

HOLDING ON

SCENE ONE

Riley is showing Morgan his card collection

Riley: and I've had this one since we were in the 5th grade. It might actually be one of the first ones I ever got.

Morgan: Why is it's name "nine tails"... Theres only eight of them.

Riley: No... Theres nine.

Morgan: look, One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight.

Riley: Nine.

Morgan: Okay that is NOT a tail.

Riley: Yeah it is!

Morgan: Then why is it between the legs?

Riley: because when vulpix evolves, it gets older and grows some tails... Oh. Ew.

Morgan: *laughs* Ew look at that one. Its so deformed.

Riley: That card is actually worth like a hundred bucks.

Morgan: What the hell? Really?

Riley: Yeah! They stopped making them. Oh and if you hold it under light, its a hologram.

Morgan: No way... Actually? How much are all of these worth?

Riley: Probably a few grand. A LOT of these are rares.

Morgan: Well why don't you sell them? You could make a lot of money from those.

Riley: Are you kidding?! That would be like harry giving up his wand or golum giving up the ring. Without them... Id get lonely.

Morgan: Oh I get it. I see how it is.

Riley: No! I didn't mean it that way!!!

Morgan: Just kidding. Seriously though they are literally little pieces of paper. Look what if you only sold half-

Morgan tries to grab Riley's binder, he screams and pulls away

Riley: *girly shriek* NOOO.. I mean... No. Lets just change the subject.

Morgan: Seriously though. You could do so much with the money. You could buy yourself (sarcastic gasp) your very own car.

Riley: I don't really need a car.. Its much better to walk. I burn calories, get an even level of oxygen intake. It is also really good for my muscle tone. Plus, don't even TRY to act like you have a problem driving me places. You love company.

Morgan: Yeah yeah i guess you're right... what about a new shirt? You wear the same clothes all the time.

Riley: I do not! I have tons of shirts. They came in a value pack from walmart a while ago and I must say the quality is actually pretty decent.

Morgan: okay then what do you want?

Riley: Well I'm not gonna sell my cards sooo

Morgan: Christmas is coming. I need to get you SOMETHING.

Riley: hmmmmm I could use a new thesaurus...

Morgan: Okay..

Riley: Or maybe an umbrella.

Morgan: Okay..?

Riley: I saw this housecoat online and it was 100% egyptian cotton! Thats kinda cool.

Morgan: Allright.

Riley: OH I know. Theres this card I really really want... Its the new edition of bulba-

Morgan: No. I REFUSE to buy you another card.

the two of them bicker back and forth. Riley's mom walks in shivering

Riley: Hey mom.

Ann: Hi hunny. Hi Morgan.

Morgan: Hey Ann. How are you?

(Ann is hanging her coat up and proceeds picking laundry up and tidying the house while she talks to the kids)

Ann: My finger tips are more frozen than grandmas nanimo bars. That storm is the most god awful thing. There is at least two inches of ice on the roads. I had to leave the car down the street and walk because I cant turn any corners in it.

Riley: Really? I didn't think it was that bad.

Ann: Its terrible. I know I said I'd pick up a pizza on the way home, you know, that one kind you like with the ham and the pinapple and with the gluten free crust but all the stores are closed and-

Riley: its okay its no problem. Hows Adrian doing? Anything new?

Ann: No, unfortunately not. The heater is broken in his wing of the hospital and its freezing in there, poor thing.

Morgan: Oh yeah how has he been? If you don't mind me asking.

Ann: Well they took him out of the straight jacket which was good news... But he still carrys out conversations when there is nobody else in the room.

Morgan: Hmm... Is he still mad at everything?

Ann: Yeah.. He isn't handling things too well. goodness i just hope he is home for Christmas time.

Riley: Thats in less than a month though

Ann: I promised him that he could come home so lets just hope we get a christmas miracle... Well I'm going to get some dinner going. What are you kids thinking? Perogies?

Morgan: I should actually probably head home some time soon.

Riley: Are you crazy?

Ann: Aw hun you can't drive in this! Stay the night. I'll make something to eat and we can watch that one movie with the little talking snowman and those princesses... Riley what is that one called again?

Riley: Frozen?

Ann: Yes thats it! Oh i have to go find it.. Its somewhere inside the craft room i think.. Or is it in the book case? Riley have you seen it laying around anywhere?

