

FRIENDSHIP COMA

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After long ten years of being apart, four ratchet South Bay best friends reunite to rekindle their friendships. However, one friend doesn't quite remember because she was in a coma for most it. Her friends continue to remind her that it's okay if she was in a coma and doesn't remember any of it because their friendship has, "like, totally persevered". As they continue to reminisce, Tiffany begins to suspect a shocking secret that no one can fathom to discuss but is unveiled during the reunion. The play attempts to uncover the real meaning behind "fear of missing out" and its consequences in this one act comedy play.

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

Tiffany - 28 years old, female, the friend who had a freak accident and landed in a coma from ages 15 to 17. After recovering, she kept in touch with the others via email and social media but still longs to fill a void she's had for years: her "coma FOMO".

Aubrey - 28 years old, female, the friend who wants to win. She participated in all the highly competitive after-school activities: cheerleading, academic decathlon, archery club. She was Tiffany's next-door neighbor in childhood. She was the most devastated when she heard Tiffany was in the hospital but... never visited. She hopes there's no hard feelings about this. Again, she wants to win.

Dawn - 28 years old, female, the friend who never left Tiffany's side. She visited Tiffany every day while she was in the coma. Well, almost every day.

Candace - 28 years old, female. She was introduced to the group through Dawn, her best friend from childhood. She trusts Dawn more than anyone else. In high school, whenever Dawn went to visit Tiffany, Candace felt neglected. Her biggest fear is Dawn forgetting their friendship.

Laurel the Waiter - 20s, always making the situation worse than it should be.

NOTES:

// indicates overlap

LIGHTS UP ON:

Cafe Gratitude and Soul. A hip, trendy restaurant that serves vegan ideals on IKEA plates. Three women in their twenties, Aubrey, Dawn, and Candace, all sit together, dressed like stunning models. Their style is Forever 21, but... forever.

WAITER

Welcome to Cafe Gratitude and Soul. We believe in what we eat. We believe what we put into our bodies affects our daily life. We believe--

AUBREY

I know what you believe and I believe you should take our orders.

DAWN

This place is so cute. It's giving me ideas about how to decorate my new place: Bohemian Chic on Budget!

Dawn takes pictures with her smartphone.

CANDACE

I can't eat anything over 8 dollars. I'm on a budget diet.

AUBREY

Since when?

CANDACE

Since my dad started noticing his credit card charges.

DAWN

She bought a horse.

CANDACE

It's a miniature horse.

AUBREY

Where is it now?

CANDACE

Santa Barbara. I didn't know what else to do with it.

AUBREY

Maybe return it to where it came from?

CANDACE

Santa Barbara is nicer though.

WAITER

Excuse me. Hello. I'm Laurel. I'll be your waiter this afternoon. Can I start you off with anything to drink? To snack on? Every one of our items has been crafted to match the aura of your soul.

AUBREY

Laurel, could we ALL get the organic agave mint tea lemonade? And the mango shrimp salad? Question: Is the shrimp vegan?

WAITER

Everything on our menu is entirely plant-based.

AUBREY

Yeah, I knew that. I just wanted to make sure these girls knew that, too. See, I told you this place is plant-based.

CANDACE

Cows eat plants.

WAITER

I'll put your orders right in. Anything for the soul. Namaste.

The waiter exits.

DAWN

Vegan is so trendy.

AUBREY

It's not a trend. It's a lifestyle.

CANDACE

When did you become vegan?

AUBREY

When I saw a video of baby chickens getting thrown into a blender. It completely transformed my relationship with food.

CANDACE

That won't ever change my mind. I love smoothies too much.

AUBREY

Ladies!!! I missed you all so much! Following you on social media is not enough. We need to hang out more. Like, in real life. Like we did in high school.

CANDACE

Oh, my god! Remember that chant we used to do?!

1, 2, 3.

ALL

Yeah, yeah, do we rock?
 Yeah, yeah, take it to the top.
 Yeah, yeah
 Are we gonna stop?
 No way!
 Hashtag Accident!!!

They laugh.

CANDACE

Why did we end that chant with “Hashtag Accident”?

