

KARMA (2008)

what goes around, comes around, and around..

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ACT I

INT. LIGHT ROOM, BEVERLY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
ALL SEATS FILLED UP.. IN FRONT OF THE ROOM STAND

~~Samantha~~
~~REBECCA~~, 17 blonde hair, thin, focused expression—as she walks in front and starts to speak

~~Samantha~~
~~REBECCA~~
This is Shawna and she is the president and founder of the "Teens and Safe Sex" club.

Shawna, 17 brunette hair, thin, and sad look on her face walks up in front of Rebecca

SHAWNA

Hello everyone. Many of you were club members last year, yet some of you are new. Let me just tell you that this club will help you stay protected by teaching all of you how to make sure you are always having protected sex. There are many ways to prevent teenage

pregnancy and I feel it is my duty to inform each and every one of you the importance of safe sex. The club will meet every Tuesday and Wednesday at lunch. Hopefully all of you will attend on a regular basis.

In order to spread our knowledge and get as many people to understand

the significance of always being protected, we will be holding many fundraisers and other interesting and fun events! (Looks at watch)

Alright class,

the bell is about to ring and lunch is almost over. We will be meeting in

this room at lunchtime every Tuesday and Wednesday. Please try to

remember to attend all meetings on time. Thank you and remember,

"safe sex is great sex!".

THE WHOLE CLASSROOM BEGINS TO CLAP AS SHAWNA AND THE CLASS GETS UP AND WALKS OUT THE DOOR..

SHAWNA WALKS TOWARD NICK

NICK

: Shawna baby, that was an amazing speech! Babe, I'm so proud of you.

SHAWNA

Thanks Nick, Did you see how many people showed up?

NICK

Yeah, twice as many as last year! I'm so proud to say you're my girlfriend. I couldn't ask for a smarter or prettier girl! You're as beautiful as a garden full of blossoming roses.

SHAWNA

Aww, Nick. I love you. Thank you.
My love for you is an endless sea of passion.

NICK

Anytime babe, I love you too. We should get to class we're going to be late. Let's go to lunch after school though Would you like that?

SHAWNA

Yeah. Let's go to Chipotle.

(Aside NICK: We go to Chipotle every single day. It's getting so annoying. I always have to do whatever she wants. I have to agree with anything or else...well who knows. I know I don't want to find out the "or else...")

NICK

Okay, whatever you want Meet me at my locker when school ends.

(SHAWNA HUGS NICK AND GIVES HIM A KISS)

SHAWNA

See ya!

AT THE SAME TIME THERE IS A CONVERSATION GOING ON IN THE HALLWAY BETWEEN A GROUP OF FRIENDS..

ERICA, 18 THIN, DIRTY BLONDE

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ERICA

Nathan, I still can't get over what happened last year.

NATHAN

I'm here for you don't worry. You know I will always be here for you no matter what. You're my best friend.

REBECCA

Wait, what are you two talking about?

NATHAN

Oh yeah, I forgot you were new to the school second semester last year.

ERICA

Well Rebecca, you know who Shawna is right?

REBECCA

Yeah that really smart and nice girl who is in charge of the Safe Sex club right?

ERICA

Don't tell me you went to the meeting today..

REBECCA

I did.. why? What's wrong with me going? I'm confused.

ERICA

I HATE HER. SHE IS SO EVIL.

REBECCA

Umm.. I'm sorry but I'm still quite puzzled. Why do you hate her? She seems so perfect and the least bit harmful Erica.

NATHAN

Erica, should I tell her?

ERICA

Yeah, whatever. She's going to find out eventually. Everybody does. I will always be known as "that girl."

REBECCA

THAT GIRL?

NATHAN

Okay, here's the story. So Erica was dating this guy named Alex for about... (pauses) 6 months?

ERICA
SEVEN months

NATHAN

They were dating for seven months and one time the condom ripped. Erica and Alex were terrified. A few weeks later Erica took a pregnancy test and unfortunately it showed that she was pregnant. At this time, Shawna was her best friend. Erica told Shawna right away because she trusted her more than anyone else. Since Shawna was always against teenage pregnancy, she stopped being Erica's friend. In a matter of three days, the entire school knew the story it eventually got to her family and from that point on she was known as "the pregnant girl." Erica ended up getting an abortion but till this day, the majority of the school taunts her and calls her "Mom."

REBECCA

Wow. I never would have expected that. And are you serious?? They really call you mom?

ERICA

Yeah, but not everyone. Just the snobs like the jocks and that whole group.

REBECCA

I'm so sorry Erica. I could never look at Shawna the same way. You're right, she is evil. Don't worry, I will never attend her club ever again!