Riley: i-

Morgan: Thats so kind of you, Ann. Thanks but I really have to let my dog out. We just had new carpet put in on wednesday and you know my mom.

Riley: I'm sure she would understand. I mean look outside.

Ann: Riley is right. You just can't drive in this. well I have to get dinner going here kids, I have an hour until I have to dash into the snow again. Oh and i've also got to stitch up that tear in your shirt Riley where did you leave it? On your floor?

Riley: Wait, mom why are you going out in this?

Ann: They gave me a night shift at the office.

Riley: Mom you can't do that. Its crazy out there.

Ann: I have to take whatever they give me right now hun. We need the money. Besides the building is only one block away... I'll just walk..... Oh how about pasta? Yeah with alfredo! Oh but where did i leave that jar...

Ann hurries out of the room

Riley: Morgan please don't go. This is ridiculous.

Morgan: I'm sorry but I need to! You should go spend time with your mom anyways, she is never home anymore.

Riley: She is leaving again though. I don't wanna be alone.

Morgan: You won't be. Just text me.

Riley: Still! This house makes strange noises at night. Remember that one time?

Morgan: What? ... ohh yeah your cat knocked a jar over.

Riley: That doesn't add up though because at the time, mittens only weighed approximately three or four pounds and that jar was much too high for her to physically reach, let alone the fact that the jar approximately weighed six point eight pounds. What would she even do that for anyways? I mean-

Morgan: Ohhhh you'll be fine. Just.. I don't know read that dictionary you were talking about.

Riley: Okay.. I guess I will.. I have a really bad feeling about this, Morgan.

Morgan: I'll be fine. I don't live too too far. Plus there aren't any hills or anything on the way so it shouldn't be too hard, I'll just go slow.

Riley: Just hug-swear you'll call me when you get home okay?

Morgan: I hug-swear I will call you when I get home.

They hug for several moments

Morgan: bye!

Riley: bye.

Riley makes his way towards the kitchen when his cell phone rings

SCENE TWO

Riley: Hello?

Nick: Hey did you ask her out yet? Is she still there? Did you bang her?

Riley: Nick...? No I didn't. She just left.

Nick: Man, I swear to god you do this like every time.

Riley: It could ruin everything, I need to wait for the exact right moment. Why are you so interested in this anyways?

Nick: I'm on the toilet taking a big fat sh-

Riley: ALRIGHT. OKAY. Well that is just great.

Nick: Seriously though when the hell are you gonna get on that? You havent even lost your virginity yet bro

Riley: Okay, first of all, you are sooo incorrect. I am not interested in her because I want to... *looks towards kitchen and lowers voice* "get it in"... its because she is brilliant.

Nick: Okay I get it... but don't you wonder what its like to do someone though?

Riley: I can't say I ponder that too often. I'm too busy thinking about... oh i don't know her personality? Don't act like you have... experience said things....

Nick: *obnoxiously bragging* I almost did. I've been closer than you. You haven't even kissed a girl yet...

Riley: How do you know?

Nick: Okay first, your pokemon cards, Second, you still sleep with a stuffed animal, third, you wear matching pajamas to bed. Need I say more?

Riley: ...Women are fans of coordination okay?

Nick: actually man...you have never thought about a vagina?

Riley: I am not having this conversation right now... My mom is in the other room.

Nick: What? Really? Shes home?

Riley: Yeah. I should probably go spend some time with her.

Nick: I thought we were gonna game though

Riley: Sorry, not tonight. Did you even do that math assignment?

Nick: I'm stuck on number one.

Riley: eighty six point six.

Nick: Wow did you memorize the entire worksheet?

Riley: Of course not. I was too busy doing the marijuana and other unspeakable crimes.

Ann: What??

Riley: Nothing mom I was kidding! I swear I wasn't! I would never even touch anything like that. I swear!..... (to nick) yeah i might have memorized the whole sheet.

Nick: You my friend, are the epitome of the word nerd

Riley: Says you, you still play world of warcraft.

Nick: Its coming back, i swear.

Riley: Alright I have to go.

Nick: Fairwell my ripe maiden.

Riley: okay bye.

