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**Let's Go Home**

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Cast:

Lucy.....Paulette Rice

Hanna.....Charlie Mae Dyson

Jennifer.....Abby Ford

Danielle.....April Groves

Trinity.....Trisha Andersen

Haley.....Danika Mitchell

Damien.....Jayden Winters

Synopsis:

After the death of two friends, their high school classmates reunite and tell stories of their memories growing up in their hometown. It explores the things that make home, home.

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### Scene One

[Scene opens to the car crash track, when the light come up there are two dead bodies and a wrecked car. The song "Not about Angels" by Birdy is playing in the background.]

Hanna: Why were you driving so fast?!

Lucy: I wasn't! That truck came out of nowhere! You should've warned me!

Hanna: Its pitch black out here, and we've only got one headlight! How was I supposed to warn you?!

Lucy: It was on your damn side! You would've seen it before me!

Hanna: My side?! I couldn't even tell left from right with you swerving all over the road!

Lucy: I was only swerving because YOU let me drive!

Hanna: Well, how were we supposed to get home?! I don't have my license yet!

Lucy: I was drinking! How could I have known better!

Hanna: Before we went to that party, you said you weren't going to drink, just so you could drive us home. What happened to that?!

Lucy: I only had a couple!

Hanna: A couple?! Look where that got us!

[Pause to look at the bodies and the sirens.]

Lucy: ...dead.

## Scene Two

[Scene opens to two girls walking across the stage, towards the funeral home door. They aren't walking together, there's a little distance between them.]

Jennifer: Excuse me, miss? You dropped your purse.

[Danielle turns around]

Jennifer: Ugh. You're here. [Disgusted]

Danielle: Oh, Jenn! I didn't know that you were coming, when did you get back? [Nice tone.]

Jennifer: I bet Bobby knew I was coming.

Danielle: Bobby? Really? Are you seriously still upset about that?

Jennifer: He was going to ask ME to prom, I swear! Until you opened your big mouth.

Danielle: It's been five years, Jenn. Get over it.

Jennifer: Yeah, yeah. Whatever.

[They stand beside each other, there's an awkward pause.]

Danielle: So... Who are the flowers for?

Jennifer: Haley, I just thought they would help her feel better.

Danielle: So, when DID you get back anyways? You just went on with your silly grudge when I asked.

Jennifer: Got back as soon as I heard, nimrod. I wouldn't miss this, even though I hate this place.

[Another awkward silence]

Trinity: Well look who we have here, I never thought I'd see the two of you together since that fight over Bobby. Good thing neither of you got him though, last I heard he was in the town over living in a dumpster.

Jennifer: Oh my god, really?

Danielle: Wow...

[They laugh and walk toward the funeral home, they go off stage.]

[Hanna and Lucy walk in]

Lucy: Did they just make up?

Hanna: I think so...

Lucy: Well, let's go crash our funeral.

[Lucy and Hanna link arms and follow the other girls.]

### Scene Three

[Scene opens within the funeral home. Haley and Damien are sitting one of the couches. A silence follows the girls' entrance, there's a pause, and then Jennifer gives the flowers to Haley. The girls follow her lead, they all hug and cry. Damien obviously feels uncomfortable and tries to console the girls.]

Damien: It's going to be okay.

[The girls cry harder.]

Damien: Hey! Remember that time when we all went on that camping trip?

Danielle: [Sniffing.] That turned out to be terrible.

Haley: [Sniffing and laughing a bit] Yeah, Hanna wasn't even supposed to leave the house! Dad was ticked off and mom was turning into grandma! A new wrinkle and grey hair every second.

[More laughter from everyone.]

Hanna: I remember that trip! I was grounded for skipping class, but I just HAD to go anyways.

Damien: What did she get grounded for again?

Haley: Skipping class.

Damien: Ohh, right.

Hanna: Hey! I just said that!

Lucy: They can't hear you, dummy. You're dead, remember?

Hanna: Oh... Right.

Jennifer: I can't believe this town was so boring that we talked ourselves into sleeping in a small, plastic tent with bugs all over the place.

Damien: It wasn't thaaat bad.

[Pause.]

