

SUMMMARY

Charlie is concerned about Ruby who came home the previous night in tears and hasn't come out of her room since. Charlie spoke briefly with Ruby that night, before Ruby asked to be left alone.

Charlie is very concerned for Ruby's wellbeing. Ruby hasn't eaten or slept in the past 24 hours and hasn't spoken to anyone other than Charlie.

INT. RUBY'S BEDROOM - SUNSET

*Charlie is talking to Ruby. Ruby is sitting on her bed reading a magazine, Charlie is standing by Ruby's bed, a silent tear rolls down Charlie's face.*

CHARLIE

What makes you think you can get away with this?

RUBY

Get away with what?

CHARLIE

Xavier.

RUBY

Charlz, I knew you'd go bad cop on him if I told you. You pestered me so much when I came home yesterday. I don't want to talk about it!

CHARLIE

I think you need to talk to someone Rubes. He can't get away with what he did.

RUBY

He didn't mean to. He was drunk.

CHARLIE

That's no excuse for forcing himself on you.

*Charlie sits on the bed by Ruby's feet. Another tear falls down her cheek. Ruby puts the magazine down.*

RUBY

Charlie, I can't deal with it. I have no-one to talk to. You're never here.

CHARLIE

Ruby, I'll admit that I often put my work first, but I'm always here to talk to. I'll always be your sister first. I love you and I never want to see you hurting like this.

*Ruby and Charlie briefly hug. Tears are rolling down Charlie's face.*

RUBY

Charlie, what's wrong?

CHARLIE

You have to report this. He can't treat you like this.

RUBY

I knew you'd be like this! Why do you always have to be a cop first? I mean, look at you. You're still in your uniform!

CHARLIE

No, you need to understand. There's something I've never told anyone before...

RUBY *(has a confused look on her face)*

What?

CHARLIE

Remember that boyfriend I had in Year 10? Eric?

*Ruby nods her head and wipes away her own tears.*

CHARLIE

Well, he did the same thing to me. *(brief pause)* Only I never told anyone about it and he didn't stop for months.

RUBY

Charlie I never knew that. Come up here.

*Ruby pats the spot beside her on the bed. Charlie moves up and sits next to Ruby.*

CHARLIE

Rubes, you know you can always talk to me, don't you?

RUBY

Yeah of course. And you know you can do the same.

*Charlie nods.*

RUBY

So what are we going to do?

CHARLIE *(has a worried look on her face)*

I don't know.

*A moment of silence enters the room. Ruby puts her arm around Charlie and they hug.*

END SCENE