Riley hangs up the phone and goes into the kitchen. Blackout, music begins. lights fade up. Riley grabs school bag from the couch and enters into the school setting. Nick and Jacky are already sitting. Mr.Brown is in his desk taking attendance silently

SCENE THREE

Jacky- Hey Riley.

Riley- Hey. How was your weekend?

Jacky- Good! I couldn't jog or anything because of the storm so that was kinda dumb. I missed a bunch of training for that spring marathon... Also why didn't you answer any of my texts?

Riley- I was really busy. I had to do a whole bunch of stuff.

Nick- yeah Including a certain someone

Riley- Really?

Jacky- Let me guess. You were with miss Morgan...?

Riley- no. I was-

Nick- Yeah he was. They hung all weekend.

Riley gives nick a dirty look

Jacky- its fine Riley. (To nick) They guy is whipped. He can't help it. (Nick and Jacky share a laugh)

Jacky: Where is Morgan anyways? I was supposed to meet her and give her her shirt back this morning.

Riley- actually... she never called me to tell me she made it home last night. I hope she is okay...

Nick- Oh shes fine. She just lives far away.

Riley- i don't know.. That storm is pretty awful. like I barely made it and I live a few blocks away.

Nick- Why did they even make us come to school?

Mr. Brown- Is Jessica here?

Student- She has a dentist appointment.

Nick- This is freaking ridiculous.

Jacky- I KNOW. My car tire got stuck in like a huge chunk of ice like the size of that desk. I had to use a hammer. Oh I was so pissed.

Nick- A hammer? I didn't even know there was a storm to be honest.

Jacky: What? how!

Nick: I stayed in my room all weekend. I filled like three bottles with pee.

Riley- um... ew?

Jacky- woah thats impressive. Props.

Nick- I KNOW RIGHT? I must have broke a world record.

Jacky- theres a record for that? Oh dude you should totally do it!

Riley- How am I even friends with either of you. That is disgusting.

Mr Brown- Alright class could I please have your attention. (pauses for a moment) Unfortunately... um... Morgan Brooks has passed away last night in a severe car accident due to the freezing rain. I know some of you were close with her. Grief counselling is available at your request... please come talk to me and I will book you an appointment with the guidance counsellor as soon as I can...

Jacky- oh my god... Riley I am so so sorry.

scene fades to black, scene changes to Riley's house. Riley is zoned out to the TV

SCENE FOUR

News Reporter- Now if you look out your window, there is an alarming seventy three percent chance that you will see a collision or road blockage due to the worst freezing rain storm New York has ever seen. City streets are consumed by nearly 3 inches of ice. The storm has put alarming numbers of injured civilians into the hospital. Many hospitals throughout the city have been forced to transfer patients into hallways and waiting rooms due to insufficient space. Last night, this storm claimed the life of one young girl. 18 year old Morgan Brooks was driving her car down 57th street when she was hit head on by a large truck that had failed to stop at a controlled intersection. She was pronounced dead on the scene. The truck driver walked away with little injuries. The city is doing all they can to prevent any further incidents. The new york police department advises you to avoid going outside at all cause. However, this storm is expected to die down within the next 48 hours. We should begin to see some sun within the next-

riley turns off the tv and puts his head in his hands. He begins to cry softly. Morgan walks up sobbing to herself. She watches him for a few moments, softly places a hand on his shoulder

riley and morgan speak at the same time

Riley: What the fuck?... Morgan?! Morgan! what?

Morgan: You can see me?! Riley oh my god

Morgan hugs riley tightly. Morgan cries into his shoulder hysterically

Morgan- It was so scary Riley I don't know what is going on and I just don't know what to do. I'm so scared

Riley: Shh it's okay.. its okay... *Riley tries to speak but can't*

Morgan- How can you see me? My mom couldn't and I just don't know what to do...

Riley- Shhh... its okay Morgan.

Morgan- I thought you wouldn't be able to see me Riley. I thought- I thought I was never going to see you again.

Riley- I thought so too... but how... how are you.. I don't understand.

Morgan- I don't- I don't either but I never want to let go of you again.

Riley- I am so sorry I didn't make you stay. I should never have let you go out there its all my fault

Morgan- No Riley its not... I was just so scared. I'm so glad you can see me. I don't know how but I'm so glad.

