

EXT. CAMP - AFTERNOON

EBONY, NED

EBONY storms away from the algae nets down the beach. NED chases after her.

NED
You can't just leave. It's our shift.

She's not interested in his opinion.

EBONY
Says who?

NED
Eli.

She turns to NED.

EBONY
How do you even know he's telling us the truth? How do you know our parents are coming to get us?

NED suddenly becomes pale... It's not something he's ever questioned.

NED
Because... Eli said they were.

EBONY calms as she goes deeper into thought.

EBONY
It just seems weird. What kind of parents would leave their kids under the control of a sixteen-year-old for so long...?

NED
You've been talking to Ryan. Ever since he got here he's been trying to--

EBONY
It's not just him, it's all of them. Why would they lie?

NED thinks about it long and hard.

NED
Why would Eli lie?

EBONY shrugs.

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EBONY

Because he needs us to work for him. The others don't need anything from us.

NED is starting to come around.

NED

What should we do?

EBONY

I dunno.... I'll see what I can find out from the others. Can you get into Eli's tent and see if there's anything, anything at all that might help explain what's going on?

He hesitates but eventually nods.

EBONY (CONT'D)

Great. Let's meet by the cliff first thing tomorrow and swap notes.

NED

Okay.

Just as EBONY is about to lead off--

NED (CONT'D)

Ebony?

She turns back to him.

NED (CONT'D)

What if I get caught?

She thinks about it.

EBONY

Say... the zipper was open and you wanted to check no one was in there snooping around.

NED smiles.