DAWN

I know! We were so weird!

They continue to laugh except Aubrey.

CANDACE

You guys, I missed you ALL SOOOOOOOOOO much!!! Texts weren’t enough for me anymore. I’m glad we were all able to meet.

DAWN

SERIOUSLY, I COMPLETELY AGREE. I missed YOU and YOU and US! It’s like-- who are we *now* without each other, you know?

AUBREY

EXACTLY. We’re all friends. We’re all best friends. So why did Tiffany want to see us?

Candace and Dawn look at Aubrey.

AUBREY

Tiffany was there but not REALLY there, you know?

DAWN

She probably knows.

CANDACE

There's no way.

AUBREY

We don't talk to her for almost 10 years, and out of the blue, we're in a group chat with her? And she's asking us if we can all meet?

DAWN

Yeah. Maybe she just wants to catch up and see her old friends, because she was in a coma half the time.

CANDACE

It's true. She was in a coma and by the time she got out of it, we were all different people.

AUBREY

We all just need to make sure to keep our mouths shut and deny EVERYTHING.

DAWN

What are you all looking at me for? I'm not the one that did anything.

CANDACE

Excuse me?

AUBREY

Candace? Are you with us or not?

CANDACE

Yeah. I am.

AUBREY

Dawn?

DAWN

I don't run my mouth anymore! I don't go on and on about things that don't make any sense. My mom says that I'm in my own reality but what does that even mean? Oh! I also took a test on BuzzFeed and I think BuzzFeed knows me better than my own mom and-- Ooh! TIFFANY!!!

Tiffany enters.

TIFFANY

Hi, everyone! Sorry I'm late.

AUBREY

Damn, girl. You look so healthy!

DAWN

And **alive!**

TIFFANY

Am I late? I thought we were meeting at 3.

DAWN

Of course not! We would NEVER do that to you! We all just happened to get here like 10 minutes ago. No worries! Come! // Come sit with us!

TIFFANY

Well, I can't wait to catch up! I want to know EVERYTHING you've all been up to since we last saw each other. I don't want to miss a single thing. Please, tell me EVERYTHING.

AUBREY

I'LL GO FIRST! // I auditioned to be on **The Bachelor** ANNNNNND I got on. I'm about to be on TELEVISION and find a real-life husband.

DAWN

WOW!!! **THE BACHELOR**, THAT'S MY FAVORITE SHOW WHEN I KNOW SOMEBODY THAT'S ON IT! I haven't seen the recent season but I will see it now because you'll be on!

AUBREY

My goal is to win.

TIFFANY

On **The Bachelor**?

AUBREY

Oh, my god! Do you guys remember that time we went to Santa Anita mall and we all thought we saw Justin Timberlake, but it wasn't?

DAWN

Oh, my god!!! I remember! We stalked some random dude for 5 hours straight.

AUBREY

And that random dude finally got fed up with us and started screaming hysterically! He even threw some green juice at us. // I remember!

DAWN

Oh my god! Green juice!

CANDACE

He called the police!

They all laugh. Everyone laughs except Tiffany.

TIFFANY

Yeah... (pause) I wasn't there.

DAWN

Oh, it was really dumb.

CANDACE

We were in high school. We didn't know any better.

AUBREY

Trust us. It was just us being super dumb.

DAWN

Oh, my gosh. Tiffany. Please, don't feel bad! Don't let your FOMO get the best of you!

TIFFANY

I don't feel bad at all. It was just a really weird time in my life, that's all.

DAWN

You're a wonderful human being. Look at you! Walking and talking--

AUBREY

You don't have to kiss ass, Dawn. She's over it.

TIFFANY

I get it. Things happened while I was in the coma. I don't feel bad at all. I swear.

The waiter enters.

WAITER

Alright! I've got 3 organic sugar mint lemonades and three vegan mango shrimp salads. Again, the shrimp is completely plant-based, so if you're allergic, you don't have to worry about a single thing.

TIFFANY

Wait. So you guys all ordered without me?

DAWN

Oh, my god. Tiffany! Please, don't feel bad! The service here is amazing. The waiter is just super fast.

