OTL: TYLER AUDITION SCENES

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SCENE ONE FOR TYLER AUDITION

CONTEXT: TYLER HAS BEEN WITHHOLDING THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS OCD FROM HIS GIRLFRIEND (KATE). HE'S SHOWN UP TO KATE'S PLACE UNANNOUNCED, INVITING HER TO BREAKFAST TO CONFESS TO HER, BUT HE CHANGES HIS MIND.

INT. CAFE - LATER

Tyler sits at a table, waiting. He nervously caresses a box in his hands. He checks behind him for a second before opening it, to reveal a plethora of different colored circular stickers. Ones for his rituals.

Kate grabs covers Tyler's eye's from behind, startling him. He quickly hides the box. He awkwardly smiles at her.

TYLER
You washed your hands right?

KATE
No, they're wet cause I was digging around in the toilet for gold.

Tyler doesn't respond.

KATE
I'm joking.

TYLER
Oh, heh heh.

KATE
Okay, what's-what's wrong?

TYLER
Am I that suspicious?

KATE
Yes, incredibly.

TYLER
Fair. Alright, I wanted to tell you that--

Tyler holds the box his hands, still out of sight from Kate. He looks at it for a second.

TYLER
--Mark got a new girlfriend.

KATE
Jesus again?

TYLER
Yeah I know right? I was uh hanging out with her and she seems nice...y'know pretty, and stuff so I kinda feel bad for her y'know? Yeah it's..it's crazy right?

Kate face displays a look of confusion and frustration.

KATE
Pretty?

TYLER
Not prettier than you!

KATE
Wait? You were hanging out with her? When?

TYLER
Yeah, I just forgot to tell you. Pff, uhm last week, I think, Mark, her, and me were just watching a movie at my place.

Kate nods her head, she reaches in her pocket. She pulls out a small red sticker. Same one Tyler uses for his rituals. Tyler immediately freezes as Kate stares at him with unbreaking eye contact.

KATE
On the way here I found this in your car.

TYLER
Oh Wow! I-I forgot about those! Must've fallen out of my notebook.

KATE
Last time you used one of these was when you asked me out. I've never seen you used these since.

TYLER
(stammering)
Are you saying I'm cheating on you?

KATE
No, but you promised me you were going to be more honest with me.

TYLER
I'm being honest with you now!

KATE
A week later.
Tyler, you said you were going to tell me everything. What else aren't you telling me, that you "forgot"?

Tyler fidgets with the box.

TYLER
I'm serious, I just forgot. What else do you think I'm hiding?

Kate scoffs.

KATE
I don't know we've been together for months and I haven't even seen the inside of your place one fucking time! It's always too messy, bad timing, you're too sick, mom's sick, car broke down!

She holds the sticker up to him.

KATE
Now you're telling me, you're hanging out with you're fuckboy friend and his side piece at your place perfectly fine!

Kate slams the table, causing a loud BANG as other customers look over at them.

TYLER
I know, I know, I'm sorry. Look--

He pulls out the box full of stickers and sets them on the table.

TYLER
Truth is...I'm using these for a memorabilia. It was going to be a surprise for you and it's been taking over my place. I've been doing it for a really really long time I just didn't want to spoil it for you. Look, I'm so sorry, I know how things look, but it's nothing like that. I'm just bad at saying how I feel, which is why I'm so happy to be with someone like you.
(MORE)

TYLER (CONT'D)
Someone who doesn't hide her true self. It makes things easier for me.

Tyler looks desperately at Kate. He reaches out to hold her hand, she grips his tightly.

KATE
You promise?

TYLER
I promise.

Kate gives Tyler a forlorn look. She knows he's still lying.

SCENE TWO FOR TYLER AUDITION

CONTEXT: MARK IS CONCERNED FOR TYLER AFTER NOT HEARING FROM HIM IN A BIT. MARK BELITTLES TYLER FOR NOT CONFESSING TO KATE SOONER. TYLER CONFRONTS MARK FOR EXPOSING HIS LIE TO KATE.

INT. TYLER'S LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Tyler shuts the door behind Mark. Inside is a pathway of tape covering the doorway. All the lights are on, along with multiple lamps throughout the living room.

MARK
What the fuck.

TYLER
I'm not used to it, either.

MARK
Ty, you need to get help.

TYLER
I put these here so I wouldn't have to worry about them ripping.

MARK
Did something happen with Kate and you?

TYLER
What're you talking about?

Mark looks down to Tyler's notebook, in it is an unfinished drawing of Kate and him.

MARK
Did she not take it well?

TYLER
She knew.

MARK
Really?

Tyler gets up in Mark's face.

TYLER
Did you tell her?

MARK
What?

Tyler grabs at mark's collar.

TYLER
DID YOU FUCKING TELL HER?!

MARK
STOP!

Mark pushes Tyler off him.

TYLER
You fucking lied to me. She told me you said that I was lying. why did you do that?!

MARK
Why do you think, Tyler? You're not stupid, I'm sick of seeing you running around like you don't know what you should've already done. This is fucking ridiculous.

TYLER
That doesn't matter now! She knows now! There's no fucking way she doesn't.

MARK
What're you--?

TYLER
She's been following me. She's been in my room. She's seen all of this and but she's just waiting for me. That's all this has been, just one big fucking test.

Beat.

MARK
Tyler. I don't understand, but if you're in trouble I can't just stay back and watch anymore.

TYLER
There's nothing you can do. This is what I should've done, like you said.

MARK
What?

TYLER
She's coming by later. I'm going to clear everything up.

MARK
No! Dude! If you need a place to stay I have a spare room.

Tyler makes his way to the kitchen. Mark stops him.

MARK
Ty, seriously, if she really is doing the shit you think you need to leave her!

TYLER
Mark! Respectfully, I can't for the life of me take a single, tiny, small ounce of advice from a guy who goes through "relationships" like it's fucking toilet paper!

Mark halts. He pats Tyler on the shoulder.

MARK
Handle it, then.

Mark leaves the apartment. Tyler regretfully stares as he leaves.