The Holiday Party Fiasco

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**CAST**

Lea……………………………17 years old. Cheerleader. Comes from money and is not afraid to show it.

Ebony…………………………17 years old. Member of the dance team. Has a crush on Holden but is too shy to admit it.

Selena…………………………17 years old. Gifted photographer. Takes pictures during the school year for the yearbook. Has a crush on Ebony but is not publicly out.

Holden………………………...18 years old. Wide receiver for the school’s football team.

Jesse…………………………...17 years old. President of the drama club. Always gets the lead in the school musical. Has a crush on Selena.

Mark…………………………...18 years old. Point guard on the school basketball team. Childhood best friends with Holden and Jesse so they are all very close.

**SETTING**

Winter break 2018. Lea’s house.

*Lights up: LEA’S house. The house is all decked out in Christmas decorations. The large living room has a 6-foot-tall Christmas tree adorned with ornaments, bows, and garland. The fireplace has a fire going filling the room with the scent of burning wood. On top of the fireplace there is a wreath with red holly berries, and various family photos. The front doorbell goes off and LEA enters as she goes to the door to let her guests in.*

LEA

Coming!

*She hurries over to the door and opens it revealing her friends EBONY and SELENA*

LEA (Cont.)

Welcome ladies! I am so glad you could make it!

SELENA

Like we would miss one of your parties! You always throw the best ones!

EBONY

Seriously Lea, you should really look into a becoming a professional party planner. No one can throw a party like you can.

LEA

It’s a gift what can I say? Hey where are the boys?

EBONY

Oh, you know them, probably over at Mark’s house playing those stupid videogames. Like they do every damn night.

SELENA

Boys. I’ve never understood them.

LEA

They can be crazy, but we love them regardless. Ebony, text them in the group chat and tell them to get their asses over here.

EBONY

On it.

SELENA

Where are your mom and dad Lea?

LEA

They left earlier this morning for their annual two weeklong winter cruise. They do it every year. Which leaves me here alone to do whatever I want!

SELENA

Don’t you ever get lonely? Being in this huge house all by yourself for that long?

LEA

Are you kidding? It’s every teenage girl’s dream to have a house like this to themselves! I can do whatever I want. Watch TV, order takeout, sneak some liquor from the liquor cabinet, you name it!

EBONY

Oh my god Lea I’m so jealous that sounds amazing.

SELENA

I don’t know sounds kind of depressing to me.

LEA

Trust me it’s not. It’s the sweet taste of freedom.

EBONY

You got any food Lea? I’m starved.

SELENA

Yeah, I could go for some food too.

LEA

Of course! What kind of a party host would I be if I didn’t have any food? It’s in the kitchen, I got pizza and breadsticks. Don’t worry Sel I got a vegetarian one for you.

SELENA

God bless.

LEA

Just bring them out here for when the boys come.

EBONY

You got it girl. Sel come help me?

SELENA

Me?

*EBONY simply nods her head.*

SELENA (Cont.)

Umm. Yeah sure.

*SELENA’s cheeks become pink with a blush as she follows EBONY into the kitchen. The doorbell rings and LEA goes to open it. The door opens to reveal the boys, Holden, Jesse, and Mark outside.*

HOLDEN

We are here! The fun has arrived so the party can begin!

LEA

Oh my god finally! What took you guys so long?

JESSE

Sorry Lea, we got held up.

LEA

Oh yeah? Doing what exactly?

JESSE

Ummm, you know. Uhhh, help me out guys.

*He looks to his friends Holden and Mark.*

MARK

You know…. just…guy stuff.

JESSE

Right! Guy stuff Lea, nothing exciting that you would want to know about, ha-ha.

LEA

You guys are weird. Fine don’t tell me, I didn’t want to know anyways.

HOLDEN

Where are Sel and Ebony?

LEA

They are grabbing the food from the kitchen; they’ll be out soon. Make yourselves at home boys and let’s get this party started!

*EBONY and SELENA come out of the kitchen with the pizza and breadsticks.*

EBONY

Hey guys, took you long enough! Hey Lea, you got anything to drink?

LEA

Oh, that reminds me I made some drinks for you guys. I’ll go get them!

*LEA runs into the kitchen and comes back with a tray of drinks in fancy glasses. She sets the tray down and everyone eagerly takes a glass.*

LEA *(Cont.)*

To celebrate being on winter break and Christmas coming up, I made my famous eggnog with cinnamon sprinkled on top! Enjoy my friends! Cheers to no school for two weeks!

*The friends cheer and take a sip of their drinks. SELENA grimaces as she takes a sip of her drink.*

SELENA

Uckk, Lea this is not eggnog what did you put in this?

LEA

Oh whoops, I forgot to mention that I added about two cups of rum to it.

