

NELSON
Madelyn Marks

CHARACTERS

AVA.....15, Colby's younger sister

COLBY.....16, Ava's older brother

TIME: Mid-day--Present day

SETTING: A living room

*(AVA sits on the couch reading or looking at her phone, something normal.
COLBY enters.)*

COLBY

I need your help.

AVA

With what?

COLBY

I did something stupid.

AVA

So? You do stupid stuff all the time.

COLBY

No seriously, I did something like really stupid.

AVA

What'd you do?

COLBY

I need you to promise me you'll help me fix it if I tell you.

AVA

I'm not promising to help you until you tell me what you did.

COLBY
Ava please, we're siblings.

AVA
So?

COLBY
So we have to stick together.

AVA
That's manipulative.

COLBY
Ava! Please!

AVA
What did you do that's so bad?

COLBY
Do you promise to help me fix it?

AVA
(pause)
Can I just promise to offer my input instead?

COLBY
No, I need you to be fully invested in helping me fix this.

AVA
(stares at him trying to gauge how bad the situation is before)
What's in it for me?

COLBY
Well now *that* is manipulative.

AVA
No it's not. It's just business.

COLBY
Business? We're not trying to open a bakery. We're just trying to fix the dog.

AVA

The dog? What's wrong with Nelson?

COLBY

Shoot / do you promise to help me fix him?

AVA

What do you mean fix him? What did you do to him?

COLBY

Promise!

AVA

COLBY

COLBY

FINE. I left some stuff out on the floor in my room and he kind of ate something he wasn't supposed to eat.

AVA

Ok what did he eat?

COLBY

Do you pro-

AVA

OK FINE I promise to help fix him, just tell me what he ate.

COLBY

...an edible

AVA

What?

COLBY

An edible

AVA

Colby speak up.

COLBY

An edible! The dog ate one of my edibles!

AVA

WHAT

COLBY

I didn't realize I had left them on the floor!

AVA

YOU GOT THE DOG HIGH???

COLBY

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!!!

AVA

You're so stupid!

COLBY

I KNOW

AVA

Where's Nelson now? Is he ok?

COLBY

He's in my room. I think he's fine. He's just really wobbly.

AVA

Wobbly?

COLBY

Yeah and his eyes are like super dilated.

AVA

We should take him to the vet.

COLBY

NO if we take him to the vet, then Mom and Dad are gonna know what happened!

AVA

Yeah well if we don't, he might like die!

COLBY

He'll die??

AVA

I don't know! I'm not a vet! That's why we should take him to see one!

COLBY

No maybe he can just like sleep it off?

AVA

You wanna let him go to sleep??? What if he doesn't wake up???

COLBY

(pulls out iphone)

Hey siri, can weed kill my dog?

AVA

Are you serious?

SIRI

(in the siri voice)

If a dog ingests too much, then it could die.

COLBY

Oh my gosh Nelson is gonna die!

AVA

Well maybe not if we just take him to the vet!

COLBY

But then Mom and Dad are gonna know what happened and they'll kill me!

AVA

I'm honestly ok with that.

COLBY

AVA

AVA

We need to take him to the vet.

COLBY

But–

AVA

COLBY WOULD YOU RATHER BE GROUNDED FOR LIKE TWO WEEKS OR BE THE REASON THAT OUR DOG LITERALLY DIES?

COLBY

OK FINE we can take him to the vet.

AVA

Finally, let's go grab him and get in the car. I'll call the vet while you drive.

(They start heading to get the dog.)

COLBY

Can we tell Mom and Dad it was your weed?

AVA

Absolutely not. Also we're getting Starbucks after we save Nelson. You owe me.

COLBY

Yeah that's fair.

(They exit. Lights down)

END OF PLAY