

## GIRLS

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### 28 Plays Later - Challenge 27

HANNAH      Why don't you admit it, you're jealous of me and all I've achieved and it pains you to see me grow and flourish while you're stuck here in the same downward spiral you've always been on.

MARNIE      Jeez Hannah, don't you think that's a bit much?

HANNAH      No. No, she needs to hear it. Cos you know what Marnie? She thinks she's better than us but I, for one, have had enough of it. Cos it's bullshit.

JESSA        I'm bullshit?

HANNAH      Yes.

JESSA        You are so full of shit.

SHOS         Why don't we all, like calm down for a moment, I can make us all a nice cup of camomile tea

MARNIE      Shos, nobody drinks camomile tea anymore

SHOS         I do

MARNIE      She's right. Really. You should stop

SHOS         I like it. It's good for you.

HANNAH      Can we please bring the conversation back to me, I feel we've gotten off track a little bit and my time is precious so please. Jessa, what do you want to say to me?

JESSA        This is bullshit

HANNAH      That's right – walk away, like you always do!

JESSA        I'm not walking away, I'm trying to get out of earshot of your pathetic half arsed mewlings. You're pathetic Hannah. Yes. We all think that. Don't you Shos?

SHOS         Me?

JESSA        Yes you. Eurgh! Hannah, you went out to Iowa and had this great chance at improving yourself at truly excelling at something but you couldn't hack it, you couldn't cope with being so far away or whatever bullshit you want to feed to yourself but what I see is this. A coward. You're a coward. And whatever tiny fragment I had for you in the courage you must have had to leave us behind has gone. You don't deserve Adam. He is better than you in a hundred different ways and you are too selfish, too bloody short sighted to realise that you should have held

on to him with all your might. But you didn't, and now it's too late. He's gone and you're fucked. Welcome home.

Jessa storms out

SHOS Wow.

MARNIE Are you ok?

HANNAH Yeah. I'm fine. It's fine. Everything's cool. Now, if you don't mind, I'm going to leave now and go find some actual friends to hang out with you love me and support me through all the difficult and trying times I'm going through

MARNIE Hannah

HANNAH No. No, it's written all over your faces, you agree with her. And I won't sit here and be judged by a wannabe singer hostess who's fucking her co-deluded singer boyfriend who also happens to be living with someone else who he's openly said he's in love with.

MARNIE Hey! That's not far.

SHOS She's right

HANNAH And don't get me started on you Shosh. How many job interviews have you had now? And all you've achieved is the perfect angle with which is clip in those enormous hair slides which, by the way, look stupid.

Hannah storms out

SHOSH I like my hair clips.

MARNIE Me too.

SHOSH Really?

MARNIE Yeah, they're cute. Very, individual.

SHOSH Well that's what I thought, you know, you have to wear something to the interviews so they'll remember you. Like a cute purse or crazy nails but I didn't want to look like someone who values fashion over professionalism so, I thought, the hair clip was practical but, you know, would make me stand out.

MARNIE It does.

SHOSH You wanna go get a bubble tea?

MARNIE Sure.

They exit