SELENA

Two cups?!! Jeeze Lea it’s more rum than eggnog!

HOLDEN

Am I the only one that doesn’t taste any rum?

JESSE

I don’t taste it either.

MARK

Me neither.

EBONY

I think its yummy.

SELENA

You can have mine then Ebony I can’t drink this it tastes like gasoline.

EBONY

Thanks, Sel!

*SELENA hands EBONY her drinks. Their hands briefly touch as she hands her the drink causing SELENA to blush. Luckily for her no one notices.*

LEA

Alright friends, now that we have our drinks, I was thinking we could play a game? Any ideas?

SELENA

Charades?

LEA

Boring.

MARK

Pictionary?

LEA

No.

JESSE

Twister?

LEA

No.

HOLDEN

Strip poker?

JESSE/MARK

Yeah!

LEA

Eww no you guys. Gross.

EBONY

How about Truth or Dare?

LEA

Yes! Truth or Dare! A classic party game! Ok everyone sit in a circle on the floor. I’ll go first.

*Everyone takes a seat on the floor and forms a circle.*

LEA *(Cont.)*

Okay let’s see…...Jesse! Truth or Dare?

JESSE

Dare.

LEA

I dare you too…. lick the bottom of Holden’s foot!

JESSE

Seriously? That’s the best you could come up with? Easy. C’mon Holden, give me your foot.

HOLDEN

*(Groans in disgust)* Why did you have to pick me for this dare Lea? You know I hate germs.

LEA

(Laughs) That’s what makes it so funny. C’mon Holden its just a dare it will be over quick.

HOLDEN

Fine. Let’s just get this over with.

*HOLDEN takes off one of his sneakers revealing his foot. JESSE leans down and quickly licks it as HOLDEN grimaces.*

JESSE

Okay now that’s over with, its my turn! Hmmm who will the next target be?

*JESSE looks around at the circle of friends as he thinks about who to pick next.*

JESSE (Cont.)

Selena, truth or dare?

SELENA

I guess I’ll go with truth.

JESSE

Okay let’s see…...ok I got one. Who do you have a crush on?

LEA

Really Jesse? Out of all the questions you could have asked her you pick that? What are we 8 years old?

JESSE

Hey, it’s a valid question? Sue me for wanting to know more about my friends love life. Cmon Sel there has to be someone you like?

SELENA

I don’t feel comfortable answering that.

MARK

What do you mean? You have to answer it. It’s a part of the game.

SELENA

Well truth or dare is a stupid game, and I don’t want to answer the question!

LEA

Calm down girl its not that serious it’s just a game. We’re your friends just tell us.

SELENA

Just because we are friends doesn’t mean I feel comfortable telling you guys everything about my life.

EBONY

Look guys she clearly doesn’t want to answer it so just drop it okay?

HOLDEN

Well, there must be a reason why she doesn’t want to tell us.

MARK

Is it someone here in the room Sel? Is that why you won’t tell us?

*SELENA is quiet for a moment as a blush spreads on her cheeks.*

JESSE

Oooooo she’s blushing! I think you may be onto something there Mark. Cmon which one of us is it Sel?

SELENA

I can’t say.

MARK

Hey, don’t be embarrassed if its me Sel, I know I’m easy on the eyes.

EBONY

You are such an ass Mark!

MARK

Oh, c’mon I’m just playing. Well, if it’s not me it’s gotta be either Jesse or Holden huh? So just spit it out. We won’t bite.

HOLDEN

Tell us Sel we wanna know!

MARK

Tell us Selena. You’ll feel better if you just let it out.

SELENA

Stop it.

*The three boys continue prodding at SELENA and teasing her.*

EBONY

Seriously guys cut it out!

LEA

They’re just having a little fun Ebony chill.

EBONY

I can’t believe you guys right now!

*The boys are still pressuring SELENA as they start chanting “tell us “And don’t stop. SELENA finally breaks as tears fall down her face.*

SELENA

STOP IT! IT’S EBONY, OKAY? I LIKE EBONY. I’M GAY, OKAY? NOW SHUT THE FUCK UP AND LEAVE ME ALONE.

*SELENA rushes out the door as she cries. Everyone sits there in silence stunned.*

EBONY

Way to go guys. Look what you did. You assholes just couldn’t leave her alone huh?

MARK

We didn’t mean to make her upset. We were just messing around.

HOLDEN

I guess we got carried away.

EBONY

No shit sherlock. Now I’m going to go do the right thing and find our friend. Make sure she’s okay after that disaster of a game.

*EBONY rushes out the door to find SELENA, while LEA, HOLDEN, MARK, AND JESSE sit they’re in silence as the guilt sets in.*

**End of Play**