Riley- ... nobody else can see you...

Morgan- I tried to see my mom.. I was screaming and she couldn't hear me. She was just crying and crying and she wouldn't- she didn't hear me. It was so scary Riley.

Riley- I can't believe this...

Morgan- Just never let me go again okay? Never. Never let me go.

Riley- I won't..

Morgan- hug-swear.

Riley- hug-swear.

Black out, Lights come up. The two of them are cuddling on the couch together, Morgan slowly wakes up. She admires Riley for a few moments, rises and stares out the window. Ann enters through front door

Ann- Good morning! Or should I say good afternoon.

Morgan- Good morning Ann.

Ann walks over to the couch and peeks over the back

Ann- Oops... poor thing is still asleep... and its nearly lunch time!

Morgan- Oh right... You can't see me.

Ann puts her hand on Riley's forehead, Riley springs awake with terror

Riley- Morgan! I'm so sorry!

Ann- Shhh honey its okay...

Riley- But... Morgan.

Morgan- Riley she can't see me-

Ann- I'm sorry hun... I just got home. Its alright... go back to sleep okay?

Riley- Okay...

Ann- I'd like to have a nice long nap. But where did I leave those blue pajama pants...

Ann exits

Morgan-That was really close.. I don't think its a good idea to talk around her anymore.

Riley- Right... I forgot.. This is so weird.

Morgan- Yeah... So I guess I'm a ghost now.

Riley- ... How do you feel?...

Morgan- What do you mean?

Riley- Like... are you hungry? Can you even eat? Can you see through walls.. read minds? Do you have to pee? Anything?

Morgan- mmm no. I just feel free and... light I guess. Its hard to explain.

Riley- I feel like hailey joel osment in the sixth sense.

knock on the door

Ann- Oh! I've got it.

Ann runs into the room, answers door

Jacky- Hey Ann.. is Riley home? I brought him some flowers.

Ann- Jacky! Please come in. Oh how sweet of you. Riley is asleep right now but-

Riley- I'm awake

Jacky- Hey champ.. how ya feeling?

Jacky hugs Riley

Riley- I'm great.

Jacky- You sure got over that fast..

Riley- Well... better. I suppose.

Ann- Would you two like some lunch? Sandwiches? Mac and cheese?

Jacky- No thanks! I just had a protine shake.

Ann- are you sure? orange juice? I have digestive cookies.

Riley- No thanks mom, were okay.

Ann- okay! I'll leave you two be then!

Ann exits

Jacky- I could barely get any sleep last night.

Morgan- I slept GREAT. Get it? Cause I'm dead?

Jacky- Are you sure you are okay? You look a little pale...

morgan inspects Jacky closely

Riley- I'm good... I mean It still kinda feels like shes... still around some how.

Morgan- (gasp) She is wearing MY shirt!

Jacky- Aw you poor thing... I knew I should have came home with you yesterday...Do you want anything? tea? Another blanket?

Riley- No, really I'm fine. Thanks Jacky.

Riley sits down on couch

Jacky- Oh don't worry! *sits beside him and puts her hand on his knee* I'm here for you. Youre really.. inspiring. you know that?

Morgan- Um.. Excuse me? Oh this is not happening. You are with ME.

Riley- I AM? I mean.. Am I?

Jacky- You really are.. Moving on so quickly. Morgan... wasn't really that great of a friend anyways.

Morgan- Bitch! I thought we were friends!

Riley- Uhh..

Jacky- You look sweaty. Are you okay?

Riley- Yeah.. uh just great. I need to use the washroom. I'll be right back.

Jacky- Oh. Okay!

Riley gets up to use the washroom with Morgan following close behind

Morgan- What in the hell does she think she is doing? Wearing my shirt... and then that- that hand thing. She KNOWS I like you.

Riley- Well.. Liked.

Morgan- What?

Riley- Liked. Past tense.. You are dead.

Morgan- Riley!

Riley- Right. Sorry. Well to her knowledge, you are currently deceased.

Morgan- So what? That is still totally disrespectful! She is so fake. Dead or not I still have feelings for you. I want to be with you.

Riley- Really? I'd love to have you as a partner as well but... I can't really be in a relationship with you.

Morgan- And why not?