Haley: Where were you girls the past few years anyway? It's been so long since we saw each other.

Danielle: Since my backpacking trip across Europe ended, it just wasn't in the budget to come back home for a while, but I gotta say. In all 53 places I travelled, none compared to this one.

Trinity: Well, you could've just settled down here like I did. It probably would've costed you a lot less.

Danielle: I just needed to see what I wanted in life. [Pause.] What have you been up to, Jenn?

Jennifer: I took that editors job in New York, best thing I ever did. I've gotta thank Lucy for that. She's the one who told me to give it a shot.

Trinity: She was such a good friend in that way... Always so encouraging.

Damien: Yeah, they were both really great friends.

Haley: [Bursting into tears.] Why did this have to happen?! Who am I supposed to annoy now? I didn't even get her chocolate chip cookie recipe off of her!

Damien: It's okay, sweetheart. They're in a better place now.

Lucy: Better place? It's pretty cold here.

Hanna: [Yelling to Haley] Sis! Its two cups of sugar! Not just one! And almond milk instead of dairy! [Gripping Haley's arm]

Haley: [Still sniffing.] Its getting cold in here, I have goosebumps on my arm. Can I use your jacket?

Hanna: [Sighs.] So this is for real, huh? I won't be there to tell her crazy jokes... I won't be there to help her with her homework... I won't even be there to get her ready for prom!

Lucy: This is just how it is now... We all had so much fun together, I wish I could just ho them smile.

Danielle: Guys... They wouldn't want us to be so sad, it was always a great time when they were around, and they still are! Just... In a different way.

Hanna: Different way? Different way! So they CAN see us! [In Danielle's face] Helloooo?

Lucy: [Pulls Hanna away] No! They can't see us!

Trinity: Maybe we should talk about growing up here with them. I'm certain there are plenty of good memories!

Jennifer: Oh yeah! I have a lot! Remember that one time on Halloween when...

## Scene Four

[Danielle, Jennifer, Trinity, Hanna, and Lucy run in, all are giggling.]

Jennifer: I can't believe we just T.P.ed her house!

[Damien, and Haley walk in from the other side.]

Haley: Who's house?

Lucy: Mrs. Higginbottom's!

Hanna: You can't tell mum, though.

Haley: I won't, I don't tell her everything. God bhy.

Damien: Did anybody see you guys?

Trinity: Damn, I hope not. If they do, we're in a lot of trouble.

[Laughing]

Hanna: What are you wearing anyways?

Damien: It's my costume.

Danielle: But, like, what are you supposed to be?

Damien: I'm Dr. Quantum, defender of galaxy Zarp!

[Pause, everybody looks puzzled.]

Damien: You seriously haven't heard of him?! He's in the Planet Dwee series! There are 12 movies, AND a manga. Come on guys! I have all the action figures!

Jennifer: Not all of us are, uh, into that.

Lucy: At least you can tell who we are.

Damien: Of course I can tell who all of you are, but where's the mystery in that? Think outside the box!

[A light comes up, and a door opens.]

Mrs. Higginbottom: Who T.P.ed my house?!!

Haley: HIDE!



[The five older girls run off, Haley and Damien hide behind a bush.]

Mrs. Higginbottom: You meddling kids! I know who you are, Haley! I'll be calling your mother!

[Haley pops up.]

Haley: Hey! What? It wasn't me!

[Damien pulls Haley back behind the bush.]

[Lights down on the flashback]

Haley: I can't believe I got in trouble for that...

Trinity: At least we came back the next day and helped you take it down.

Haley: Yeah... That's true.

Hanna: I still feel so bad, I should've told mum it was me eventually... I just should've owned up to it.

Lucy: That's what we got younger siblings for, to take the blame.

Hanna: I did a lot of bad things that Haley took the blame for. [Laughs.]

Jennifer: She kinda blamed you for a lot. [Laughs.]

Haley: I guess that's what big sisters do.

Trinity: How long have we been out of school anyway?

Danielle: Like, 5 years.

Trinity: Wow... That long? Really?

Haley: At least you guys are all finished, we're still doing our last year.

Damien: Couple more months and we're out of this place.

