

Tectonic

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FADE IN

EXT. PICNIC TABLES AT LUNCH

A girl sits at the end of a full lunch table. She smiles as the other kids talk and laugh around her. This is ECHO.

The table is mostly full of girls having busy conversation. The girl across from Echo has long silky hair and a pleasant smile. This is IVY. She laughs along with everyone, and Echo watches her.

One girl sitting towards the middle of the table leans in and others follow. This is GRACE.

GRACE

Hey, Lucy, why don't you go sit
with your friend over there?

Grace nods her head towards the table behind her.

The table is completely empty except for one girl, sitting alone, eating lunch.

Everyone at Echo's table turns around, then turns back and breaks out in laughter.

IVY

What's her name? Emily?

GRACE

Who cares?

Everyone laughs again. Echo smiles, then looks back at the girl.

The girl stares at Echo. Echo's smile fades, then she lowers her head and turns back to the conversation.

The bell rings in the distance and everyone gets up. The table quickly disperses. Echo takes one last look at the girl as she walks away.

Echo turns back around and picks up her bag.

Faith stands next to her, waiting.

IVY

You okay?

ECHO

Yeah. I just feel kinda bad. I
think that girl heard us.

Ivy laughs.

IVY

Echo, that girl tells people that she has magic powers. She's heard a lot worse. Don't worry.

Ivy puts her hand on Echo's arm to comfort her. Echo looks up at Ivy.

ECHO'S VISION

A shot of Ivy laying on the floor with some blood pooling around her and trickling down her head flashes on screen along with a shot of a kaleidoscope laying in a pool of blood next to an open hand.

BACK TO SCENE

Echo stares at her as her jaw slightly drops.

IVY

Are you alright?

ECHO

Mhm. Yeah. That girl's a freak.

Ivy laughs and nods her head.

They walk off towards the building.

INT. MS. MILNE'S ROOM

Ms. Milne stands at the front of the classroom, handing out quizzes.

MS. MILNE

Everyone take out a pencil and clear your desks, please.

Ms. Milne passes out a quiz. The student in front of Echo reaches back and passes a paper to her.

Echo looks down at the quiz.

ECHO'S VISION

Shots of Ms. Milne standing at the front of the room and a completed, graded test flash on screen.

MS. MILNE

Number one is A. Two D. Three...

BACK TO SCENE

Echo circles the letters.

The room is quiet. Ms. Milne shouts from the front of the room.

MS. MILNE
Desks cleared, please.

Echo looks at Ms. Milne, then follows her eyeline to the girl who sits next to Echo, staring into space with a book resting on her desk.

ECHO
(whispering)
Hey...

The girl doesn't look.

ECHO'S VISION

Shots of the girl jerking her arm, hitting the book off of her desk, and the book falling to the floor flash on screen.

BACK TO SCENE

Echo extends her arm. The girl knocks the book off of her desk, and it falls into Echo's hand.

The girl looks up at Echo, who smiles.

GIRL
Whoa. How did you do that?

Echo stares at her for a moment.

ECHO
I can see the future.

The girl stares at Echo in confusion.

GIRL
Um what?

There is a pause as the girls look at each other.

Echo shakes her head and laughs.

ECHO
I'm joking! I was just reaching
down to grab my pencil, and I saw
it fall. Here.

The girl smiles uncomfortably.

Echo looks down at the book as she passes it back.

ECHO (CONT'D)
You're reading about tectonic
plates?

The girl shrugs.

GIRL
The world used to fit together.
It's cool.

Ms. Milne looks at them from the front of the room.

MS. MILNE
Girls, we are in the middle of a
quiz. Stop talking.

Echo and the girl return to their quizzes.

INT. ART WING

Echo stands in front of the art display. She examines all the art pieces.

Echo looks up and sees Ivy walking out of her class. Ivy walks with the girl who had sat next to her at the picnic table. This is LUCY. They smile and talk as they walk down the hall and turn the corner.

Echo quickly follows after them, trying to catch up.

Echo runs around the corner where Ivy leans against a locker, talking to Lucy.

As Echo approaches them, they smile at her.

