

A SISTERS' ALLIANCE  
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## **PLAY BREAKDOWN**

### **CHARACTERS**

KALVIN

KALVIN is 18 years old He's self-centered and Very conniving. He is street smart rather than book smart.

AALIYAH

AALIYAH is 16 years old she is smart and strong Willed. She also loves to stand up for what she believes in.

OMEIKA

OMEIKA (Mom) mom of AALIYAH and KALVIN

### **SETTING**

The kitchen of KALVIN'S HOME; The Church; The Rally

### **TIME**

Summer of 2021

ACT 1

**SCENE 1**

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*LIGHTS UP on AALIYAH and OMEIKA in the kitchen. OMEIKA is cooking while AALIYAH is sitting at the counter.*

AALIYAH

You know Calvin didn't come home last night.

OMEIKA

What!?!.... You know what. I'm not even going to get upset. The boy's following his own path and I can't keep rescuing him like I do everytime.

AALIYAH

Mom. I'm worried. Kal's been saying some strange stuff lately and it's not like him.

OMEIKA

Strange stuff?... Like what?

*Turns around and puts hand on hip.*

AALIYAH

He been talking about getting strapped. Like getting a piece! So that aint nobody gon think he a game. Talm bout he in a gang that they got his back..

OMEIKA

Liyah--

*Puts up a hand and shakes her head.*

AALIYAH

Fine Mom. I'll leave it be.

OMEIKA

Just Pray for him. Put it in God's hands.

AALIYAH

That's all I've been doing.

OMEIKA

Well, keep doing it. God hears us, he ain't deaf and he knows what he is doing.

AALIYAH

I believe you Mom. Tomorrow is--

OMEIKA

I know what tomorrow is.. Jamie's nem funeral. It's sad what happened to that girl and her friends. Even sadder cause I knew they momma.

AALIYAH

You're gonna be able to go, right?

OMEIKA

Can't. I have work but I'll see if I can make the rally later that evening.

AALIYAH

Ok.

OMEIKA

You're still going to be speaking right?

AALIYAH

Yes.

OMEIKA

Call your brother.

AALIYAH

He hasn't answered my calls, only my texts.

OMEIKA

Call him. He will answer.

AALIYAH

Ok.

*(gets out phone and calls Calvin)*

KALVIN (Over the phone)

Wassup?

AALIYAH

Why didn't you come home last night?

KALVIN

Damn girl, get out of my business. Where Momma at?

AALIYAH

She's right here.

KALVIN

Give her the phone, doddie.

OMEIKA

Kalvin--

KALVIN

I'm alright mom. How are you?

OMEIKA

I'm living baby. Praying you stay safe out there.

OMEIKA

I need you to be there for your sister tomorrow. Jamie's funeral is over on Indiana avenue.

KALVIN

I'm going anyway.

OMEIKA

She's supposed to be speaking at the rally as well. If I don't make it I need you to make sure she gets home safe alright?

KALVIN

Yes ma I got this. I gotta go. We'll talk later.

*(Hangs up)*

OMEIKA

Hm.... You let me know if he comes tomorrow.

AALIYAH

I will.

Act 1

**SCENE 2**

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*LIGHTS UP on Aaliyah at Jamie's funeral.*

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Aaliyah is sitting on the front pew looking at the caskets.

AALIYAH

I can't believe they are gone.

*Whimpers softly*

PREACHER HARRIS

We've suffered 3 great losses today. These were our children, we watched them grow. They were all loved by the lord, loved by this community and this church. They will never be forgotten. The majority of us knew them as Jamie Lee Davis, Carter Lee Davis and Lisa McGee Davis. Brother, sister and cousin all went to be with God.

*The Preacher begins to sing. The choir rises and starts to hum along with Him. As they finish, PREACHER HARRIS motions for the family to stand and come up to view their bodies.*

AALIYAH

*AALIYAH addresses the audience.*

Jamie's cousin Bryan spots me and walks over to me and grabs me and hugs me. He lets go and I follow him to the caskets.

*She does.*

When I see Jamie's body I almost drop to the floor but I catch myself. I stare for what seems like a long time. I try to imagine that she's just sleeping instead of the reality that she is lifeless. I think about the times we would have sleepovers and we would watch each other sleep so the monsters we thought were in the dark wouldn't try to snatch us. Bryan taps me and tells me to walk forward. When I see Carter's body, I want to hug him one last time and have him hug me back. He doesn't look like himself. His face is paler than normal, the dimples he had are no longer there. That's not Carter ... finally we get to Lisa's body, but before I could get to hers, Bryan grabs me and whispers, "She got the worst of it." I pause and shake my head. When I saw her body I knew exactly what he meant. I shouldn't have looked. She should have had a closed casket, but her mother wanted the world to see what had happened to her and what the killers had done to her child. Lisa's face was so shrunken in there was no way she could even look half

alive. There was a bullet hole right in between her eyes... Lisa's mother wouldn't even get up to see her body. I'm sure she saw it though in its entirety.

