

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

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ASHTON comes to sit down next to LAURA.

ASHTON

You know you already got accepted to State, you don't have to study so hard, anymore.

LAURA

Not everyone can count on their athletic ability for a boost, babe.

ASHTON

Aw, come on. You're really good at mini-golf. Killed me on the green.

LAURA

I know, I should try for a scholarship. (they smile together)

ASHTON

(beat) I didn't get into State.

LAURA

You're kidding.

ASHTON

This isn't a joke, Laura. (beat) I have to go with Central.

LAURA

But if you go there...

ASHTON

We're hours apart. I know.

LAURA

We'll probably break up.

ASHTON

Look, this is my only way to pay for college. If I take it, I can help my family, follow my dreams.

LAURA

I thought I was your dream.

ASHTON

Please don't make me choose. I have to take the scholarship. It's the only way I can make it.

LAURA

But then we won't make it. You say you don't want to choose, but you will. And I know it won't be me.