

INFORMATION & ORDER - SCRIPT

Voiceover: In the library system the public is represented by two separate but distinct groups: the people who investigate the incidents and those who educate the offenders. These are their stories.

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Scene: Interior of study room in the Drinko Library. Papers are strewn all over. Laptop is open. Two students are seated at a table.

Chantal: What the ...?

Jessica: Hey, have you seen Abbey? She was supposed to meet us here.

Chantal: Never mind that. Where is my paper?

Jessica: Your what?

Chantal: My research paper. I just printed off my final copy. I was ready to give it a final proof and take it to class. I can't believe it's *gone*!!

Jessica: Can't you just print out another copy?

Chantal: Right. (to herself) Stay calm. I can. Let me get my disk. (Searches through the papers and checks the disk drive. Gets a look of puzzlement and panic on her face.)

Jessica: What's the matter?

Chantal: It's gone too! The disk is gone!

Jessica: This is too weird. Let's get some help.

Detective Miller (appears): Somebody say *help*? There's gotta be a book on it somewhere around here.

Chantal: Detective Miller?

[Music: hip techno music plays while fast scenes of the MU Huntington campus are displayed]

DRINKO LIBRARY - 2nd FLOOR STUDY ROOM - EARLY AFTERNOON

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SCENE: Jessica and Chantal are seated and being interviewed by Det. Miller in the study room.

Det. Miller: So tell me. How long were you gone?

Chantal: Well, I had just picked up my final copy and I was ready to proof it. Oh, but I went to get a cup of coffee first.

Det. Miller: Coffee? In the library? You can't drink coffee in the library!

Jessica: Yeah. You can have drinks as long as they are covered, but no food!

Chantal: But anyway, I was only gone for about 15 minutes at the most. And then on the way back up here I ran into Jessica. She came with me. She witnessed this.

Det. Miller: Huh. Now is there anyone you know of who might have reason to steal your paper? Anyone besides your dog. I don't want to hear any of that "the dog ate my homework" baloney.

Chantal: Well, I guess there are always people who wait until the very last minute to write their papers. But I can't believe somebody would be that desperate.

Jessica: Well, maybe someone was jealous 'cause you always get the best grades. (Jessica gives Chantal a friendly nudge on the arm).

Det. Miller: Please, this is not a laughing matter. Stealing someone else's work is a serious crime.

Chantal (disbelief): You don't think someone's going to take my paper and turn it in as their own do you??

Det. Miller: Happens all the time, lady. (Chantal moves her right hand to her forehead and shakes her head in despair).

Det. Miller: (pointing at Jessica). Now, were you with her the whole time?

Jessica (nervous): No, I was in the stacks, doing my own research.

Det. Miller: And was there anyone who saw you there?

Jessica: No, um, I was looking for some books on my own. I didn't see anyone but I did hear someone talking really loud on their cell phone. That person was bragging about saving time by printing a paper off the Internet.

Det. Miller: Like I said, happens all the time. But all that professor has to do is go to TurnItIn.com, student's busted.

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**DRINKO LIBRARY - OFFICE OF DR. JAMIE MORROW, LIBRARY
COUNSELOR - LATE AFTERNOON**

SCENE: Jessica is being interviewed by Dr. Jamie Morrow, the library counselor.

Dr. Morrow: When you write a paper, do you cite your sources?

Jessica: I always quote my sources...

Dr. Morrow: And do you use their exact words?

Jessica: Sometimes. I usually copy and paste the words from my article. Sometimes I forget to put the quotation marks around it.

Dr. Morrow: Well, you know, it's important that you identify other people's ideas and words. Otherwise you are guilty of plagiarism.

Jessica: Well, mostly, I remember. I just change a word here and there so that it's not exactly the same. And I put the author and the page number.

Dr. Morrow: A word here and there really isn't good enough. When you use another person's idea, you have to completely rewrite it in your own words and give credit to that person. That old idea of changing every third word isn't viable.

Jessica: Well I didn't know that. I mean, I know you can't just take someone else's words and use them as your own. But I thought if you changed some words...

Dr. Morrow: Well, now you know. So you really have no idea what happened to Chantal's paper?

Jessica: No! Now can I please get back to my own paper? I have some work to do on my sources.

(Closeup of Dr. Morrow's notepad with the words "Diagnosis: Crazy".)

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DRINKO LIBRARY - 3rd FLOOR STUDY AREA - LATE AFTERNOON

SCENE: Chantal is with Det. Miller. They approach Ms. Morrison, who is at a table, surrounded by books and magazines. She is busily typing on her laptop.

Det. Miller: Miss Morrison??

Ms. Morrison: Yes. (sees Chantal) Hey, what's up?

Det. Miller: I'm Detective Miller. We're looking into the disappearance of Miss Carrington's paper.

Ms. Morrison: You lost your paper? That sucks! Did the computer crash?

Det. Miller: No, Miss Morrison, and please watch your language.

Ms. Morrison: Sorry.

Det. Miller: We think the paper was stolen.

Ms. Morrison: Stolen?? Why would anyone do that?

Chantal: Somebody could have been desperate. Our entire grade is based on this paper.

Ms. Morrison: Well, I'm almost finished with mine. I have ten sources. I'm just finishing my bibliography now.

Det. Miller: Let me see those sources. (to Chantal): Do any of these look familiar? What style is this? It doesn't look like any MLA or APA I've ever seen.

Chantal (scanning the list): There are a few mistakes with your MLA here, but those aren't the sources I used. (to Ms. Morrison): You have a lot of Internet sources.

Ms. Morrison: Yeah. Thanks to the Internet it was a snap to write this paper.

Det. Miller (suspiciously): How so?

Chantal (whispers to Ms. Morrison): You didn't just copy your paper off the Internet, did you?

Ms. Morrison (indignant): No! I know better than that. Any teacher can find it with a Google search. Besides it's wrong!

Det. Miller: Not to mention the penalties after you're caught. You could face an F for the course, or expelled from the university if you are a repeat offender.

Chantal: So what has happened to my paper??

Det. Miller: Sometimes it's the most obvious answer...

(Chantal has a puzzled look on her face.)

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DRINKO LIBRARY - 2nd FLOOR STUDY ROOM AREA - A FEW MINUTES LATER

SCENE: Det. Miller and Chantal are seen following a trail of torn paper.

Det. Miller: I think we're closing in on the suspect. (He walks into a room.)

Chantal (examining a ripped and crumpled paper. She follows Det. Miller into the room): My paper!!!

CLOSING SHOT: Maisy (a dog) chewing on paper, her tail wagging happily.

Synthesize! Don't Plagiarize

Credits

Cast:

Chantal Carrington ... Becky Click
Jessica ... Katie McComas
Detective Miller ... Eytan Uslan
Dr. Jamie Morrow ... Jamie Payne
Ms. Morrison ... Brittany Cecil
Maisy ... as her rascally self

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