

INT. - NIGHT - PARKER'S APARTMENT

Coworkers/friends PARKER and QUINN are having a late night hangout in PARKER's apartment after a long day at work. Sitting on opposite sides of the couch, they're both a few drinks in and playing Never Have I Ever.

QUINN

Okay, Never Have I Ever.....gone streaking.

PARKER takes a drink. QUINN laughs.

QUINN (CONT'D)

No way, I never pictured you as a partier!

PARKER

It was a drunken dare in college. College Alex did way too many stupid things for twenty bucks.

They both laugh, PARKER hesitates, glancing QUINN's neck.

PARKER (CONT'D)

Never have I ever had surgery.

QUINN stiffens at PARKER's glance. They take a drink and instinctively adjust their collar, hiding their neck scar.

PARKER (CONT'D)

(apologetically)

I'm sorry, it's just that I noticed the scar a while ago and I've wondered what it was...you don't have to tell me.

While PARKER talks, QUINN decides to lower their guard.

QUINN

(hesitantly)

No, it's fine. It's uh...
(deciding to put it out there)

It was thyroid cancer.

PARKER

Oh. Shit. Are you okay now?

QUINN

Yeah. Im on medication my whole life since they took the whole thing out, but I've been clear for four years.

PARKER

I'm sorry - not about being clear,
I mean, that's great! I'm sorry you
had to go through that... I didn't
mean -

QUINN

No, it's fine, it's just... nobody
really knows besides my family.
(beat)
But now you owe me one of your
deep, dark secrets.

PARKER

Fair enough.

PARKER takes a drink for courage, then a deep breath.

PARKER (CONT'D)

Uhh.. I have a crush on a coworker.

QUINN

Oooo juicy! Is it Mark? Wait, I
think he's married. Or Josh? Oh my
god, our boss!?

PARKER shakes their head.

QUINN (CONT'D)

(jokingly)
It's me! I'm just so irresistible.

QUINN laughs. PARKER fiddles with their drink, avoiding eye
contact. QUINN notices and realizes their joke is true.

QUINN (CONT'D)

Wait, are you serious?

PARKER

Yeah...

QUINN

(smiling)
Oh. Shit.