IVY
Hey, Echo!

LUCY
Hey

ECHO
Hi.

LUCY
I uh heard you made a new friend
today.

Lucy laughs and Ivy hits her, but can't hold back a giggle.

Echo looks at Ivy.

ECHO

What?

IVY

No, no. She's just talking about that weird girl that you were caught up over earlier. Shut up, Lucy. I'll see you later.

They smile at each other until they are too far apart.

Echo watches her as she walks away.

ECHO'S VISION

Shots of Ivy laying on the ground surrounded by blood, blood dripping down her head, and a long Venetian mask flash on screen.

BACK TO SCENE

Echo knits her eyebrows as she stares at Lucy.

IVY

You don't like her.

Echo snaps her head back at Ivy and smiles.

ECHO

What? Of course I do! I just...I want you to be careful...

IVY

Haha okay, Mom. I'll see you later.

Ivy walks away. Echo stares at her in worry, then shakes her head and walks off.

INT. ECHO'S ROOM - EVENING

Echo sits in her room, writing in her notebook. She draws a picture of a girl sitting alone in a dark corner.

Echo sighs and closes her notebook.

ECHO'S VISION

When it shuts, shots of Ivy laying on the ground with blood on her head, the mask, a skull, the kaleidoscope, and a girl fainting flash on screen along with a shot of a necklace laying in a pool of blood.

BACK TO SCENE

Echo sits silently in her room. She reopens her notebook to a blank page.

The adjacent page has a large picture of the mask from her vision.

She starts drawing on the page.

INT. SHOP

Echo stands at the counter of an antique shop. She holds up a picture of the kaleidoscope in her sketchbook, showing it to the woman behind the counter.

ECHO

Well I was looking for one that looks just like this.

SHOP OWNER

Um...yeah, we have a few kaleidoscopes, that one looks familiar actually. Hold on a moment.

The woman moves out from behind the counter and goes to look through trinkets.

Echo stays at the counter, looking around at objects. Her eyes land on a skull, sitting on a back table.

ECHO'S VISION

Shots of a skull, lights, blood, the kaliedoscope, curtains sweeping, and a ticket to the drama club show flash on screen.

BACK TO SCENE

The shop owner stops looking and shouts from behind.

SHOP OWNER

Oh shoot! You know, we did actually have a kaleidoscope identical to that one...

She runs back around to the front counter. She looks under the counter and pulls out a notebook. She flips the pages and looks down at the list.

SHOP OWNER (CONT'D)

Yup! Sold just the other day. Sorry about that.

Echo stares at her, then looks down in disappointment.

ECHO
Okay, thank you anyway.

Echo walks out of the shop.

EXT. TRACK - AFTERNOON

Echo walks over to the track. She wears shorts and a t-shirt. Across the track, she sees a girl running slowly, and wears a long-sleeved t-shirt. This is FAITH.

Faith stops running and leans over, putting her hands on her knees.

ECHO'S VISION

When Faith turns the corner, and Echo sees her profile, shots of her panting, fainting, and ambulance lights flash on screen.

BACK TO SCENE

Echo stares at Faith.

A boy walks by, coughing, sneezing, and holding a water bottle.

As he passes by Echo, She stops him.

ECHO
Hey, can I borrow your water?

BOY 1
Uh, yeah sure.

ECHO
Thanks.

Echo grabs the water out of his hand and sprints across the field towards Faith.

Faith stands up straight, stretches her arms, and continues running as Echo runs towards her.

Echo catches up to her and grabs her by the shoulder.

ECHO
Hey, Faith, are you alright?

FAITH
Um yeah? I'm fine thanks...

Faith starts to turn around to continue running.

ECHO

You just look really pale. You
should sit for a second.

Echo pulls Faith to the ground, and they lean against the fence.

ECHO (CONT'D)

Drink this.

Echo hands her the water bottle.

Faith looks at the water, then up at Echo. She reluctantly takes the water and drinks it. Faith chugs the entire bottle, then puts it down and lays her head in her knees.

FAITH

Oh my god. Thank you, I thought I
was going to faint.

ECHO

Why did you say you were okay?

