

**For the Better**

**Side 2 – Tegan, April, Rachel, Connie**

APRIL

So how about you? Are you going to shed one manly tear after that test?

TEGAN

Eh most likely. I plan on making Ray's half pack of tissues look measly.

APRIL

Quite a goal.

TEGAN

Thanks! So how about you? Any tears to shed after that gruelling hour or so?

APRIL

Nah I think I'm good. I wrote what I knew, and I think I knew quite a bit.

TEGAN

Okay smarty pants, quit rubbing it in.

APRIL

Yeah well- Shit. That's my bus. I'll text you when I get home, okay?

TEGAN

Gotcha. I might not answer right away. Rachel's taking me christmas shopping.

APRIL

Tell her I say "hi"!

TEGAN

Will do.

*APRIL hugs TEGAN*

APRIL

Proud of you by the way. You didn't run out of the class screaming.

TEGAN

I strongly considered it. And April? Thanks for the help.

APRIL

You're welcome. You big mush ball.

TEGAN

What- I'm not a mush ball-

APRIL

(Running for her bus) Mush ball! Mush ball!

TEGAN

You- Pfft.

RACHEL

Wow. Since when do you two hug?

TEGAN

(Startled) SWEET COW SYRUP.

RACHEL

"Sweet cow syrup" - You know most kids your age would just cuss.

TEGAN

Pardon me for being my authentic self-

RACHEL

I love that you think stalling is going to make me forget about my question.

TEGAN

I don't- Why- I hug Ray all the time!

RACHEL

Not like that you don't.

TEGAN

What does that mean?

RACHEL

“And thanks for all the help April” Mi amour~

TEGAN

Awh c'mon I didnt say it like that- Oh my god did I say it like that.

RACHEL

*(Slinging her arm around TEGAN's shoulder)* Don't worry lil' sib. You didn't say it like that.

TEGAN

Thank go-

RACHEL

You somehow said it worse! I thought you were about to drop to one knee and start singing opera or some-

TEGAN

RACHEL!

RACHEL

Alright, Alright I'm kidding.

CONNIE

Why's Tegs the color of a pomegranate?

RACHEL

He was singing his girlfriend's praises and got caught.

CONNIE

Ah. How is April?

TEGAN

You told Connie?!

CONNIE

Hey, don't worry. Secrets safe with me. Besides, it's not exactly un-obvious. And I know a thing or two about romance. I scored your sister after all...

TEGAN

Gross, not in front of me.

CONNIE

And if I've learned anything it's best to lay out all your feelings and see how the person reacts. Like a charcuterie board!

TEGAN

A... charcuterie board.

CONNIE

Exactly!

RACHEL

Erm. Babe.

CONNIE

Hey, Charcuterie boards are a delightful platter of samplers of meats cheese and choice fruits-

TEGAN

I have nothing against charcuterie boards. I do however have a few things against your use of metaphors and sincerely hope you never write a romance novel.

RACHEL

What Connie meant, before the cheeses and meats and uh...

CONNIE

Choice fruits.

RACHEL

And choice fruits were brought into the mix, is just tell April how you feel! She might feel the same way!

TEGAN

I doubt it. Besides, what if I screw everything up?

RACHEL

But what if you don't tell her, and you regret it?

TEGAN

I dunno...

CONNIE

Think about it, captain. Besides we got alllll afternoon to bully you about this.

TEGAN

Great.