Trinity: Really? This is the best place, it's away from all the racket, and it's home.

Jennifer: Yeah, I might even move back here eventually. Talking about all the good times we had makes me consider it. Especially the ones from high school.

Lucy: Whoa. Did she really just say that?

Danielle: Really?! Me too!

Hanna: [Turns to Lucy.] Everything was great. But, those finals though.

Damien: The only thing I really don't like about this place are the finals.

Lucy: So stressful.

## Scene Four

[Lights up to all seven studying.]

Lucy: What is biology even?

Hanna: It's just... Um... Well... I don't know. Just memorize.

Lucy: I won't need to know the parts of my eyeball when I'm filming in L.A.

Damien: What if you're filming a documentary about the inside of an eyeball.

Hanna: You're the only person who'd watch that anyways.

Damien: That's because I'm the only one who knows what's actually going on in biology.

Lucy: Oh yeah? What's an iris then?

Damien: It's the pigment that gives your eye its colour.

Trinity: Really? I thought it was your Gramma's Sister?

Damien: I'm surrounded by idiots.

[Everyone turns to glare at him.]

Jennifer: Did you get your essay done?

Haley: No, I can't get the conclusion right.

Lucy: I could probably help you with that if you want.

Haley: Sure, thanks! I can hear mom now if I don't ace this... "You can do better than this! No iPod for a week!" and I'm all like "At least I passed?"

Trinity: Did anyone bring food? I'm starving.

Danielle: Me too, I can't think when I'm hungry.

Jennifer: I can't think, period. This is so frustrating... At least you guys don't have a psycho, preggo stepmom at home and a dad who's so ready to replace you.

Danielle: Come on, it can't be that bad and I'm sure they aren't replacing you.

Jennifer: Did they really have to wait 16 years to have a baby? Now I have to share a room with an infant. Like, where was this whole "another child" idea when I was nine and bored?

Danielle: That's only one baby though, I have five younger siblings at home. Imagine all the babysitting I have to do? This is the only real break I get.

Lucy: I'd kill for a replacement sibling, all that pressure to be the perfect, just because I'm the only child.

Hanna: Forget that. I have to do all the laundry, because my parents are so busy with work and Haley won't lift a finger.

Haley: Hey! You know I'm not allowed to do laundry because of the "incident". Dad was pissed about that.

Damien: Well MY dad is always trying to get me to play baseball or go fishing with him, why can't he just get that I have better things to do like go to comic book conventions and get to another level in my game. It would be cool if he wanted to do that kind of stuff.

Haley: Come on now guys, we all got tough times at some point, but right now we need to worry about our grades. Aaaand trying not to laugh when Mr. Peterson's voice cracks when he's yelling at us. [Laughs] That's if we don't study. Which we should be doing now.

Lucy: [Laughing] But wait that reminds me of that time on April's Fools day when the football team egged his car in the parking lot!

[The whole group laughs]

Jennifer: And Mrs. Higginbottom came running out of the school like [gets up to impersonate her walk], "What's going on here?"

Danielle: [Laughs] Yeah that was the day she was yelling at bobby for farting so much in class

Hanna: And the he sneezed and wiped all his snot in Margret's sleeve and she threw up all over Mrs. Higginbottom because she couldn't make it to the garbage can

Lucy: His nickname Booger Bobby lasted him for the whole year! I heard he keeps a giant booger ball in his desk.

Haley: Really? Because he sits right there. [Points to Damien's desk]

Damien: Wait... [Reaches into his desk, hauls out the booger ball, and throws it away] EW!!! I need to wash my hands! [Exits]

[Laughter]

Jennifer: Alright, alright. Now guys we should probably get back to studying. Hey, maybe we could all quiz each other on one subject and then move on to the other ones? That way we can work as a group and-

Danielle: [Cutting Jennifer off.] Ooor we could all go for ice cream and come back and study after.

[Group gets up, excitedly.]

Jennifer: Wait, what?

Hanna: Yeah, I'm with Danielle on this one.

Jennifer: That's not very...

Lucy: That reminds me! I gotta catch the store.

Jennifer: Come on, let's be reasonable here.

