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NATALIE

No. I'm just... I'm doing my homework. I'm such a dork, I guess that cheers me up.

There are some books on the bed next to her.

KUTNER

Parents brought it?

NATALIE

No, Simon did.

KUTNER

The jocky kid in your class?

NATALIE

Yeah. He just left.

Kutner gets a look, grabs the phone.

KUTNER

(into phone)
Security.

Off Natalie, confused--

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Kutner hovers angrily over Simon. Taub and a SECURITY GUARD wait nearby.

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SIMON

Bringing someone their homework is against the law now?

KUTNER

You helped bully this little girl and completely refused to accept responsibility. No way you're coming here out of compassion. That only leaves guilt. What did you do to her?

SIMON

Nothing.

KUTNER

Stop lying or I take the drugs I found in your locker and bring them to the cops, you slimy little jerk.

Taub pulls Kutner aside. Their conversation is sotto:

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TAUB

This kid didn't do anything to you.

KUTNER

It's not me I'm--

TAUB

--Yeah, yeah, I get it, you were bullied yourself when you were in school, but take it easy.

KUTNER

I wasn't bullied.

TAUB

Right. The Indian foster kid whose parents were shot in front of him; you were clearly homecoming king.

Kutner gives Taub a look and goes back to Simon. He takes a breath, then--

KUTNER

Let's start again. Just tell me--

SIMON

--Honestly, you don't understand... we were best friends in like seventh grade.

(admitting)

I'd be friends with her now if people wouldn't make fun of me.

He seems to be telling the truth. Kutner softens a little.

KUTNER

You don't know anything that could help?

SIMON

...Did she tell you she used to drink a lot?

KUTNER

(surprised)

No. How do you know that?

SIMON

Don't tell anyone, okay? I have my brother's ID. I kind of supply people. I used to get her a few bottles of vodka each week.

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KUTNER

When?

SIMON

All last spring.

KUTNER

Why'd you stop?

SIMON

She said she got her own ID, it was cheaper buying it herself.

KUTNER

...You can go.

~~STOP~~

Simon heads off as Taub turns to Kutner.

TAUB

We got our diagnosis. Our little girl's a drunk.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT THREE

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