

CAROLINE

Hi.

The bolder looking girl, VALERIE, 15, looks Caroline over.  
The other girl, TIFFANY, 16, acknowledges her.

## START SCENE 1

CAROLINE

Where are we?

VALERIE

Locked up. Where do you think?

TIFFANY

Hi, I'm Tiffany.

Caroline walks closer to them.

CAROLINE

Why are you here?

VALERIE

What kind of question is that?

CAROLINE

I'm waiting for my dad.

Valerie scoffs.

VALERIE

Your dad? What are you talking  
about?

Caroline stands there as if she expects the conversation to  
continue. Valerie turns back to the TV.

Caroline wanders over to the bunk beds. Valerie keeps tabs on  
her, stealing looks at Caroline while watching the show.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

That one's ours. Don't touch it -

Caroline looks out the one window, which faces a brick wall.

The voices from the TV are loud and ridiculous. With nowhere  
to go, she walks in circles around the room. Tiffany tracks  
Caroline with her eyes.

Valerie walks out of the room at a commercial break.

CAROLINE

Can that be turned off for a  
minute?

Tiffany nods and mutes the TV. She offers Caroline some of  
the potato chips she's eating.

Valerie comes back in.

VALERIE  
Who turned it off?

TIFFANY  
I did.

CAROLINE  
I asked her to.

VALERIE  
Jesus, retarded.

To keep the peace, Tiffany joins Valerie on the sofa.

Caroline paces near the window and tries to open it. She tries jiggling the latch to see if she can force it open. Valerie hears the noise, looks over and notices that Caroline is in her bare feet.

VALERIE  
Gross. You're getting your dirty feet all over everything.

CAROLINE  
My feet are clean.

VALERIE  
You act like you're better than everyone.

CAROLINE  
That's not true.

VALERIE  
So what's your problem?

Valerie's full attention is now in the fight, and she wants to have it out. She rises up off the sofa and comes close to Caroline.

CAROLINE  
My problem is that my dad's been taken away from me. And now I'm trapped in here where you're trying to argue with me.

VALERIE  
I can say whatever I want -- it's a free country. I bet you don't have any friends.

Valerie pushes Caroline's shoulder. The girls get into a scuffle.