Trinity: Chocolate ice cream is calling my name, and there is no stopping me!

Damien: [Enters.] What's going on here?

Haley: We're going for ice cream!

Damien: YES!

Jennifer: Really guys?! ...ugh, wait for me! I'm getting strawberry!

## Scene Seven

[Opens to the funeral, the "alive" people are all sitting, holding tissues. The "angels" are standing nearby.]

Hanna: WE totally bombed those finals.

Lucy: Yeah, especially bio.

Hanna: It didn't really bother us though, Danielle's surprise party was that weekend, remember?

Lucy: How could I forget? It's hard to feel bad when you're dancing!

[Lights up on the other side. Jennifer and Trinity are setting up the surprise.]

Jennifer: I'm so excited! I hope she likes it!

Trinity: Of course she will, I mean, I would if I were her.

Jennifer: But with all the stress at her house lately... what if she gets mad?

Trinity: Relax, it'll be fine.

[Haley enters carrying a cake with Damien trailing behind her.]

Jennifer: Oh thank goodness, I thought you forgot to pick it up!

Haley: Nope, ice cream cake with chocolate frosting is her favourite!

Damien: I might have had a little on the way.

Jennifer: Damien!

Damien: Just kidding!

Jennifer: Don't scare me like that! This has to be perfect.

Haley: Yeah, she totally deserves this.

Jennifer: I hope she doesn't come too early... Or too late.

[Lucy enters, holding a small box.]

Trinity: Hey, did you get the gift?

Lucy: Yup! It's worth every penny, she's gonna love it!

Haley: I can't wait to see her face!

[Hanna enters]

Jennifer: Hey Hanna! Everything's good to go, can you set up your music over there?

Hanna: Okay, great!

Trinity: Better get in our places! She's coming up the driveway!

[Everyone hides, Danielle enters]

Everyone: Surprise!

Danielle: What?!?

Everyone: Happy Birthday!

Danielle: I can't believe this!

Lucy: Well, you better!

Danielle: I thought you guys were all too busy to do anything?!

Hanna: Duh! Planning your Birthday party! [Places a birthday sash on Danielle]

Danielle: Aw, thanks guys. You're the best!

Jennifer: But wait! There's more! Remember that song you loved in grade six, and you knew all the dance moves to?

Danielle: Yes... why?

Trinity: We learned all the moves so we could dance with you!

Damien: They made me! Don't say I never did anything for you!

Danielle: No way! I don't even know if I remember them all!

Lucy: We'll have to find out!

[Hanna presses play, and they dance to "Hoedown Throw down by Hanna Montana.]

Danielle: This started out as a pretty bad day and now it turned into a great one!

Haley: We have cake too! Ice cream cake! With your favourite icing!

Danielle: Aw, you guys really went all out, huh?

Lucy: We just wanted to make your birthday as special as you are!

[Damien lights the candles and brings out the cake, they sing happy birthday and Danielle blows out the candles.]

Trinity: So? What'd you wish for?

Danielle: Nothing, I have everything I want right here.

[Big group hug]

Damien: So is it time to give her the present?

Danielle: Present? Guy you didn't have to do that, this day alone is a present!

Haley: No it's not! [Drags her to the couch.]

[Hanna takes the little box off the table and hands it to her, Danielle opens it.]

Hanna: I hope you like it.

Danielle: Like it? I. Love. It.

Jennifer: We saw you eyeing it every time we passed that jewelry store when we were walking to school, we just had to!

Danielle: It's so beautiful... But I can't accept this!

Lucy: Yes you can, you deserve it and we all pitched in.

Danielle: I don't deserve any of this.

Hanna: Yes you do. Lately I've noticed how down you've been with all the stress, this is how we wanted to show you how important you are to us. A day just for you.

Danielle: Thank you guys. So much.

[Opens to the burial of Lucy and Hanna, Not About Angels by Bird is playing, the friends surround two mounds of flowers, comforting each other. Danielle steps out to place the necklace on the mounds.]

[Lights come up on the angels, they're holding hands, and a bright light appears.]

Hanna: Let's go home.

[They turn and walk off stage.]