupus do?

BIANCA

It does a lot of things, but I have SLE lupus which basically means that my body is allergic to itself. Eventually it's going to reject itself. If it gets that far there is nothing that I can do. The medication just helps try and control it.

TANYA

Why didn't you tell me this earlier? I have a right to know.

Bianca stands up and starts pacing a bit.

BIANCA

I made mom promise not to tell you. You are taking on so much by keeping me here and taking care of me. I didn't want to be a burden.

TANYA

You are never a burden and I don't ever want to hear you say that again. You are my sister, and no matter what, I am always going to be there for you.

BIANCA

Really? You mean it?

Tanya looks at her.

TANYA

Of course I mean it. What are sisters for?

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BIANCA

Well in that case, I have something
else to tell you.

TANYA

What's that?

BIANCA

I think Brian gave me syphilis.

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