

## MAYBE NOT RIGHT NOW

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*Two 16 year old girls sit in a car together. Kate is driving. She is speeding down the road. They just shared that they have feelings for each other for the first time after 10 years of friendship.*

MALLORY: Hey, slow down!! Jesus you are driving like a maniac. What's the rush?

KATE: Oh please don't act like you don't know. *(she reaches for Mallory's hand)* I'm just excited that's all.

MALLORY: Okaaaay well I'd like to make it home in one piece so could you please slow down and keep your hands on the wheel. *(she moves Kate's hand back to the steering wheel)*

*(Kate notices this weird behavior but, carries on as usual)*

KATE: I'm sorry. I'm just sooo excited to tell your parents about us. I mean I'm sure they've already suspected it for years, but I can't wait to see their faces!

MALLORY: Yeah of course... thrilled. Well we can still slow down maybe alright?

KATE: Fine. We're almost there anyway.

MALLORY: Yeah.

KATE: When we get there I think we should wait a little bit to announce it. Build up the anticipation a bit, ya know? Although it'll be hard for me to not make it extremely obvious from the start. I guess I'll just avoid eye contact with you. *(she laughs)*

MALLORY: *(she smiles a little back)* I don't think anything really has to change. I mean you've been over to my house millions of times. We'll just act the same way we always do.

KATE: Yeah but everything is so much different now though.

MALLORY: I guess that's true

*(The car pulls into the driveway and Kate puts the car in park)*

KATE *(bursting with excitement)*: Welllll it's time. Are you ready?? I'm so ready? Are you ready??

MALLORY *(nervously)*: Yeah...so ready....never been more ready in fact.

KATE *(suspicious)*: Good. I love you. *(she leans in for a kiss)*

MALLORY: Um! Maybe not right now. Better to save it I think. Wouldn't want to spoil the surprise in case my parents see us, right?

KATE: Oh...Right.

*(Mallory squeezes Kate's hand. They don't look at each other. They both look nervous but for different reasons. They take a second to breath in and out a few times and then get out of the car)*

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