ERICA

It's fine, you can go if you want to. I don't mind.

REBECCA

No, no. I have no desire to do so.

NATHAN

We're going to be late to class. The bell is about to ring.

ERICA

Oh yeah, you're right. Bye guys.

REBECCA
Byeee

NATHAN
Peace

Act II

SCHOOL JUST ENDED, SHAWNA AND NICK MEET TO GO TO LUNCH AT
THEIR LOCKERS

SHAWNA
Hey boo. You ready?

NICK
Yeah, but give me a few minutes I need to talk
to my teacher quickly. Wait for me in the car.

(NICK HANDS SHAWNA HE KEYS)
NICK (CONT'D)
Here are the keys.

SHAWNA
Okay. Don't take too long.
I'm soooooo hungry!

(Shawna walks away)

NICK RECIEVES A PHONE CALL

NICK
Hello?

ERICA
Hey where are you?

NICK
I'm coming. I'll be there in a second.

Erica
Okay.

ERICA and NICK hang up the phone.
THEY BOTH WALK TOWARDS EACHOTHER IN THE HALLWAY

NICK
How are you?

ERICA
I'm good. Are we still watching Spiderman tonight?

NICK

6.

Definitely.

ERICA

Are you sure? I wouldn't want Shawna getting mad.

NICK

How many times do I have to tell you this Erica? No matter what she says I will never stop being your friend. We were friends long before I ever started dating Shawna and I plan on staying friends with you whether she likes it or not.

ERICA

Well she doesn't really have a choice to like the situation or not. I mean, she doesn't even know we're still friends.

NICK

Well if she did know, it would be so much harder for us to stay friends. It's better this way. What she doesn't know won't hurt her.

ERICA

Yeah, you're right. I have so much homework. I'm going to go home right now but pick me up at seven.

NICK

Okay forsure. See you later.

ERICA AND NICK GO THEIR SEPARATE WAY

NICK then goes to his car and meets Shawna.

NICK

Chipotle?

SHAWNA

If that's okay with you, yeah.

NICK

Yeah it's fine

SHAWNA

Did you talk to your teacher?

NICK

Oh, no...(hesitates) He wasn't there.

SHAWNA

Oh okay. Turn left!

NICK

Oh yeah. I forgot. It's okay there's
Parking right there on the left. (points to
left)

SHAWNA

Nice parking job!

NICK

I know, right? I'm a pro. (laughs)

SHAWNA

(sarcastic laugh) Yeah, no, not really.

Shawna and Nick get out of the car and walk into Chipotle.

SHAWNA

Go order the food, I'm going to get us a table.
Do you want to sit inside or outside?

NICK

Inside's fine. What do you want me to order
you?

SHAWNA

Umm. The usual. A burrito. You know what I like in it.

NICK

Ofcourse. Alright babe go get us a table.

Shawna sits down at a table.

NICK is paying at the register.

GUY BEHIND THE REGISTER

18 dollars and 24 cents sir.

NICK

Here you go. Keep the change. Thank you.

NICK walks to the table and sits down.

SHAWNA

Chipotle is so good. I love it!

NICK

Yeah it's pretty good I guess.

SHAWNA

What's wrong? I thought you were okay with coming here?

NICK

Oh no, I am. I was just thinking.

SHAWNA

Thinking? About what?

NICK

Nothing never mind.

SHAWNA

No, tell me.

NICK

Well, don't you ever miss Erica?
She was your best friend for six years.

SHAWNA

Um, random?

NICK

Never mind, I shouldn't have brought that up.

SHAWNA

Yeah you shouldn't have but since you did
I have to admit, I do miss her. I mean it's not like
I don't think about my friendship with her ever,
it's just I really doubt we could ever be friends again
after what I did to her.

NICK

Honestly, you and I both know that Erica
is a good person and she loves you just as much as
you love her no matter what. You should try to make
up with her and see what happens. You never know, thing
could go back to the way they used to be.

SHAWNA

You're right. Tomorrow I am going to apologize
to her.

NICK

That's a really honorable thing to do babe.
I'm proud of you.

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The couple finishes their lunch and then NICK takes SHAWNA home. Later that night, NICK and ERICA go to a movie but NICK does not mention the conversation he had with SHAWNA. He is waiting until tomorrow to see if SHAWNA actually ends up apologizing.

ACT III

MORNING, AM

It is finally the next day and it is nutrition.

Erica is getting books from her locker. WHEN..

SHAWNA

Hi.

ERICA

What do u need?

SHAWNA

Um, nevermind.

Erica ignores her and returns to getting her books from the locker.

SHAWNA

Erica, we need to talk.