CANDACE

We all just got here a little early. That's all.

AUBREY

This looks delicious! I just want to smother my body with Mother Nature's love! YUM!

DAWN

Well, if YOU want to smother your body in Mother Nature's love, then I want to rest in her bosom!

CANDACE

And if Dawn wants to rest in her bosom, then I want to gently lie by her side and sing a sweet lullaby...

Everyone laughs.

TIFFANY

I guess if Candace wants to rest by Mother Nature's side, then I want to smother my face in Mother Nature's dirty crotch.

Nobody laughs.

WAITER

People shouldn't talk that way about Mother Nature.

TIFFANY

I'm sorry. I thought we were all joking.

WAITER

There's only one Earth.

TIFFANY

You're right. I'm sorry. You guys, go ahead and enjoy your salad. The salad that Mother Nature has provided for you all.

WAITER

(cheerfully)

Well, dig in!

AUBREY

Oh, my god.

DAWN

This salad.

CANDACE

I've never had anything like this!

Tiffany quickly collects herself. She breathes.

WAITER

Welcome to Cafe Gratitude and Soul. I noticed your breath. Your existence. That's amazing. It's important to breathe. We don't breathe enough. What can I get you?

TIFFANY

I haven't seen the menu yet.

WAITER

You should really speak up so I can hear you. Anyways, here's the menu-- Can I start you off with anything to drink while you look at the menu?

TIFFANY

Do you have any beer? I'd love a beer.

WAITER

Ooh. I'm sorry. We don't, but we do have Kombucha. It's fermented so it's kind of like beer.

TIFFANY

I would really like some real beer. Or anything with real alcohol. Maybe wine? Do you have wine?

AUBREY

You have to drink Kombucha!

DAWN

Kombucha! That's so good for you.

CANDACE

It has probiotics to support your digestive system.

TIFFANY

(feeling the pressure)

Uhhhh, okay! Sure! Alright! I will order a glass of Kombucha!

WAITER

Wonderful. I'll be back with your drink. Namaste.

The waiter exits.

Everyone at the table except Tiffany has started to eat.

TIFFANY

I didn't know you were all so vegan and healthy.

DAWN

Oh! We're not! Aubrey is! She's the one that suggested this place.

AUBREY

You should really consider going vegan. It's completely CHANGED my relationship with food.

CANDACE

She saw baby chickens get thrown in a blender.

TIFFANY

Oh, my god. That's horrible!

AUBREY

It's horrible but bearable. You kind of have to watch something so horrific to completely change your outlook.

DAWN

Is that true?

CANDACE

Then I think we should've changed our outlook a long-ass time ago.

Dawn and Candace laughs.

AUBREY

SHUT UP. You all sound like a bunch of crippled hyenas.

TIFFANY

Yeah, I don't know about that. I want to be able to enjoy the food that I want to eat.

AUBREY

Do you watch documentaries? You should watch all the true-crime food documentaries on Netflix. They will change your life. I read the food labels now. Do YOU read the food labels?

TIFFANY

No, not really.

AUBREY

Well, I do.

CANDACE

So, Tiffany! What have you been up to?

TIFFANY

Nothing. Absolutely nothing.

DAWN

Do you still do gymnastics?

TIFFANY

Gymnastics? No. No way. No way, Jose. I gave that up a long time ago.

CANDACE

Who is Jose?

DAWN

Oh, my god, Tiffany! Don't be sad. Look, I'm so glad we can do this! I just want you to know that I was there in the hospital with you, like, every day.

TIFFANY

You were?

CANDACE

No, you weren't.

DAWN

Uh, yeah! Oh, my god. I visited Tiffany way more than both of you combined.

CANDACE

I don't remember because you were tired all the time and always wanted to go home after gym practice.

DAWN

No, I didn't!

AUBREY

You had mono.

DAWN

Mono is not a big deal! You all got mono, too!

AUBREY

Yeah, because you didn't tell us and we just kept sharing the same bottle of Snapple.

CANDACE

It's like we were all just making out!

Everyone laughs except Tiffany.

