

Promises, Promises

Characters:

MADISON

LONNIE

Props: Cell phone

Creative Note: Madison consoles her friend, Lonnie, after Lonnie's boyfriend broke her heart. Keep it realistic. Don't let it become melodramatic.

(MADISON is on the phone, waiting through a voicemail greeting. She's leaving a message for her friend, LONNIE.)

MADISON: Hey, Lonnie. It's me. Listen . . . I just want to make sure you're okay. Let's go somewhere and do something. Everything's going to be fine. I promise. Okay. I'll talk to you soon. Bye.

(Just as MADISON hangs up, LONNIE enters. She has been crying.)

LONNIE: Maddie?

MADISON: Hey. I was just leaving you a message.

LONNIE: Oh. Sorry. I turned it off. I can't take calls right now.

MADISON: You okay?

LONNIE: *(fighting back tears)* Yes.

(LONNIE starts crying. She collapses onto the ground. MADISON goes to comfort her.)

MADISON: Oh, Lonnie. Come on. I know you're hurt, but everything's going to be fine. It is.

LONNIE: I just can't believe this happened.

MADISON: I know. I know.

LONNIE: I mean, it's not like I didn't worry about it. We even talked about it, you know, like adults, I guess. I mean, we're not in junior high anymore. And he promised, Madison. He promised me.

MADISON: I know he did, Lonnie.

LONNIE: But he lied! He lied to me, and he's *been* lying to me.

(LONNIE cries some more. MADISON tries to think of what to say.)

MADISON: *(jokingly)* Do you want me to get some of the guys and go take care of him for you?

LONNIE: *(laughing and crying, but kidding as well)* Yeah. Would you? Make him pay.

MADISON: No problem. Consider it done.

LONNIE: You wanna know what the worst thing about it is?

MADISON: What's that?

LONNIE: You guys knew this would happen. You tried to tell me, but I wouldn't listen.

MADISON: You cared too much to listen.

LONNIE: Yeah. But you were right. I should have listened to you. But I just didn't believe you. I mean, how did you know?

MADISON: Because that's how he is, Lonnie.

LONNIE: But he said he changed. He promised that everything was different now. But it wasn't. He wasn't.

MADISON: He's made those promises before.

LONNIE: I just wanted to believe him.

MADISON: Of course you did, but he has always been a liar and a cheat. People can change, sure. But there was just something about him that I never trusted.

LONNIE: (*frustrated with herself*) Ahh! I just can't believe this happened. I look ridiculous, and he just looks like a player.

MADISON: So what? Everyone knows what he's really like, especially now. Everything's going to be fine. I promise.

LONNIE: How can you say that? How can you promise that? Especially right now. You don't know.

MADISON: Okay. You're right. I don't know the future. But what I do know is that we've always been friends. Right?

LONNIE: Yeah.

MADISON: And we keep our word with each other and tell each other everything.

LONNIE: Of course.

MADISON: And this isn't the first time one of us has had a broken heart.

LONNIE: That's for sure.

MADISON: But we're still here for each other, and we still help each other along and keep on going. I mean, he's just a boy. And next year we'll be in college . . . and there won't be any more boys. (*exaggerating excitement*) We'll be meeting men!

LONNIE: (*laughing*) I guess you're right.

MADISON: Look, he's a liar regardless of what he says or promises, but you and I don't live like that. So regardless of what happens we can rely on each other. Right?

LONNIE: Yeah. Right.

MADISON: (*jokingly*) Now, come on. Let's go plan your revenge.

LONNIE: Forget it. He's not worth it. But let's still go. I'm sure we can find something more worthy to talk about.

MADISON: You got it.

LONNIE: Thanks.

MADISON: Yeah.

(*The End*)