

Cam and Piper Sides

CAM

y'know

the sensitive little lightweight who dropped all her sides the first time we read together

PIPER

well, that's still

maybe I'm less of a lightweight, thank you

but I'm definitely still way too sensitive

CAM

you were never "too sensitive," though

you were just like... you

PIPER

I was holding myself back

and now my feelings don't get hurt as easy

and I don't hate myself for every little mistake

well, I do

but I don't let it affect my performance anymore

CAM

START

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] maybe it shouldn't have to be like that
you know?

PIPER

I don't have a choice, Cam

I'm not like you

CAM

like?

PIPER

I'm not *good*

CAM

hey—

PIPER

I know I'm not

but I also know that I could be

CAM

you are good

you've got like so much talent

PIPER

you guys keep telling me that, but it doesn't make it true
the only thing that *will* make it true is if I keep pushing myself
freshman Piper wouldn't've stood a chance out in the real world
but by the time I'm done here, I'm gonna be ready

CAM

shit, Piper
I'm sorry

PIPER

for what?

CAM

that I never knew you felt that way
that you've been so down about this and I didn't / even

PIPER

but I'm not down about it, Cam
I mean, sometimes it's easy to let myself forget
but I *love* acting
it makes me happier than anything else in the world
some people go their whole lives without finding that
and if I have to work for it
and, y'know, make some compromises
well, I'm willing to do that

CAM

damn
when did you become such a badass?

PIPER

it's a work in progress haha
I kinda like it for me, though

CAM

yeah?

PIPER

yeah

CAM

okay
good, then

she smiles, then sighs.

sorry for being so "ugh" tonight

PIPER

no, it's alright
I mean it's all been kind of a lot

CAM

yeah

beat.

I wanted her
I wanted her so bad

PIPER

wanted...?

CAM

Lady Macbeth
I knew I didn't have a chance in hell
I knew what Arik thinks of me
but I still

PIPER

so did I

CAM

sometimes I wonder why I even let myself hope

PIPER

I mean, you have to believe you'll get it
or else you never will

CAM

but I don't believe it
I don't know how to believe in anything anymore

PIPER

have you brought this up with um
are you still talking to Joseph down at student counseling?

CAM

I don't mean it in a "depressive spiral" way
or maybe I do
maybe
fuck
I don't even know
I don't know how to tell if it's me
or if it's just... *this*
all this bullshit

PIPER

Cam...

CAM

I mean, she has like half as many lines as Macbeth
and every girl in the department would've killed to get her
sometimes it just feels like...

END

blankets.

RACHEL

feels like what?

CAM

me and Piper were just
never mind

RACHEL

everything okay?

CAM

oh yeah
totally

RACHEL

alright
here's what we could find

Lexi dumps the blankets, checks her phone, and sends a text.

PIPER

hey, thanks guys

LEXI

no prob

RACHEL

you can decide who sleeps where

PIPER

Hailey? you want the couch?

thing.

Hailey

LEXI

she's knocked out