TIFFANY

Yeah... I never shared anything with anyone because I was--

The waiter appears out of nowhere.

WAITER

In a coma. I heard. You poor thing. You must have a lot of unresolved issues. Anyways, here is your Kombucha. Are you ready to order?

TIFFANY

I'm not hungry.

DAWN

You have to eat! We're all eating!

TIFFANY

Yeah, but by the time I order something, you'll all be done eating and I will be the only person eating. I don't want to be the only one because I've been the "only one" for most of my life.

CANDACE

You do not need to talk to Dawn like that.

DAWN

Oh, it's fine! She's right to be angry. We're all eating without her and it's not fair. Maybe I won't eat.

CANDACE

What? If you're not going to eat, then I don't want to eat.

DAWN

Oh! Well, if you're not going to eat, then I definitely don't want to eat.

TIFFANY

You can all eat! Please, don't stop eating because of me. I'm--

AUBREY

You guys are not letting me enjoy this vegan shrimp salad. I want to eat and I will eat with or without you.

Aubrey commands the room and everyone is afraid of her.

WAITER

Well! It sounds like you all love each other. Let me know if you need anything. Again, I'm Laurel. Namaste.

The waiter exits.

Everyone except Tiffany begins to eat their salad out of fear that Aubrey will snap.

DAWN

This is the best salad I have ever eaten in my life.

CANDACE

It's really good!

AUBREY

Do you guys remember that time when we all--

DAWN

No!!! Let's not talk about high school stuff anymore because Tiffany was not really there. Let's all keep talking about what we're up to NOW! What we're doing now is so much more important. So, Aubrey is on The Bachelor. That's brilliant. What about you, Candace?!

CANDACE

Me? Wow. Well, I'm about to open up my shop. I'm selling my own line of skin care in Venice Beach.

DAWN

That's super legit!

AUBREY

Don't you need to be smart to run a business?

CANDACE

Yeah, it's pretty exciting. The company that owns Urban Outfitters and Free People is interested in endorsing me. They want to sell my products in their stores, too.

DAWN

You're successful.

CANDACE
I'm really not.

AUBREY
She's just lucky.

TIFFANY
I think it's more than just luck. It sounds like a lot of hard work. Congrats, Candace.
That's really amazing.

AUBREY
It's not that impressive.

TIFFANY
It's better than being on **The Bachelor**.

AUBREY
Nothing is better than **The Bachelor**.

DAWN
My turn! My turn! I want to talk about me now!

AUBREY
No, it sounded like Tiffany had something to say to me.

TIFFANY
I'm not the one giving Candace a hard time.

DAWN
When is it my turn?

AUBREY
You clearly have a problem with me.

TIFFANY
No problem here.

AUBREY
Yes, you do!

TIFFANY
No, I don't!

AUBREY
JUST SAY IT!

TIFFANY
NO!

DAWN
Finally! My turn! (beat) You guys-- I'm about to get married!

Dawn flashes her ring.

AUBREY
What? You're getting married?

DAWN
I said yes to the ring and I'm about to say yes to THE DRESS!

Candace and Dawn scream.

CANDACE
That's amazing! You gotta let me do your hair and make-up when you get married!

DAWN
Um, yeah, but most importantly-- You're all going to be in my bridal party!!!

Everyone screams except Aubrey.

AUBREY
No need to rub it in our faces.

DAWN
What do you mean?! You're on **The Bachelor**!

AUBREY
To find a husband on **The Bachelor**.

DAWN
And you will! **The Bachelor** on **The Bachelor** is going to be the luckiest man alive when he meets you!

TIFFANY
Nobody in their right mind ever goes on **The Bachelor**.

AUBREY
Do you even watch **The Bachelor**?!

TIFFANY

Wow. Okay. That was definitely an attack. That was attack on me. Dawn, Candace-- did you see that? Wow.

DAWN

Everyone, stop. We don't fight. We're supposed to love each other no matter what!

CANDACE

Dawn's right. And she's always right in my eyes. Friends don't fight.

DAWN

Because we---

ALL

ROCK!

Yeah, yeah, do we rock?

Yeah, yeah, take it to the top.

