

INT. KYLE'S DORM ROOM - NIGHT

The six college students are sitting around the room, drinking beer and eating popcorn and discussing the odd disappearances of the other students from campus.)

LS OF THE GROUP AS THEY SIT IN A CIRCLE

MLS OF MICHAELA AND SAMANTHA

Michaela is eating popcorn from a bowl and Samantha is sipping on a beer. There is pop music playing softly in the background from a stereo in the room.

MICHAELA

I don't know, though. I did hear that Lauren Ellen went home because she got sick, but I still think it's weird that so many people have just dropped off the face of the planet this semester.

KATIE

According to Jenn, she's been gone for weeks. And she said she hasn't seen those twins from last year's math class either. They, apparently, BOTH dropped out.

SAMANTHA

Yeah, I didn't really notice anyone was missing until Evan told me he hadn't heard from Anthony in a few days.

MS OF EVAN AND RICH

EVAN

Come to think of it, Kyle, have you seen him around?

Samantha passes Evan the popcorn bowl and he passes it over to Katie.

KYLE

No, dude. I haven't actually looked for him, but I haven't seen him in a while. But Rich, didn't you tell me you heard from him?

MCU OF RICH

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RICH

I heard from him a week ago. He told me he was going up to this...this haunted house thing.

MLS OF SAMANTHA AND MICHAELA

MICHAELA

What, you mean like Factory of Fright? Like those corny places that pop up around Halloween?

CU OF RICH

RICH

Yeah, but he said this was different. That it was open year-round, and that nobody actually worked there. You just go in and walk yourself around until you find a way out. He said it was called the 'NoEnd' House, and that if you found a way out, you'd win \$500.

MLS OF KYLE

Kyle stands up from his chair and walks across the room to get another beer.

KYLE

\$500?! No way, man. There's no way that place is giving away half a grand to everyone who manages to get through the whole thing. There is no way it's that scary. They'd go out of business in a week! Besides, Ant doesn't scare easy--

CU OF RICH

Rich cut's Kyle off.

RICH

I know. That's why I got worried. You know Anthony would do what he had to do to get that money. Said he was gonna throw an awesome party on graduation night with that and whatever he got from his family. He told me he was going, but I haven't heard from him since.

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THE CAMERA PANS AROUND THE ROOM TO SHOW EACH CHARACTER'S FACE WHILE RICH IS TELLING THIS STORY.

CU OF KATIE

KATIE

Do you think he actually went in or is he just messing with us? He does like to pull pranks on everyone. This would be a great last hurrah.

The boys look back and forth to each other, seemingly uneasy.

KYLE

No, this isn't the kind of thing he would do. He would've cracked by now. Or made it so we "found his body in the woods" or some other stupid stunt. He wouldn't have dragged it out this long. He doesn't have the patience...

There is a long pause as the camera pans around again to show the girls becoming fidgety.

EVAN

Do you think we should go and check it out?

There is another long pause as the group considers this.

KYLE

I think if we do go, we'll all have to go together.

Katie stands up and starts yelling, meanwhile the other two girls start talking over her, all voicing their disapproval loudly and incoherently.

KATIE

No way am I going in that place! It's probably full of bodies! Real bodies!

MICHAELA

Yeah, if Anthony was dumb enough to go in alone and get himself stabbed or something, that's his own fault. Nobody forced him in and I am not risking death a week before we graduate.

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SAMANTHA

They make a good point you guys.
What if it is a trap? What if it's
just someone trying to lure stupid
college kids into some kind of
murder plot?

The boys all roll their eyes and scoff at the girls. Kyle laughs and shakes his head, looking around for the bottle opener. Rich passes it over.

KYLE

There's no way that's true. Kate's probably right, he's probably just pulling a prank, and when we get there, just when we're all ready to piss ourselves, he's gonna pop out and yell "SURPRISE" and Katie and Michaela are both going to scream and pee their pants and it'll be hilarious. It's a big joke, you guys.

MLS OF EVAN

EVAN

(nervously, rubbing the back
of his neck)

But what if it isn't? Should we call the cops just in case?

RICH

Should we really get the police involved? Is it that serious? I mean, he could've just left campus for a while. He could just be around and none of us have seen him.

MLS OF KATIE

Katie stands up and starts pacing around the room, not quite frantic, but halfway there.

KATIE

(yelling)

None of us have seen him in a week?! There's six of us! How are we ALL going to miss him?! Normally, I can't get him to stay away from me! He has class with Kyle and he hasn't been in a week. There's no way he's just waltzing

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KATIE (cont'd)
around campus, managing to avoid
all six of us.

They all stop and think about this. There is a tangible tension in the air. The boys try one more time.

KYLE
What if we promise to stick together? We can bring flashlights and all that shit and we can call the cops if anything seems off.

RICH
Besides, if it is a prank, it would be hilarious to watch them scream for 20 minutes about it.

The boys chuckle as the girls roll their eyes.

MLS OF MICHAELA AND SAMANTHA ON THE BED

SAMANTHA
Fine, but the MOMENT we feel weird, we're calling the cops and getting out of there, deal?

There's a long pause. Everyone looks to each other and they all nod in agreement.

KYLE
I guess we're going in then.

Silence settles over the room.

FADE OUT