Faith looks up at her, confused.

FAITH

That's just like...what you say? I
don't know why. It's just easier.
Anyway, thanks, I haven't had food
or water all day.

Faith stands up, stretches, then runs off.

Echo remains leaning against the fence, watching Faith run.

INT. LIBRARY

Echo stands behind a bookshelf. She pulls out one book and looks through the gap. On the other side, Ivy and Lucy sit at a table, talking and laughing.

They stop laughing and have a serious conversation. Lucy pulls something out of her pocket.

She hands Ivy the kaleidoscope, smiling.

Ivy smiles and takes it, and looks through it. Lucy and Ivy laugh.

Echo puts the book back on the shelf next to a copy of *Hamlet*.

ECHO'S VISION

More shots of Ivy with blood, the masks, and the necklace flash on screen as well as shots of a skull, lights, rope pulling, a ticket, and curtains sweeping open.

BACK TO SCENE

Echo stares at the book, then runs down the aisle and turns the corner.

As she turns, she bumps into Faith. Faith looks up at Echo. She has bags under her eyes and she snuffles.

FAITH

Hey, Echo.

Faith coughs.

ECHO

Oh my god, Faith, are you alright?

FAITH

I'm fine hahaha

ECHO

You seem sick...

FAITH

Well yeah, I have like strep or the flu or something, I don't know, but I'm fine.

ECHO

Oh my god...

FAITH

What?

Echo pauses and looks at her.

ECHO

I think this might be my fault...but you were going to faint and I was trying to help and--

FAITH

Echo! It's not your fault? I'm just sick. You helped, I promise. I gotta go, but don't worry about it. I'll see you soon.

ECHO

See you.

Faith walks away. Echo peaks around the book case and looks at Ivy and Lucy. They sit, talking and laughing.

Echo turns back and leans against the bookcase, closing her eyes.

She walks forward after a moment and exits the library.

INT. ECHO'S ROOM

Echo sits in her room at her desk, scribbling in her notebook.

She draws a girl in bed, sick, and another girl standing next to her. A speech bubble from the girl in bed, connected to a thought bubble from the girl standing reads "all your fault."

There's a knock on her door. Echo turns around and her MOM walks in, gently closing the door behind her.

MOM

Hey, how was school?

ECHO

Alright.

MOM

Are you okay?

ECHO

I'm fine.

MOM

Are you sure?

Echo pauses.

ECHO

Yeah. I can't talk about it.

Echo's mom sits down on her bed.

MOM

Why not?

Echo pauses again.

ECHO

Well...I just, I'm trying to help people, right? Like trying to

(MORE)

ECHO (CONT'D)

protect them when I feel
like...just when I feel like
something bad will happen. I don't
want to hurt anyone, I want to help
people. It doesn't work and I can't
talk about it.

MOM

It's okay to talk. You aren't
hurting anyone.

ECHO

But people are already hurt, and
it's my fault. I don't want to make
anything worse. I want to protect
people I care about, I don't want
people to think that I'm crazy, and
I really really don't want to talk
about it right now, okay? Just go.

Echo's mom stands up.

MOM

Okay, I'll go, but just do whatever
you think is right, and let me know
if you need anything.

ECHO

Thanks.

Echo's mom walks out of the room.

Echo stares at the door, then turns back to her notebook and
continues drawing.

INT. ART WING

Echo walks down the stairs to Ivy's locker. Ivy stands,
putting books away. Echo walks up to her.

ECHO

Hey, what's up?

Ivy turns and closes her locker.

FAITH

Hey, Echo. Look what Lucy gave me.
I love these things.

Ivy takes the kaleidoscope out of her locker and looks at
Echo through it, laughing.

ECHO'S VISION

Rapid shots of the kaleidoscope, blood, mask, skull, and ticket flash on screen.

BACK TO SCENE

ECHO

Wow that's...great.

IVY

Yeah, it's nice.

ECHO

Hey, what are you doing on Friday?

Faith opens her locker door and places the kaleidoscope back inside.

IVY

I think I'm just going to the drama show.

ECHO

No, don't do that.