Yeah, yeah

Are we gonna stop?

No way!

Hashtag Accident!!!

They laugh.

AUBREY

Sorry, friends. I shouldn't be so petty.

DAWN

We're here for each other!

CANDACE

Friends until the end, right?

Everyone gets into a group hug except Tiffany.

TIFFANY

What just happened?

DAWN

No! Tiffany! Don't feel bad! That was just our mantra we used to say in high school.

TIFFANY

What's "Hashtag Accident?"

CANDACE

It's this dumb thing that a bunch of kids at school started calling us when we hung out together.

AUBREY

It's what defined our high-school career and put us on the top of the food chain.

The waiter enters.

WAITER

Well, how about dessert? Anyone feelin' dessert yet?

AUBREY, CANDACE, DAWN

DOUBLE-DOUBLE CHOCOLATE CAKE!

AUBREY

Man, we have not changed!

DAWN

Our minds will be synced forever.

TIFFANY

I'm sorry. I don't think I can take this anymore. I have to go.

DAWN

What?! Don't go.

TIFFANY

I invited you all because I thought this would be a great opportunity for you to say something to me.

AUBREY

Say something to you?

CANDACE

Like what? An apology?

DAWN

No one did anything wrong here.

TIFFANY

I guess it was presumptuous of me to think that three horrible friends from my childhood would ever change and apologize for making me feel bad before and after my coma.

WAITER

Your aura is depressing. I'll come back.

The waiter exits.

TIFFANY

I don't like chocolate.

DAWN

You don't? What do you like?

TIFFANY

Coconut cream pie.

DAWN

Ew.

CANDACE

I don't like coconut.

AUBREY

Except coconut water.

DAWN

Shredded coconut freaks me out.

TIFFANY

We don't even like the same dessert! I'm sorry, but some friendships aren't even worth saving.

DAWN

What are you saying?

AUBREY

Let her go, Dawn. She was never really one of us, anyways.

The waiter returns.

WAITER

Ok! So, I got one large double-double chocolate cake with three forks to share. Just three forks. I didn't bother bringing four because you guys all seem to not even like Tiffany.
(beat) Anything else? Namaste.

The waiter exits.

Aubrey, Dawn and Candace dig into the chocolate cake.

AUBREY

GOD. THIS IS AMAZING.

DAWN

I JUST WANT TO KEEP PUTTING IT IN MY MOUTH.

CANDACE

MOTHER NATURE IS A GODDESS.

TIFFANY

I can't believe you people.

AUBREY

You have the right to be jealous.

CANDACE

What sick person hates chocolate?

TIFFANY

I am not jealous. I'm not jealous of any of you. Sure, I followed you all on Instagram with a small hope that maybe, JUST MAYBE, that your lives were NOT perfect. That your lives were just as boring, lonely, and lame as mine. But, being here today made me realize that we're not even the same people. Look, the reason I reached out was that I felt like I missed a huge chunk of my life. I felt like I needed to get to know you all again. My therapist said that this would help me resolve some issues I've had about my childhood. But this **FOMO** is real. I'm not crazy when I say it's real.

They stop eating their cake.

DAWN

You're right. Let's start over. We haven't seen each other for 10 years, and 10 years is a long time. So much has happened! Tiffany, tell us what you've been up to! Where have you been all these years? Do you work? Are you married? We're all on social media, and you just told us you stalk us.

AUBREY

What. Have. You. Been. Up. To?

TIFFANY

Well, I don't really work right now. I mean, I've been freelancing a bit but I plan on going back to school soon to finish up my Bachelor's. I'm not dating anyone. To be honest, my whole life just kind of stopped when I gave up gymnastics. I feel like I've been going around in circles trying to make sense of it. Coming back here-- I thought I could fill some weird hole I had in my life, but it's making it worse. It's making me realize that my life could've been different if I kept doing what I love.

DAWN

You should really start dating.

AUBREY

Boring. I fell asleep during your monologue.

CANDACE

(ignoring Aubrey and Dawn)

I think I know what you mean. I've been listening to Ted Talks, reading self-help books, following Tony Robbins on Instagram and I still don't know what I'm doing. Everything pretty much sucks, unless you start making some real freaking decisions that nobody ever taught you how to make.