ERICA

We have nothing to talk about.

I don't want you speaking to me. Leave.

SHAWNA

Listen, I know what I did was wrong. I understand if you

never speak to me ever again but I just wanted to tell you how

sorry I truly am. I'm so sorry Erica. I'm sorry for everything.

You never deserved what I put you through.

ERICA

Are you done?

SHAWNA

Yeah... Well I was hoping that you would forgive me... What was I thinking? Well, I guess I'll see you around.

Shawna slowly starts walking away

ERICA

Wait.

Shawna stops and turns and walks towards ERICA

ERICA

Why are u apologizing after such a long time?

SHAWNA

Honestly, I never wanted to admit I was wrong. I knew I was

this whole time and there was never a day I went without thinking

about our friendship. Our friendship meant the world to me and I

ruined it. It was entirely my fault. I hate myself for it, but I can't

take it back. All I can do is apologize and hope you forgive me, at

least someday.

ERICA

It really sucks that my best friend did that to me, but it's

hard to throw away a friendship that was strong for so long

I'll never forget what you did to me, but I will forgive you.

SHAWNA

Does this mean we can be best friends again?

ERICA

This means we can be friends, and maybe someday best friends.

SHAWNA

Wow. Thank you so much. I love you and I really missed you.

(hugs Erica)

ERICA

missed you too. So tell me what's new

SHAWNA

Well its almost nine months since me and Nick have
been going out

He's really something amazing.

ERICA

Yeah, I told you giving him a chance would be
one of the
best choices you made.

SHAWNA

Yeah, thanks so much for making me give him a
chance.

ERICA

Anything else to tell me?

SHAWNA

Yeah, actually. There is and I think you're
the only person I could ever talk to about this. I really
need your advice.

ERICA

Tell me.

SHAWNA

It's really hard to...

ERICA

I'm sure you're just exaggerating. I mean,
how bad could it be?

SHAWNA

Trust me, bad.

ERICA

Wait...

SHAWNA

yeah...

ERICA

No, there's no way. After everything, your
club, everything, no there is no way. This can't be true.
It's not. This isn't true. You're kidding. You're not
serious. This is a joke.

SHAWNA

I wish I could say it is a joke, but...it's not Erica.
I don't know what to do. This wasn't supposed to happen to me.

ERICA

I don't understand Shawna, don't you two have protected sex?

SHAWNA

Yes, of course.

ERICA

SO THEN...?

SHAWNA

It's pretty ironic but it's the same thing that happened between you and Alex.

ERICA

You mean the condom ripped?

SHAWNA

Yeah. I was hoping everything would turn out okay
But I took a pregnancy test and it said I was pregnant.
I don't know how to tell Nick I told him I'm not pregnant. I 'm too scared to face reality Erica, what do I do??

ERICA

One thing is for sure: You need to tell him. After you tell him, the two of you need to decide whether or not you're going to keep the baby, have an abortion, or give it up for adoption.

SHAWNA

I want to get an abortion just like you did Erica, but I think he's going to say he wants me to give birth to the baby and then give it up for adoption because you know how his religion is important to him.

ERICA

Well, either way talk to him and then we will figure out a solution.

SHAWNA

Okay, you're right. Thank you so much.
I'm going to go talk to him right now. He always meets me around this time over here.

ERICA

Alright. So I am going to leave you two alone and then call me when you tell him the news. GOODLUCK

Erica walks away

Shawna tells Nick the news about the baby. Although Nick doesn't believe in abortion, he respects Shawna and tells her that he will be there by her so with whatever decision she makes.

Word gets out, and the entire school now knows Shawna's secret. There's only one way the students found out and it had to be

SHAWNA

ERICA HOW COULD YOU!?!?!

ERICA

No offence, but if you thought I really forgave you then you must be out of your mind. You ruined my life and now, I am getting revenge on you. You're no hero, you'r just a hypocrite. So much for preventing teenage pregnancies, right ? Have a good life Shawna, and don't bother speaking to me ever again.

(NICK is listening to Erica's little speech without her awareness, in the corner. Shawna startes to cry)

NICK

Wow Erica, I thought you were different. I had respect for you. How could you do this? You stooped down to a low level. Don't ever look my way again.

ERICA

What? No. Nick you're one of my best friends.

NICK

' Forget it. Forget we were ever friends. You betrayed both me and my girlfriend. Have a nice life. I hope u live with guilt forever.

SHAWNA AND NICK WALK AWAY, LEAVING ERICA IN THE HALLWAY
ALONE

KARMAS A BITCH..WHAT COMES AROUND GOES AROUND AND AROUND
AND AROUND...

THE END