Riley- How am I going to show affection towards you? I.. I can't put my arm around someone who is potentially invisible...

Morgan- Why don't we tell her then. Tell her you can see me.. and that I'm here.

Riley- That is not a very wise decision.. That is how my brother got institutionalized.

Jacky- Is everything okay in there?

Riley- Its going swimmingly!

Jacky- You sure?

Morgan- If you were put in the hospital, at least I could talk to you without having to sneak into a bathroom.

Riley- Ummmm ya, everythings fine.

Morgan- Please make her leave, Riley. I don't want her getting the wrong idea.

Riley- I want to go talk to Adrian anyways... however I don't want to impose on her. She is still our friend.

Jacky- Why don't you come to the gym with me for a bit. Running clears your mind of everything! You should give it a shot.

Riley exits bathroom

Riley- That sounds great but I actually made arrangements to go see Adrian this afternoon.

Jacky- You could always go and see him afterwards.

Morgan- Can she not take a hint.

Riley- Um.. I don't think that is an option.

Jacky- Look I know you are hurting right now and I totally understand. You want to spend time with your brother. Just.. Call me when you want to hang out sometime?

Jacky backs up and trips over Morgan's foot, Morgan starts laughing

Jacky- Ahh!!

Riley- OH my goodness..

Jacky- What the hell that was so weird.

Riley- Yeah. Weird. *Glares at morgan*

Jacky- Ouch.

Morgan- Make her leave or I will.

Riley- Just hold on a second

Jacky- What?

Riley- Uh.. Hold on a second while I go get some ice.

Jacky- Oh don't worry about it, I'll be fine.

Riley- Are you positive?

Jacky- Yeah, I'm tough. Don't worry about it.

Riley- Thanks for the flowers by the way.

Jacky- You are most certainly welcome.

Morgan- She basically called you a defenceless woman by giving you those, you know that right?

Jacky- See you soon okay?

Riley- Okay.

Jacky and Riley hug

Morgan- one, two, three, four, five okay time's up let go of her.

Riley- I can't

Jacky- Can't what?

Riley- I can't... even. haha get it. It's a white girl joke. Cause they can't... yeah.

Jacky- You are hilarious. See ya!

Riley- Bye

Jacky exits

Riley- Why did you trip her?

Morgan- Because she is unbelievable! She comes over to my crushes house with flowers, wearing MY shirt, the day after I died?! That is NOT okay!

Riley- True.. That was rude on her part... but still. She has been our friend for years.

Morgan- If you were invisible and Nick were doing that to me, I can assure you you would not just stand there and let it happen.

Riley- I suppose so.

Ann walks in with coffee in hand

Riley- (to morgan) Well I really ought to go see Adrian.. I need to talk to him about something.

Ann- Alright honey thats fine as long as you bundle up. Its chilly out there!

Riley- Alright, thanks mom.

Morgan- I think I'll hold up here... I really don't like hospitals.

Riley- What will you do while I'm gone?

Ann- Its been a while since I have made a pot of grandmas stew so I might do that. Oh but ive still got to sew that shirt.

Morgan- I don't know. Haunt people who piss me off. Hell I'm invisible, I have to have a little fun with it. Who knows how long this shit lasts right?

Riley- Alright! See you later... I... I love you.

Morgan/Ann- I love you too.

SCENE FIVE

Blackout, scene change to hospital room. Doctor escorts Riley into the room. Adrian is sitting with his head in his palms

Riley- Hey Adri-

Adrian- Dad said you were coming.

Riley- Dad is... gone...

Adrian- No. No he is not.

Riley- Can you speak with him? or... *looks at doctor behind him* see him?

Adrian- Yup.

Riley- What sorts of things does he say?

Adrian- Dad stuff. He checks on you and mom. He tells me what is going on... I know about Morgan.

Riley- What did he tell you..?

Adrian- I know everything that you know. Everything.

Riley- What else does dad say?

Adrian- He thinks I don't belong here. That I am normal... like you. Exactly like you. He also said he is proud of mom... but he wishes she payed more attention to us.

Riley- Yeah... She does what she can. Has.. um.. has Morgan said anything to you?

Adrian- *gets angry* No. Look... Riley, I don't belong in here. Dad isn't dead, I swear. You know what I'm talking about. I know you do.