TIFFANY

Yes! Finally. Someone that actually gets what I'm trying to say. Maybe we can--

The waiter enters.

WAITER

Everything okay here?

DAWN

SOOOO GOOD.

CANDACE

MMMMM. HOLY COW. THIS IS AMAZING.

AUBREY

This is why I'm vegan, so I can eat all the chocolate I want. YUM.

WAITER

I'm so glad you're all enjoying it! Next time the three of you visit, you need to come on a Tuesday. We have Taco Tuesdays. Jackfruit Carnitas. You gotta try it.

TIFFANY

The three of them? I'm here, too. Could I get a coconut cream pie, please?

WAITER

Oh, right. Sorry. It didn't seem like you were part of this group because they all met together half an hour before you did. I will put that coconut cream pie order in. Namaste.

TIFFANY

What?

WAITER

Oh, yeah. These three met half an hour before you. They're so cute. They even dress alike. They could all be sisters. You seem like the odd one out. Anyways--

The waiter exits.

TIFFANY

Is that true? You all said you got here a little early, but 30 minutes is a lot of time. Wow. Okay. So, I am missing out. I missed out on 30 minutes. And all of high school. And more. This is real. // I'm not hallucinating--

DAWN

No! It's not like that at all! // We wanted to make sure--

TIFFANY

No! I knew it! I knew it! You want me out! That's fine! //

AUBREY

SHUT UP, DAWN.

TIFFANY

No! Why did you all meet before I got here?! You like making me feel "left out"? Because it's working!

The waiter enters, places the coconut cream pie on the table, and exits.

AUBREY

You open your mouth, Dawn, and I swear to god, I will stuff my fists // in your mouth--

CANDACE

Hey! // Don't talk to Dawn like that!

DAWN

THIS IS WHY YOU DON'T PUT DESSERTS IN MY FACE!

TIFFANY

I knew it. You all made me feel paranoid, but I was right. I knew it. I knew it. // I knew it--

AUBREY

You need to relax. Stop making it about you.

DAWN

Look what we did! Tiffany can't even eat her coconut!

CANDACE

We're all miserable. Aubrey is alone and thinks **The Bachelor** will solve her problems.

AUBREY

Excuse me? I have a job, too. I have a life. **The Bachelor** isn't the only thing that's going on.

CANDACE

Oh, please, you're obsessed with yourself and you always have been.

DAWN

Why are you talking like this?

CANDACE

Our friendship was built on a secret.

TIFFANY

I knew it! All this freaking time I thought I was crazy, but I wasn't. I knew it. I knew. // I knew it.

CANDACE

I just can't do it anymore. I can't live like this. As long as I'm friends with you, Dawn, I'm going to feel this way for a very long time.

DAWN

Candace! Don't make Aubrey upset, or I will be upset!

CANDACE

We used to be best friends! Then you and Tiffany started hanging out, and I became a third wheel.

DAWN

You're not a third wheel!

CANDACE

You were my first real best friend and then you replaced me!

DAWN

Don't be jealous of Aubrey!

CANDACE

I'm not jealous of Aubrey! Definitely not as much as she is of Tiffany!

AUBREY

Excuse me? I'm never jealous. Never was and never will. I'm a winner.

CANDACE

Tiffany-- Aubrey here was never your friend.

AUBREY

I'M A VERY GOOD FRIEND.

CANDACE

Oh, really?! Do friends rig the beam to make other friends lose their balance and slip and collapse into a coma? You're freaking crazy! // You're jealous and crazy!!

TIFFANY

The beam. Yes. That's what I remember. I remember putting some powder chalk on my hands, but something was off. Something threw me off that day and--

AUBREY

I'm going to murder you!

CANDACE

Tiffany, I'm sorry that you had to find out about it this way. It was all Aubrey's idea. She didn't want you to move on to Regionals. Please, put the blame on her. Please, don't take it out on Dawn. // It wasn't her fault.

DAWN

Awwwwwwwwwwwwwwww.

