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INT. FAMILY ROOM. 1165 CARROLL STREET. 4:35PM

Amina crosses the threshold of the mud room into the family room finding Jamie sitting on the plush, burgundy, velvet sofa with her legs crossed watching her.

Jamie stares up at Amina over the top of her glasses with a small smirk on her face.

AMINA  
(annoyed)  
What, Jamie?

JAMIE  
Nothing, just...intrigued

She shrugs her shoulders in an exaggerated almost cartoon like manner.

AMINA  
Intrigued by what?

Amina rolls her eyes leaning on the wall next to the photo of their mother at her college graduation.

JAMIE  
You know, I'm not as stupid as you think I am

AMINA  
Here we go

She rolls her eyes

AMINA *(cont'd)*  
I don't have time for your shit, Jamie!

JAMIE  
I didn't even say anything, why are you getting so defensive?

AMINA  
Because I've known you your whole life. I now when you're about to annoy the shit out of me, so just say what you have to say!

JAMIE  
(scoffs)  
You know, Mina. You act like you know everything, but you can't even realize what's right in front of your face.

AMINA  
What? What is right in front of my  
face that I don't realize?

Jamie pauses, hesitating. She looks down at her hands as she knows what she will say will create more tension between them.

AMINA  
(shouting)  
Jamie, what is it?

Jamie exasperatedly stands up and walks towards her sister reaching out for Amina's hand.

Amina snatches her hand away.

JAMIE  
You're still in love with George...

AMINA  
Here we go with your shit

Amina walks past Jamie intentionally bumping into her with her shoulder as she passes

JAMIE  
Ow...

Jamie takes a second to feign nursing a wound before turning towards Amina.

JAMIE *(cont'd)*  
Listen, take your misplaced anger  
somewhere else. All I'm saying is  
that I know you too..

AMINA  
(under her breath)  
Not everybody has "the love story for  
the ages"

JAMIE  
What did you say?

AMINA  
Nothing

Amina sighs deeply, knowing that she has crossed the line, but nonetheless she is frustrated.

JAMIE  
Uh-uh! You know the rule in this  
house

AMINA

(shouting)

Not everybody gets to live "the love story for the ages" like you and Raye! Some people break up because things didn't work out!

JAMIE

You bitch...You don't anything about me and Raye.

AMINA

Well I wonder why! Miss "I'm going to disappear to the other side of the fucking country for 10 years!"

JAMIE

You'll never let that shit go, will you? I got a degree! A fucking degree! I didn't go there to leave you!

AMINA

But you did! You left me here to deal with all this shit

JAMIE

What does this have to do with you and George?

AMINA

(through tears)

I didn't have the privilege of gallivanting around the world with my boyfriend on movie sets and researching in Europe. I took care of mom when she suddenly forgot how to wipe her own ass, I got Phara and Xavier into college! That was me! When Papa left... I took care of all of you! I couldn't wait to be an adult so I could leave this shit too, but you were gone before I could even pack my bags.

JAMIE

Don't blame this on me...because you didn't have the courage to leave. You were here for two years before I left! I watched you, going to classes everyday, coming home before the sun set, never going out, never leaving. You're here because you were too scared to leave.

Jamie pauses, as she fights the lump in her throat and tears form in her eyes. Amina runs her fingers through her hair, exasperated.

AMINA

Jamie I have spent my whole life taking--

JAMIE

Amina, I only said something to you about George because I think you deserve more than this. You deserve to feel love.

AMINA

Jamie, I--

JAMIE

I didn't leave Raye behind. He didn't dump me on the side of the road. He died. He was taken from me... He slipped right through my fingers, gone in a second...

Jamie sits on the couch and lies her head on the back of the sofa as tears fall from her eyes.

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