Jawbreaker

written by

Penelope Larner

ANIMATED:

Accompanied by fast-paced drums, A grungy teenage girl (16) pops a jawbreaker into her mouth and carelessly starts chewing it. CRACK! Her eyes widen as she realizes she broke her tooth. Blood drips from the corner of her mouth. She opens her mouth and the camera zooms inside of it. The title:

"JAWBREAKER"

Appears inside of her mouth. (possibly written in her blood?)

CUT TO:

INT. HUNTER'S BATHROOM - DAY

Open on teeth being brushed. Wide shot as Evyn (16) spits toothpaste into the sink. Bzz! She glances at her phone beside her and picks it up. Messages from "Anna":

3 missed calls.

[8pm yesterday]
"Where are you?"
"Hello??"

[now]

"You can't just keep ditching me E"
"Hunter's not even good for you"

The phone turns into an animated sword for a second.

Hunter enters the bathroom and briefly glances over Evyn's shoulder.

HUNTER

Who's that?

Evyn quickly turns the phone off and puts it back on the counter.

Hunter reaches across her for hair oil/spray.

EVYN

Uh, nothing. Anna just wanted to do something with me last night... I kinda blew her off.

HUNTER

(sigh)

You really shouldn't be friends with her, she's like weirdly possessive over you.

During the entire conversation, Hunter is doing his hair looking at himself in the mirror while Evyn looks at him. She appears remorseful.

EVYN

Yeah... I don't know.

HUNTER

I still have no idea why she hates me.

Evyn's mood switches. She becomes more angry.

EVYN

Yeah, she can have a new boyfriend every other week but as soon as I do, all of a sudden (air quotes) "he's not good enough for me." and

"he's not good enough for me." and we have to break up/

Hunter turns to Evyn.

HUNTER

/woah-- wait, you know I'm not like-- your boyfriend, right?

EVYN

Y-yeah, that's not what I meant sorry/

HUNTER

/Because I told you I can't commit to anyone right now after my ex so/ I'm just making sure

EVYN

/Yeah, no I know.

HUNTER

Okay, chill.

(awkward pause)

But hey, you're still a cool cat.

Hunter scruffs her hair as she awkwardly smiles.

He walks past her, his smile drops as soon as his face is out of her view.

Evyn looks at herself in the mirror anxiously.

CLAYMATION:

A unicorn drinks from a pond in a mystical forest. It views its reflection for a moment, it sees itself as a dark unicorn. The whole pond turns red.

FADE TO:

INT. EVYN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Extreme close up of Evyn doing glittery makeup. She sits on the floor looking into the mirror and Anna is standing up a couple feet away from her. A third friend, Trish, sits on the bed scrolling on her phone. They're all wearing party outfits. The camera stays focused on Evyn with everything else occurring in the background.

TRISH

(offscreen)

Yeah she's insane.

Trish gets up and heads towards the door.

Anna points to her extravagant eye make up.

ANNA

Is this giving hot weird girl or like weird weird girl.

TRISH

(on her way out)
No it's so cute. Steven's gonna be all over you tonight, bitchh!

Anna smiles and turns back to the mirror.

Awkward silence, Anna glances at Evyn.

ANIMATED:

INT. VOID - DAY

Chaotic music as a red, animated Anna stares at two Evyns (one light one dark). Like a hunter eyeing prey, Anna's wide-eyed expression contrasts her calm one in the live action. Rapid shots.

LIVE ACTION:

INT. EVYN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

ANNA

You don't have anything to say to me?

Evyn looks up at her.

EVYN

(sigh)

You don't get it, Anna.

ANNA

Yeah you're right, I don't.

Anna looks to Evyn for a response.

ANIMATED:

Flash images of light and dark Evyn as she talks, their expressions contrast (angry/scared). End on a longer shot of the dark one.

EVYN

You can get anyone you want. This is it for me. Why am I a bad person for not wanting to be alone all of high school?

Anna gets closer.

ANNA

(frustrated)

You're not alone Evy. I'm literally right here.

EVYN

You know /what I mean.

STOP MOTION:

Two unicorns stare at each other from opposite ends of a pond.

Pause.

ANNA

Well how do you think I feel when you ditch me for a guy every time I try to hang out with you?

EVYN

(insincere)

Look, I'm sorry for ditching you but you have to stop being so possessive over me. I'm allowed to hang out with other people.

ANNA

Ha! Possessive? Really? Did he tell you that?

EVYN

What? No/

ANNA

He is using you! You know he's using you!

EVYN

It's my life!

ANNA

It stops being self-destructive when it's hurting other people too.

Trish enters the room.