Riley- Adrian, I-

Adrian- You need to get me out of here. Dad isn't dead, Riley. He is right there. I wish people didn't talk about him like he is all in my head. He isn't. He is RIGHT THERE. He is BEHIND YOU RILEY. HE IS ALIVE. HE IS RIGHT THERE. HE IS RIGHT THERE.

Doctor- You need to leave.

Doctor escorts Riley out of the room as nurses rush in and pin Adrian down to sedate him

Adrian- I KNOW YOU CAN SEE MORGAN. HELP ME. HELP ME.

SCENE SIX

Lights fade to black, scene changes to Riley walking through dark city streets (wanders into the audience calling for Morgan)

Riley: (calling) Morgan! Morgan!

Morgan- Riley! How'd things go with Adrian?

Riley- I am not particularly sure... He sees ghosts too... He sees my dad.

Morgan- How do you know?

Riley- He knew things that I didn't tell him... and my mom hasn't visited since you died. He just... knew.

Morgan- What? Really? wow... He freaks me out.

Riley- He can't see you.. or at least he said he can't see you.

Morgan- Well.. what do you think about all of this? Of.. me?

Riley- You really want to know?

Morgan- Yes. Tell me.

Riley grabs Morgan's hand and twirls her around so he is holding her. They slowdance

Riley- Morgan, I can promise you that I will never see anything on this earth that is as beautiful as you. However, there is this theory in the back of my head. It is possible that the painful conclusion to this lovely dream may be that I can't

actually see you. There is the possibility that you prosper only in my imagination... and that I belong with Adrian. It is the only logical explanation behind these past few days...

Morgan- I... I think the reason that I am here is because I had unfinished business... I was put back here so that I could be with you. We were meant for each other.. I mean I KNOW you aren't insane. That's just not possible.

Riley- How are you sure? This could all just be one giant mirage... any moment I could wake up and be alone again. Morgan, we have no proof you are real. How am I supposed to determine that you are a real thing when nobody else can-

Morgan kisses riley

Morgan- I am real... you think too much. Breathe.

Riley- Okay... wow.

Morgan- What?

Riley- So thats what it feels like to kiss you... I have wondered forever. Wow.

Morgan- You are such a nerd. Lets get home, you are probably freezing.

Riley- Eh. You're worth it.

Riley opens the door to his house, Jacky and Nick are there holding a cake

Jacky/Nick: SURPRISE

Riley- Awe! What's all this?

Jacky- We thought you could use some cheering up!

Riley- You guys didn't need to-

Nick- We have cake.

Riley- Ah. No need to say more.

Jacky- You are freezing! Come in, Ill get you some tea.

Morgan- Um.. I am going to go for a walk. I'll be back in a bit. I just need a little time to myself.

Nick- How are you doing?

Riley- I'm good (Knods towards Morgan)

Morgan kisses Riley on the cheek and leaves

Nick- Cool. Oh by the way you missed your mom leaving by like 5 minutes. She ran off to work. She looks older

Riley- Yeah... that tends to happen to humans over the age of 45

Jacky- Here you are. How was your visit with Adrian? If you don't mind that I ask...

Riley- It was alright. He seems.... different now in a sense.

all sit down on couch

Nick- Is he any better? Does he still spaz out?

Riley- Not in particular.. He is getting worse in general. It is really hard seeing him like this.

Jacky- Aw I bet. Anyways.. the weather has been better these past few days..

Nick- Did he say anything about your dad?

Jacky- Nick.. I think that is a touchy subject for him. How about we rest the topic. That marathon is coming up in the spring and I am so excited for-

Nick- Calm down...I just want to know if he is snapping back into reality yet. I want to know if he is still talking about their dad.

Riley- Yeah, he is. Death isn't something you can just get over...

Jacky- Umm who wants cake?

Nick- I'll cut it.

Nick picks up the cake and leaves the room, Jacky moves closer to Riley.

Jacky- I can tell you are broken over all of this... Nick has NO boundaries... But I am here for you.

Riley- Thanks Jacky... but really I am okay.

Jacky- Nick just doesn't understand that humans are delicate and they need lots of love... (leans in to kiss Riley, Riley leans away)

Nick walks in

Riley- Let me help you with that cake, Nick.

