

Allisyn/Ben CB

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Start

BEN:

Your parents never pressed charges? That's absurd.

(beat)

Allisyn, this was not your fault. *(beat)*

Did you ever find out what actually happened that night?

ALLISYN:

So... they were at the party. Apparently Melissa wanted to stay and hang out with Phil- this guy she'd been dating. He was gonna walk her to Julie's.

BEN:

He was one of the guys that attacked her?

ALLISYN:

I don't know, Ben.

BEN:

Wasn't she examined at the hospital?

ALLISYN:

She was, yes. But she admitted they'd been sleeping together for a while.

BEN:

How old was she?

ALLISYN:

Sixteen.

BEN:

She started young.

ALLISYN:

How old were you?

BEN:

Fifteen.

(beat)

ALLISYN:

Anyway- she was getting a lot of attention.

BEN:

And she liked it?

ALLISYN:
Who doesn't?
(beat)

BEN:
So- Phil was one of the guys but-

ALLISYN:
But because she was dating him- no one believed that he was part of the rape.

BEN:
But she claimed he was.

ALLISYN:
Melissa said he forced himself on her and then invited several of his friends to have her, as well.

BEN:
What a piece of shit. These other guys- you knew who they were?

ALLISYN:
They were from our school. She'd actually been out with a couple of them before.

BEN:
She'd slept with them?

ALLISYN:
She was all about Phil. They were spending all their time together.

BEN:
So she wasn't sleeping with any of other guys?

ALLISYN:
I just told you she was only dating Phil.

BEN:
Only Phil? I mean, do you think there some confusion about what she was up for?

ALLISYN:
I'm sorry?

BEN:
I'm just wondering if maybe she was a little more interested in the other guys than you might have realized. I mean- it sounds like maybe-

ALLISYN:

(Interrupting him)

What I said was that she'd had sex with Phil. Which you obviously have a judgment about-

BEN:

I didn't say it was wrong- I just said she was young.

ALLISYN:

Please tell me you aren't asking me to explain the difference between choosing to have sex and being gang raped....

BEN:

I'm simply restating the facts. She was a sexually charged girl. She was already dating a few of them.... I'm just asking if it's possible that the guys were getting mixed signals from her?

ALLISYN:

You are not serious.

BEN:

I'm just trying to understand what happened.

ALLISYN:

I already told you what happened.

BEN:

I'm not defending them...

ALLISYN:

Are you sure?

BEN:

Allisyn. I am a reporter. I am just trying to get the facts. This is what we do...

ALLISYN:

In my entire life, I have never regretted telling anyone this story- more than I do right now.

BEN:

It's a horrible thing that happened to Melissa- I just thought...

(beat)

BEN (cont'd):

Listen, I used to have this girlfriend. We played these games in bed. She'd take off all her clothes and climb on top of me, and then tell me not to touch her. She'd keep

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