OTL: KATE AUDITION SCENE

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SCENE FOR KATE AUDITION

CONTEXT: TYLER (KATE'S BOYFRIEND) HAS SHOWN UP TO KATE'S PLACE UNANNOUNCED, INVITING HER TO A CAFE TO CONFESS A SECRET. HE CHICKENS OUT, BUT KATE ALREADY SUSPECTS HIM, SO SHE PROBES HIM, AND EVENTUALLY PROVOKES HIM TO TELL HER THE TRUTH.

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
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.
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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.