IVY

What? Why not?

ECHO

I um...I just wanted to hang out that night. I thought we could go to the football game or something.

Ivy grins.

IVY

You want to go to a *sports* game?

ECHO

Um...yeah.

IVY

There's a first time for everything. Yeah, we can do that. I'll just go to the show on Saturday night.

ECHO

No!

IVY

Do you not want me to go to the show or something? What's wrong with you?

ECHO
 No no, I just...I have this
 feeling...and I think...

Echo pauses for a moment and shakes her head.

ECHO (CONT'D)
 I heard Lucy say that she was
 planning to hang out with you that
 night, and she won't want to see
 the show.

IVY
 We didn't make plans, but yeah
 you're probably right. We didn't
 hang out last weekend.

ECHO
 Yeah just like don't go to the
 show, 'cause I don't want you to
 get roped into anything time
 consuming if she wants to hang out
 with you.

IVY
 Yeah! Oh my god I'm excited now!

ECHO
 Yeah, it'll be good.

IVY
 Alright, yes this weekend will be
 awesome. Can't wait.

Echo smiles and nods her head. Ivy walks off and waves.

When Ivy walks out of view, Echo looks around to make sure
 no one is nearby. She opens Ivy's locker, takes the
 kaleidoscope, closes it, and walks off in the opposite
 direction.

EXT. PARKING LOT

Echo leans against a car, looking through the kaleidoscope.

LUCY (O.S.)
 See you later!

Echo shoves the kaleidoscope into her pocket when she hears
 Lucy coming.

Lucy walks around the corner and stops when she sees Echo,
 leaning against the driver's side door.

LUCY

Oh, hey Echo.

Lucy opens the back seat door and puts her bags in as she talks to Echo.

ECHO

Hey, are you hanging out with Ivy this weekend?

LUCY

Haha I'm not sure, why?

ECHO

Oh I just heard her say that she wanted to, so I thought I would ask.

LUCY

Yeah I meant to make plans with her. Actually, My parents are out on Saturday, so I'll probably have people over.

ECHO

That's perfect! I'll see you on Saturday.

LUCY

Yeah, cool. See you later.

Echo walks away smiling, and Lucy gets into his car.

INT. MS. MILNE'S ROOM

Echo sits in class, and Ms. Milne stands at the front of the room, teaching.

The kaleidoscope sits on Echo's desk. She rests her head on her crossed arms on the desk, peering through the kaleidoscope with one eye closed.

She hears a crash next to her.

Echo looks over and sees that the girl next to her dropped her book. The girl reaches over and picks it up.

ECHO'S VISION

Shots of the masks, the blood, the skull, Echo running, the girl who sits next to her in math screaming, and the kaleidoscope sitting in a pool of blood flash on screen.

BACK TO SCENE

Echo breathes deeply. She stares at the girl next to her and looks down at the kaleidoscope. She grabs it, puts it in her jacket pocket, and raises her hand, then interrupts Ms. Milne's lesson.

ECHO

I have to go to the bathroom.

Echo gets up and runs out of the room. Ms. Milne shouts after her.

MS. MILNE

You need a pass!

INT. MATH WING

Echo speed walks down the hall in a panic.

More shots of Ivy laying in blood, the girl screaming, the skull, the drama poster, Echo running, and the kaleidoscope flash in between shots of Echo walking quickly down the math wing.

She turns the corner and walks into the girls' room.

INT. BATHROOM

Echo runs into the bathroom and scrubs her hands. She grabs a paper towel and looks in the mirror as she dries them.

Faith walks out of the stall behind her.

FAITH

Oh hey, Echo.

ECHO

Hey!

Faith quickly rinses her hands. Echo throws away her paper towel as Faith grabs one.

ECHO (CONT'D)

Hey, Faith, do you want to go to a party this Saturday at Luke's? I don't really know who will be there, but you can come if you want.

FAITH

Oh well...I mean I definitely would, but I'm still not feeling

(MORE)

FAITH (CONT'D)

that well...like...I'm really
not...

Faith trails off and stands silently for a moment, then she runs into the stall nearby and throws up.