Jacky- Oh.. Well um.. I should probably go anyways. I need to go do some training before bed.

Nick- What about your cake?

Jacky- I'm on a diet. Bye Nick. Bye Riley.

Jacky exits quickly

Nick- What in the hell was that?

Riley- What was what?

Nick- Why didn't you let her kiss you? You could have finally kissed someone.

Riley- Because... Ugh you wouldn't understand.

Nick- What wouldn't I understand exactly? She likes you so you should let her kiss you. What is confusing you?

Riley- Nick I'm not really sure if you know this but the girl I have loved my whole life just died. I'm not quite over that yet.

Nick- Yeah but you could use Jacky in a time like this. She is good at comfort stuff like she even made you tea dude. Why would you push her away?

Riley- Because Morgan makes me happy...

Nick- She is in your past. Why hold onto that?

Riley- Sometimes the past is full of good things!

Nick- Come on, Jacky is obviously into you. Just move on

Riley- A relationship right now would pretty much be pouring salt on an open wound. Why do I need to be with anyone at all?

Nick- Because Jacky would help you get over Morgan.

Riley- What if I don't WANT to get over her? Don't talk about her like she is some piece of crap. Ive liked her for 12 years. You can't throw all of that away Nick.

Nick- Why..? She is never coming back.

(Next couple lines are shouted ontop of eachother)

Riley- I still love her

Nick- She doesn't exist, Riley. You can't hold her. You can't feel her heart beat. Don't you want to hold the one you love?

Riley- Maybe I am happy being single. I understand that you want to know what it is like to be in love and I'm sorry but don't screw with my life

Nick- I know exactly what it is like, thanks. Your personality is so typical. You hate your life and do nothing to fix it.

Riley- Who asked your damn opinion anyways? I believe you are in the wrong line of judgement and need to step back. You don't know anything.

Morgan enters

Nick- Pull your head out of your ass long enough to see what is in front of you. Jacky is an awesome girl. You are just some ass hole who doesn't deserve her anyways. Do you ever think of anyone else?

Riley- Actually I do. For example, all I see right now is some douche bag I used to call my best friend.

Nick- Morgan is gone. Why are you even thinking twice about her? She is fucking gone, Riley. You will never see her again for as long as you live.

Riley punches Nick

Riley- Get the fuck out of my house.

Nick- I hope that you realize you are one hundred percent alone in the world. You are mentally sick.

Nick storms out

Morgan- Riley..

Riley- Morgan.

Riley hugs Morgan

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Riley- I can't believe him. He is so ridiculous. How can he even think of saying things like that to me?

Morgan- He is right.

Riley- What?

Morgan- Remember when you said "I can't put my arm around an invisible girl"?.. Well its true. I really am going to ruin your life..

Riley- Morgan don't say things like-

Morgan- Its the truth. What is the point of me even being your girlfriend. We can't hold hands or kiss in public. We will never be able to have small talk over dinner in a nice restaurant. We will never even be able to get married or anything. Wouldn't you like to have your mother at your own wedding? I really like you but I am a large hazard to your life. You aren't dead like me. You can still raise a wonderful family with someone that can truly be there for you. Someone you can take out to dinner. Someone you can talk about to your family without any fear of being put in a mental institution. Someone you CAN put your arm around... someone like Jacky.

Riley- No... no no this isn't right. Morgan you are the only girl I want. I don't care if you are dead or not, we can work around it.

Morgan- I care far too much about you to let you throw your life away... I don't belong here. I finally understand why I came back... you don't need me.

Riley- Morgan where are you going? Don't leave me

Morgan- I have said all that I needed to...

Riley- Please stay Morgan, Please don't leave me. You are all I have.

Morgan- No. You have the most precious gift anyone can be blessed with... You have been given a life.

Riley- Life isnt good if you arent with someone you love, Morgan. MORGAN. DONT LEAVE ME.

Morgan walks away, Riley collapses on the floor crying. after a few moments, riley grabs a knife off of the coffee table. Jacky knocks on the door and enters

Jacky- Sorry to bother you, I forgot my phone... Riley what are you doing?!

Jacky runs to Riley and throws the knife out of his hand. She hugs him tightly. Riley waits several moments and then hugs back. Blackout.

RISE AND BOW. THE END*

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