

The Voicemail

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INT. COFFEE SHOP. DAY

OLIVIA is sat with three friends, CHARLOTTE, HOLLY and MIA in a coffee shop laughing and chatting about school and moving in to University. OLIVIA's phone starts to ring

CHARLOTTE

Liv, you're phone is ringing

HOLLY

Oooo who is it. Is it a boy!!!

OLIVIA

Yes it's a boy, but it's only Charlie.

HOLLY

Which Charlie!!! Please tell me it's the really fit one!

OLIVIA

(laughing)

No! No! It's Charlie from High School, Charlie Jones.

MIA

Why is that creep trying to call you!
I swear that boy is just seeking for attention 24/7!

OLIVIA

Charlie is actually a really nice guy, he's like a brother to me! You're just annoyed because he tried to kiss your sister Mia. I'll call him back later.

OLIVIA declines the call from Charlie.

EXT. BUS STOP. DAY

The girls are walking through a park and pass a picnic bench.

OLIVIA

This is where I love you and leave you then girlies. Mum is picking me up from here

HOLLY

See you later Liv!

CHARLOTTE & MIA

See ya!!

OLIVIA sits down on the picnic bench. She pulls out her phone scrolling through social media. She is regularly laughing at videos and seems to be happy. Her phone then vibrates and sees she has a voicemail from Charlie. She puts in an AirPods and starts to listen to the voicemail.

CHARLIE

(On the phone, upset)

Ummm, Liv. Hey. it's Charlie. Before you pick up the phone and call me because I sound upset, yes I knew you would go to pick up the phone...

OLIVIA looks shocked that CHARLIE guessed she would try to call him and sheds a small smile

CHARLIE

(Continued)

... you need to know something. Do you remember, on the Blackreach Bridge when we promised each other we would always tell each other the truth about everything, well I've been lying to you for quite a while now, and it's no secret as it's probably been fairly obvious even after all these years. Well... since prom, seeing you there having the time of your life and not giving a shit about the world, I couldn't hold back what I've been trying to hide all this time. You probably would have guessed it by now, but I love you, Liv. I always have, and I always will, even after I am gone...

OLIVIA looks confused and can hear the sound of rushing water in the background.

CHARLIE

(Continued)

... but I have realised that you don't feel the same way about me. I know that Jake is your boyfriend and I know I have no chance of competing with him, especially after everything he's said about me to my face, in front of his friends, even the entire fucking school and I guess I have to just accept that I am and will always be the town's token 'creep'. Even with