TIFFANY

Gymnastics was my life.

AUBREY

You weren't even that good!

TIFFANY

I GOT A FULL RIDE TO PRINCETON.

AUBREY

That should've been mine.

TIFFANY

You don't even like studying!

AUBREY

I worked twice as hard as you! I deserved to be somebody!

TIFFANY

Yeah, you can be a contestant on **The Bachelor!!!**

AUBREY

Well, Dawn helped me.

DAWN

I DID NOT!

AUBREY

Yes, you did. You made out with our coach and that's how you got mono.

DAWN

I never had mono!!!

Dawn throws the chocolate cake in their faces.

Aubrey throws the chocolate cake back.

Candace tries to duck and cover, but it's too late.

AUBREY

MY OUTFIT!!! I JUST GOT THIS FROM FOREVER 21.

DAWN

You ruined me! I couldn't go to prom! I was always too tired!

AUBREY

BECAUSE YOU HAD MONO!!!

DAWN

IT WASN'T MONO!!!

TIFFANY

I can't believe what I'm hearing.

AUBREY

Oh, please. Don't play the victim.

TIFFANY

I WAS THE VICTIM. I almost died!

The waiter enters.

WAITER

Alright, everyone! Here at Cafe Gratitude and Soul, we offer complimentary tea for your soul. Just tell us the color of your soul, and we'll pair it with the right tea!

TIFFANY

Mine is black. Always black. The darkness that consumed a large part of my life. A huge, gaping hole, a missing piece that I will never get back. I feel lost.

WAITER

And yours?

AUBREY, CANDACE, DAWN

Ooooh. Matchaaaa.

The waiter exits.

TIFFANY

All this time, I thought I was losing my mind and it was all because of you! All of you!

DAWN

We... never thought you would get into a coma... it was supposed to be just a bad fall.

TIFFANY

Here I was. I was so afraid that I missed out on so many things. But now, I learn that it was all your fault. (to Aubrey) You were always so jealous of me, but I was still there for you.

AUBREY

I don't need this. I'm out of here.

DAWN

Aubrey! Wait!

CANDACE

Let her go.

DAWN

Absolutely not. She's our best friend.

CANDACE

She treats you like poop. I was your best friend first.

DAWN

We should all be each other's best friend.

CANDACE

I don't want to be friends with horrible people.

DAWN

But Tiffany did.
You did, right?
You liked me? You like Aubrey, too?

TIFFANY

I don't want to be friends with people who want to see me dead.

Dawn exits.

Tiffany and Candace are alone.

Dawn enters.

DAWN

I'm glad I gave you all mono!

Dawn exits.

CANDACE

Sorry you had to find out like this.

TIFFANY

Did you like my coconut cream pie?

CANDACE

Not really.

TIFFANY

But you guys all ate it.

CANDACE

I ate it because Dawn ate it.

TIFFANY

And I'm guessing Dawn ate it because Aubrey ate it.

CANDACE

And Aubrey ate it because she was your friend.

TIFFANY

I thought she was. We did everything together.

As Candace is about to leave:

TIFFANY

So, the “hashtag accident”-- Was I the accident?

CANDACE

For what it’s worth, your accident is what brought us all closer together.

TIFFANY

I think I’m going to be sick.

CANDACE

That’s a normal reaction. (beat) Maybe we’ll see each other again in another 10 years. Or, follow me on Instagram.

TIFFANY

I’d rather not.

CANDACE

Sorry about everything.

Candace exits.

The waiter enters.

WAITER

Huh. Where did everyone go?

TIFFANY

I’m sure you heard it all.

WAITER

Yeah, it sucks when your friends want you dead.

TIFFANY

Did your friends ever want you dead?

WAITER

No, because I don’t eat my friends.

TIFFANY

Huh?

WAITER

The chickens, cows, pigs, ducks---
Anyways, here’s your check. Whenever
you’re ready. Take your time.

TIFFANY

That’s not friends. Those are animals.

Tiffany looks at the bill.

TIFFANY

WHAT?! 200 dollars for a freaking shrimp salad?!

WAITER

It's vegan.

BLACKOUT.

THE END.