

INT. - NIGHT - ALEX'S APARTMENT

Coworkers/friends ALEX and QUINN are having a late night hangout in ALEX'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.

ALEX takes a drink. QUINN laughs.

QUINN

No way, I never pictured you as a partier!

ALEX

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

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

ALEX

Never have I ever had surgery.

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

ALEX

(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 say anything if you don't want to.

While ALEX talks, QUINN decides to lower their guard.

QUINN

(hesitantly)

No, it's fine. It's uh...I was sick a few years ago.

(deciding to put it out there)

It was thyroid cancer.

ALEX

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.

ALEX

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. No one  
mentions it so I don't bring it up.  
It's still hard to talk about  
sometimes.

(beat)

But now you owe me one of your deep,  
dark secrets for unlocking my tragic  
backstory.

ALEX

Fair enough.

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

ALEX

Uhh.. I have a crush on a coworker.

QUINN

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

ALEX shakes their head.

QUINN

(jokingly)

Oh, I know. It's me! I'm just so  
irresistible.

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

QUINN

Wait, are you serious?

ALEX

Yeah...

QUINN

(smiling)

Oh. Shit.