THE MOMENT BEFORE

We open on a high school hallway busy with the morning arrivals. Our group huddles in silence.
ROWAN enters

ROWAN
Any of you takes notes in Brown's class? I was—never mind. *(silence*) Did you?
(Shrugs. "no's" and "nah's")
None of you took notes?? Come on!
(Rowan walks off)

MORGAN
Guys we have to talk about this.

JAY
What's there to talk about?

LOUIS
Don't do that.

JAY
What?

LOUIS
Play it off. Pretend you don't need anyone!

TESS
Lower your voice!

(Rowan passes)

ROWAN
You guys okay?

TESS
Thriving.

(Rowan moves on. Silence)

MORGAN
Once we do this, there's no going back.

JAY
We won't want to.

LUIS
We might want to.

TESS
It's all going to change.

MORGAN
For the better.

LUIS
At what cost?

JAY
It's worth it.

MORGAN
Totally.

LUIS
Totally?

TESS
We have to find out.

(ROWAN calls from down the hall)

ROWAN
Bells about to ring!

MORGAN
Got it!

ROWAN
Are you going to class or...

JAY
Can you--

ROWAN
Ok...
(ROWAN exits)

JAY
Whatever happens, thank you.

TESS
Text us as soon as.

MORGAN
Call us.

JAY
Will do.

JAY exits.

LOUIS
Here we go.

TESS
Oh boy.

MORGAN
We got this.

They move to exit.

Rowan runs back on.

ROWAN
Is this really happening?! You’re doing this?!

They all exit.

END.