Echo's jaw drops. Concern washes over her face. She stands in worry and pity for a moment, then opens the stall door and holds Faith's hair back as the stall closes.

INT. STALL

The Kaleidoscope falls out of Echo's pocket.

ECHO (O.S.)

Oh God, Faith. You should go to the nurse.

FAITH (O.S.)

I don't need to. This just happens.

INT. ECHO'S ROOM

Echo and Ivy sit on her floor. Ivy types on a laptop, and Echo sits across from her with a notebook on her lap. Books and papers spread out in front of them.

ECHO

So are you excited for Lucy's on Saturday?

IVY

Oh crap I forgot to tell you...I don't think that I can go.

ECHO

What? Why not?

IVY

Well, you know how Faith is like super sick?

ECHO

Oh my god yeah I feel so bad, she kept throwing up the other day.

IVY

Oh yeah it sucks...but like she was working backstage for the drama show and now they're short and need another person, so I told them that I would help out.

Echo stares at her.

ECHO

I don't think that you should.

IVY

Um well they need help...I'm sorry, I know I promised to hang out with you, but did you really want to go to the game that badly?

ECHO

Yeah. I did.

IVY

I don't know what to tell you...I'm just trying to help out Faith. Can't you just find someone else to go with?

ECHO

Ivy, you promised.

IVY

It's just a stupid game! We can go next week, god! What's wrong with you lately.

ECHO

I...I need to tell you something.

IVY

What?

ECHO

I just...why don't we hang out this weekend, just us? Seriously, forget about the show just come to the game with me, Ivy, please go to the party. You promised you would.

Ivy slams her laptop shut and grabs her books.

IVY

You're being psychotic. I'm leaving.

Echo sits back, hurt. Ivy gets up and struts towards the door. She grabs the doorknob. Echo rolls her eyes, then starts to stand.

ECHO

Ivy, wait.

Ivy turns around. When Echo stands up, the kaleidoscope falls out of her pocket and onto the floor. Ivy stares at it.

IVY (CONT'D)
 (quietly)
 Echo...

ECHO
 Yeah?

IVY
 What is that?

Ivy walks over, bends down, and picks up the kaleidoscope. She examines it for a moment. Echo opens her mouth, but doesn't speak. Ivy looks up at her.

IVY (CONT'D)
 Did you...take this from me?

ECHO
 No. What? Ivy, no.

IVY
 Why do you have this?

ECHO
 Ivy I just found it on the ground in the hall at school and I kept forgetting to give it back to you, I swear.

Ivy stares at her.

IVY
 I'm going to go now, Echo. Let me know when you're back to normal.

Ivy walks out of the room and slams the door behind her.

EXT. SCHOOL

Echo walks up to the school. She passes by a large banner hanging off of the railings by the library. The banner reads "Come see Hamlet Tonight at 7!"

INT. ENGLISH WING

Echo walks past a line of people and goes up to the table that two girls sit at.

TICKET SELLER

Hey um you need to wait in line...

Echo looks past the girl and down the hall at a few students dressed in costume.

ECHO

I just need one ticket.

TICKET SELLER

Whatever.

The girl hands Echo a ticket, and Echo gives her five dollars. She takes a step to walk past the table and the girl reaches out her arm to stop her.

TICKET SELLER (CONT'D)

Whoa. Cast only. Sorry.

Echo takes a deep breath, turns, and walks into the auditorium.

As she walks up to the door to enter the auditorium, she glances at the bulletin board next to her. A poster for the show hangs in the window. In the center of the poster is a large skull.

Echo pushes past people and runs through the door.

INT. AUDITORIUM

Echo looks around at the crowd as everyone takes their seats. She scans the room, and her eyes land on Lucy who sits nearby.

Echo runs over to him.

ECHO

Hey. Where's Ivy?

LUCY

Uh hey Echo...I don't think she really wants to talk to you after what happened the other day.

ECHO

Lucy, I need to help her. Just tell me where she is.

LUCY

Help her? What's going on?

ECHO

I can't tell you. You won't believe me, or you'll think I'm crazy, but she's in trouble, and I really need to help her.

