

## "Grounded for Sister"

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Characters: 1 teen boy, teen girl

Mike, 16 - 18

Anne, 13 - 14

Synopsis: Mike gets grounded for fighting another kid. His younger sister Anne discovers it had more to do with her than the other kid.

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INT. LIVINGROOM - DAY

MIKE is sitting on propped the floor propped against the sofa watching TV. ANNE enters the room and sits on the sofa over Mike's shoulders. Mike ignores her. She looks at him in hopes he will say something.

ANNE  
I hear you got grounded ...again.

Mike is too wrapped up in the TV.

ANNE  
What is that, like the third time?

MIKE  
(still fixed on The TV)  
No big deal.

She watches the TV with him.

ANNE  
What are you watching?

MIKE  
Breakfast Club.

ANNE  
Never heard of it. Wow, it looks really old.

Her attention to the movie is short.

ANNE  
So, what did you do?

MIKE  
It's really none of your business.

ANNE  
So, how long this time?

MIKE  
A month.

ANNE  
Whoa. What you do, wreck dad's car?

MIKE  
Don't you have a TV in your room?

ANNE  
Why are you mad at me?

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MIKE  
I'm not. Just ...leave it alone.

ANNE  
You know I'm going to find out anyway.

He turns the TV off with his remote and turns back toward Anne.

MIKE  
I got into a fight?

ANNE  
What? You? It was self-defense, right? I mean, you don't have a violent bone in your body.

MIKE  
Yeah, well. Maybe I do.

ANNE  
Who did you get into a fight with?

MIKE  
It's not important.

ANNE  
*I'm going to find out anyway.* I always do.

Mike thinks about it for a moment.

MIKE  
Carl Rush.

Anne's mood changes dramatically.

ANNE  
How do you know Carl Rush?

MIKE  
Let's just say I know what he does.

Anne is still curious, but afraid to know more. She tone becomes softer.

ANNE  
What did you do to him?

MIKE  
Nothing.

ANNE  
Then why did he pick a fight with you?

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MIKE

He didn't.

ANNE

You picked a fight with him?

MIKE

I didn't exactly give him an option.

(pause, looks away from Anne)

Look, I know what he does to girls. Okay.

I just thought someone needed to teach him a lesson, that's all.

Mike turns the TV back on and continues watching. Anne sits frozen for a few moments.

She then get's up slowly to head for the door. Mike glances at her for a moment. She stops. Turns to Mike...

ANNE

Yeah, guys like him deserve it.

Just as she reaches for the door knob...

MIKE

He won't be bothering anyone anymore.

Anne looks at Mike

ANNE

Sorry you got in trouble.

She leaves.

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END