PREACHER HARRIS

Today we have a couple people here who do not stand for inhumane acts such as this. They are here to provide us with information and support in this time and this evening will be holding a Peace Rally for the Davis Family.

MS. PAXTON

Good morning Church, My name is Ms.Paxton. As Preacher Harris stated we are with a service called IMPACT. IMPACT is organizing ways to create safe and safer communities. We fight for your families and your neighborhoods so that less incidents like this happen.

MR. ARMANI

I am Mr. Armani, when I heard about what happened to these kids... I cried and I was very hurt. I imagined that they were my own then I imagined the feeling their mother's felt after receiving that dreadful call and identifying their child's bodies. I wanted revenge. As a father myself I would do anything for my kids but I know that god wouldn't want me to go down that path. So I wanted Justice to be served. IMPACT is for those parents for those families that need closure and want to fight for justice and the remembrance of their children.

PREACHER HARRIS

Thank you Mr. Armani and Ms. Paxton. The Peace Rally will be held on Indiana avenue right across from Mount Moriah Cemetery. We will make our way down Brooklyn Boulevard where we will have multiple speakers and the family will address everyone. Remember this is a peaceful rally and we will not have violence. We will meet on Indiana ave at 6 pm. God Bless you all.

**SCENE 3**

└─── *LIGHTS UP on AALIYAH walking beside  
BRYAN as they walk to Indiana avenue.*

AALIYAH

You good?

BRYAN

Yea, I'm good.

AALIYAH

My brother's post to meet up with us. I texted him earlier but he never responded.

BRYAN

Aw. Cool i ain't seen bro in a minute. He been doing ok?

AALIYAH

Yea, he's ok.

AALIYAH

Yep.

*Aaliyah's phone buzzes*

BRYAN

Aye whose car is this?

AALIYAH

Uhh I don't know.

KALVIN

Aye, AYE! man stop that's my sister.

*Kalvin's friend in the front seat of the car pointed a pistol at us and laughed.*

AALIYAH

Kal are you coming with us or not?

*Aaliyah walks away.*

BRYAN



Nice gun.

Bryan walks toward the car.

AALIYAH

Bryan c'mon yo momma is calling me.

KALVIN

Aye B go walk with my sister. We gon' be around there.

BRYAN

Ight.

*Bryan steps back as the car pulls off.*

AALIYAH

Shit! I knew it man. I knew he was running with Travis's gang. Travis ain't shit and aint never gon be shit. Him and his gang are bad news and I'm not about to let them get my brother in no B.S.

*Aaliyah grabs Bryan and walks hurriedly to the crowd of ralliers*

BRYAN

Liyah, slow down. Kal ain't even like that.

AALIYAH

Bryan, you should know what these streets can do to somebody who "ain't even like that."

*Aaliyah pauses and looks away*

AALIYAH

Bryan , I'm sorry ok. I ain't even mean it like that.

BRYAN

Just C'mon they started to walk.

RALLIERS

What do we want? CHANGE!--- When do we want it ? NOW!

We are fed UP!

NO MORE LIVES

NOT ONE MORE

As we walk we hear more chants and cheers. The Pastor leads a few songs some are sad and some are joyful. We pass by a couple corner stores where they have signs up in memory of Jamie, her brother and her cousin. I start to cry when we pass our old elementary school and the playground we played at as kids. I began to walk alone and wonder in my

thoughts because it still doesn't feel real. I walked through the shortcut me and Bryan found a couple months ago. It's like a little wooded area with pretty flowers and spray painted walls that remind you of your still in the hood. As I exit I meet the crowd of people again and Bryan sees me but he keeps walking. We're just about to reach Brooklyn Boulevard when I see Travis's car turn the corner, shortly after another car follows but I don't recognize this one.

TRAVIS

AYE SHORTY!

Travis steps out the car and clutches the back of his pants

Everyone stops...and everything goes silent.

Then that's when it happened. A loud gunshot springs out then another one in the opposite direction. Whoever was in that other car had the intentions of hurting someone. I see Travis throw a gun across him and Calvin catches it. He aims and takes the shot then everything goes black.