Lucy stares at her in confusion, but says nothing.

ECHO (CONT'D)

Fine.

Echo runs down the aisle and up the stairs, then she slips behind the curtain.

INT. BACKSTAGE

Echo walks around backstage. Everything is dark, until a set of stage lights rise. Echo looks up at them.

As she looks up, she hears the creek of a curtain from stage right.

Echo turns around and sees the curtain being drawn open behind her.

She runs, and the curtain sweeps across the stage with her feet.

As Echo runs off to very downstage right, she moves past the small alcove that the first side curtain creates. She bumps into someone standing on the other side.

A cloaked figure turns and looks at her. They wear the Venetian mask from her visions.

Echo lets out a small breath of fear.

ACTOR

What are you doing back here? The show's about to start.

Echo pushes past them and turns her head from side to side, searching for Ivy.

She sees only drama kids, so she runs out the door.

As she opens the door, she sees Ivy standing there with her arm stretched, reaching for the doorknob.

IVY

Echo? Why are you back here?

ECHO

I just...

IVY
I really don't have time right now.

Ivy turns around and walks off. Echo rushes after her and grabs her arm.

ECHO
Ivy, please wait. I need to tell you something.

Ivy turns around and stares at her.

IVY
For God's sake, Echo, what do you need so desperately?

Echo pauses. She stares at Ivy.

ECHO
I just need the kaleidoscope.

IVY
You what?

ECHO
Please.

Ivy pauses and looks up at Echo.

IVY
You stole it, didn't you? Why the hell would you do that?

Ivy turns to walk down the stairs. Echo reaches out and grabs her arm.

ECHO
No. I swear. That's not it. Please just listen to me for a second.

IVY
What?! What the hell do you have to tell me?

Echo presses her lips together and stares at Ivy for a moment.

ECHO
You can't tell anyone this, okay?

IVY
Yeah, okay.

ECHO

I'm serious. I need to tell you this because I don't know how else to help you...Ivy, I like...had this sort of...feeling, or like vision...and I think that something really bad is going to happen to you tonight, but it won't happen if you just give me the kaleidoscope, please...

Echo steps towards her. She looks up at Ivy, who stares at her in fear and confusion.

IVY

(softly)

Tell me you're joking.

ECHO

Ivy...

Ivy steps back from Echo. She pulls the kaleidoscope out of her pocket and holds it up.

IVY

This is what you want? You think that this will fix all of your problems? Take it, Echo. Take it straight to hell.

Ivy throws the kaleidoscope, then turns and starts down the stairs. Echo catches it with one arm over her head.

ECHO

Please, Ivy, I'm just trying to help you.

Echo reaches out to grab onto Ivy. She takes her arm, but Ivy jerks away forcefully.

IVY

You're crazy!

Ivy pulls her arm out of Echo's grasp, but falls back from the force. She trips and slams her head against the railing.

Ivy lays on the floor with her head facing to the left from Echo's POV at the top of the stairs.

Echo stands with her mouth gaping as she stares at Ivy.

The bottom door opens, and scream comes from the very bottom of the flight of stairs.

The girl from math stands at the bottom. She hurries up a few steps and looks up at Echo who remains at the top.

Echo steps down slowly and stands over Ivy.

Echo drops the kaleidoscope, and it falls into Ivy's blood.

EXT. PICNIC TABLES AT LUNCH

Echo sits alone at a picnic table. She eats her lunch slowly. The table behind her is filled with people, who talk and laugh loudly.

Echo puts down her food as she pays closer attention to the conversations behind her.

GIRL

I swear to god, I saw the whole thing. She shoved her.

BOY 1

Yeah, she's crazy.

BOY 2

Well she has no friends now.

GIRL

(yelling)

Good, that's what she deserves. She's a goddamn murderer.

BOY 2

Yeah...there just comes a point where you have to stop being so nice to crazy people.

Echo slowly turns. The few kids who had been turning around to catch glances quickly turn back to their table.

One girl wearing dark clothes, sitting on the end of the table looks at Echo.

Echo smiles at her. She turns back and continues eating her lunch.

FADE OUT