

"Pushed" Monologues

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"You Only Have One Life" Zoe's Monologue.

(Notes: Zoe and Katie are in Katie's bedroom. Zoe is sitting with her feet up on the bed, chatting to her best friend Katie, who is doing her own make-up at the dressing table. Zoe is naturally bubbly and full of fun.)

Deep Sea Diver. He near had a heart attack. But that's what I said. I said, 'Deep Sea Diver.' And do you know what Mr. Michaels the *(Raises her fingers as apostrophes sarcastically in the air)* "careers teacher" said? He says, *(Impersonates Mr. Michaels)* "I'm not sure that's very practical. Would you not consider pharmacy or IT? There's lots of jobs in computer science, it would be a safe future."

Y'know Katie, I don't want to do a normal job. Sitting in an office all day. I want to be free. Remember I posted the video of me swimming with the dolphins in Florida? I got 200 likes for that, and it's still being shared. It was class. That was two years ago can you believe that? I'll never forget that holiday. Here... why don't we go together when we take our year out?

Anyway, I just said to him, no I want to be a Deep Sea Diver, maybe for Greenpeace or something like that. You know for research and the environment, make a difference with my life, you know? Katie, are you even listening to me? Hey, go easy with the eye brows there Wolverine. *(Laughs)*

Mikey said to meet him at six, so you may hurry up. Are you coming?

Katie: No (This is not spoken, just a prompt for the actor playing Katie)

Katie wise up and come on. I'm not going on my own, I'll look like a loner. It's just a laugh. He's a good laugh and... I think he likes me. I don't know why because I'm a sight. That's when you're supposed to say 'no Katie you're lovely'.

(Thinks) I'm going to take one tonight. You have to try things once. Mum's been doing my head in, on and on at me about studying. Her and Dad are just rowing all the time, they think I can't hear them. *(Zoe is affected, then swallows back the emotion)*

Come on. It's just a bit of fun, you only have one life! Nothing bad will happen.

OMG you look gorgeous. Right best friend, selfie, then let's get going!

ENDS

"Best Friends Forever." Katie's Monologue

(Katie is talking with a Social Worker following the aftermath of Zoe's death. Katie begins the monologue quite numb. Her whole world has been turned upside down and her young mind is trying to take it all in.)

A make-up artist. You know for the films and stuff. I think it would be class to do that and get paid for it. I love doing make-up. When we are going out or even staying in, Zoe would come round to mine and I'd do her make-up and then my own.

She always thought I over did the eye brows, she'd say you look like Wolverine and you've made me look like big farmer man from the country. Then she'd start talking like a farmer, "wait 'til a park me tractor" she'd say. She was so funny.

But that was then.

I should have done something more. I knew deep down it was wrong, but I didn't know what to do. I just thought, I just thought I would get the both of us in trouble and Zoe's Mum's really cross at the best of times.

He was really nice to begin with. Mikey. It started out as a bit of craic first. It seemed like everyone was doing it. He said that people only have bad reactions if they took a 'bad' one and only if they took loads and loads. This was Katie's first one.

I shouldn't have left her. I begged her to come with me. It was all getting too much for me. Mikey threatened me not to tell anyone. I was scared. Apparently her last words were, 'help me' and he ran away. Katie actually thought he liked her...when he didn't...he took her life, away from us, from her. I feel sick. I can't sleep. Can't eat. Like it's all my fault.

She bought me this necklace. *(Katie shows a BFF heart necklace)* BFFs - Best Friends Forever. She bought it to cheer me up. She always cheered me up. She was so funny. We were best friends... except I wasn't was I? I let her down. I should have stayed with her. She wanted to be a Deep Sea Diver. Now she'll never get the chance.

I wish I'd told someone. If I'd told someone she would still be alive. I want my best friend back. I want my Katie back.

Help me.

ENDS

"I Don't Care." Mikey's Monologue.

(Notes: Mikey has been arrested and taken in for questioning. He has been in trouble with the Police before, but nowhere near at this level. At the start Mikey does not know Zoe has died, he reacts but then quickly hides his shock with bravado. Mikey acts as if he doesn't care but as the monologue progresses, we realise he is in huge emotional turmoil. We do not hear the Officer, his dialogue is there, simply as an aid for the actor.)

I'm saying nothing. I said I'm saying nothing.

(Officer: A 15 year old girl is dead.)

Dead? I don't care. Look, I didn't kill her. She took it herself. I didn't 'make' her do anything.

(Officer: What happened?)

I've no idea what happened. Not a scoobiedoo. So stop asking me these stupid questions. Can I go for a smoke now?

(Officer: She liked you, Zoe, didn't she?)

I've no idea if she like me or not. I suppose she's a nice girl, aye.

(Into himself) Was a nice girl.

Look, I didn't mean for any of this to happen. I was just doing what I was asked to do. She'd had a can or two and then... took a wee pill for a laugh. It was her first one. She wanted it, I didn't push her. Then she fell on the ground. That's all I know. She must have had something wrong with her anyway. Look, I'll take the rap for suppling, but I'm not going down for murder. Understand! I'm not. I can't. I didn't push her, you hear me?!

I'm only 17. I've got a football trial in Manchester in two weeks. I'm going to be a footballer. You don't understand, I can't...

(Mikey breaks a little, to share a little deeper)

I was only doing it for a month or so over the summer. *(Pause)* He said he'd hurt my wee brother if I didn't.

Who?

(Is hesitant and then reveals his 'pusher') Joe. There's about five of us working for him. Selling drink and drugs to the young ones. Even first years, we get them coming out of school, at the bus station, round the park, anywhere really.

(Panics) If Joe hears I've touted, he'll get my wee brother. Please, please don't say I've said.

(Mikey, rubs his head in distress) I can't get her screams out of my head. She just kept shouting, "help, help me!" I just panicked. I started to run. I didn't think she would die, I just thought... I just thought...

He said 'Don't get caught.' I don't know. I was scared. I just ran away. I ran away.

Is she really dead? (*Pause*)

Can I go for a smoke now?

ENDS