

Ciana tells the story:

For generations, they have lived without fear. No fevers, no coughs, not a single pain. Here, sickness doesn't exist. Thanks to one pill—just one, every morning—health has become a habit, like waking up or breathing. Children are born with prescriptions, the elderly pass without ever knowing pain. This world is ours.

No one remembers when the pill was made. No one asks. People take it without thinking. It's a reflex. An automatic thing. Something you can't forget...

Until that night.

There were six of them. Six friends. A party, some drinks, lots of laughter... and by morning...

...none of them had taken their pill.

Scene one

In the morning, upon waking up, the six friends find themselves confronted by the police, who insist that they take their medication. Naturally, the friends eventually start to sense that something is strange and unsettling.

OFFICER (off screen)

Group 42B. You're on the list of people who didn't take the pill. Take your dose now.

ALEX (stretching, grumpy)

Wow... good morning to you too.

FANNY (sarcastic)

Always so friendly, huh?

OFFICER

This isn't a joke. Where are your pills?

CIANA (still groggy)

Uh... in the kitchen, I think...

OFFICER

I'm watching. Take them now.

THEO (whispering to Camille)

They're treating us like criminals...

CAMILLE

I have an idea.

(Camille grabs a glass of water, secretly hides the pill in her sleeve while pretending to take it. The others catch on and copy her, one by one.)

ETHAN (after "swallowing")

There. Happy now?

OFFICER (watching them closely)

You know what happens if you lie.

ALEX (forced smile)

We turn into walking viruses? We explode? Come on, don't you think this is a bit... extreme?

(The officer leaves the room, and the friends breathe a sigh of relief)

FANNY

Well... that was creepy.

CIANA

Why are they so scared about us missing one pill?

THEO

Because they know something we don't.

CAMILLE

Or they really don't want us to find out what the pill actually does.

ETHAN

Alright. Let's keep the pills. Wait. See what happens.

ALEX (with a smirk)

If we survive, we get answers. If not... at least we'll know what they're hiding.

Scene two

The next day, Camille, Fanny, and Théo take advantage of being at the laboratories — which genetically modify fruits and vegetables to make the population stronger (yes, that's where they work) — to analyze the different components of this supposedly important pill that no one seems to question.

(Camille is in front of an analysis machine. Fanny is taking notes. Theo is watching the screen closely.)

CAMILLE (focused)

Okay... the base is what we thought. Antivirals, regulators, a super strong mix. It stops everything.

FANNY

Even the common cold. That's crazy.

THEO (frowning)

Wait... what's that spike? That molecule shouldn't be there.

CAMILLE (typing quickly)

Let me check... Okay, wait... it's an inhibitor. Works deep in the limbic system.

FANNY (confused)

The limbic system? You mean... emotions?

THEO

Yeah. And look at this one. It affects dopamine. Like a behavior control drug.

CAMILLE (shocked)

It's not just for health. It's an emotional stabilizer. It stops you from feeling.

FANNY (whispers, scared)

They're making us... obedient.

(Silence. They look at each other, stunned.)

THEO (quietly)

We don't get sick, because we don't really react to anything. We don't truly think for ourselves.

CAMILLE (coldly)

They built a healthy society. But empty.

FANNY (clenching fists)

And we took it... every day... without asking.

THEO

Except last night.

Scene 3

The scientists quickly sent the results of their discoveries to Ethan and Alexandre, who desperately tried to post them on social media so that everyone could access the information. But unfortunately, that's when everything went wrong. The government absolutely did not want this information to be revealed.

ETHAN (typing fast)

Okay. I've added everything: the lab results, the scans, Camille's video. Where should I post it? Instagram?

ALEX

Post it all. The faster, the better.

ETHAN

Wait... something's wrong. It's slow. Really slow.

ALEX

Of course... they're already blocking the network.

(At the same time, in the background, we hear Ciana in the next room. She's on the phone, speaking quietly. Ethan lowers the laptop volume. They listen and discover that Ciana is a government agent who had infiltrated their little group.)

ALEX (whispers)

She's talking about us...

ETHAN (quietly, shocked)

She's with them.

We have to leave now! Ciana, come on—we're going to get the others!

CIANA

Okay, i am coming. Go ahead I'll join you

Scene 4

The five friends find themselves back in the car, but they hear the police behind them! It turns into an intense car chase. The five friends know — they know that if they slow down, they'll be caught and forced to take their medication... or worse, killed.

Fanny and Camille are still worried though; they haven't seen Ciana with them.

Inside: ALEX driving, ETHAN in the passenger seat, THÉO, FANNY, and CAMILLE in the back.

Everyone is tense, breath ragged. Faces lit by flashing blue and red lights from the cops on their tail.

FANNY

(glancing around, panicked)

Where's Ciana?

ETHAN:

she is with them

FANNY

She left us...

CAMILLE

We can't stop.

THÉO

Never.

Scene 5

The five companions finally manage to arrive safely at Ethan's house! They don't know what to do and are still in shock from the situation — and above all, from Ciana's lies. They had always thought she was their friend.

ALEX

(whispering, tense)

We just made it.

ETHAN

They're still outside. Two cars. It's bad.

THÉO

And Ciana? She's the one who set us up.

FANNY

I don't believe it. Not Ciana.

CAMILLE

(voice shaking)

We let her in everywhere... she knew everything. Our plans, our spots...

ALEX

And that's why they keep finding us.

ETHAN

Shit. They're coming.

Ethan's phone buzzes. A message from Ciana.

ETHAN

(grimacing)

It's her.

THÉO

Read it.

CIANA IN THE PHONE

"I'm sorry. You couldn't know. I've always been with them."

A shock. Everyone freezes.

FANNY

What?

CAMILLE

It was... all fake?

ALEX

Since the beginning. For years.

THÉO

We were played like idiots.

FANNY

Everything she knew... our secrets, our fears... she told them everything.

Loud knocking at the door.

POLICE OFFICER (UPSTAIRS)

Open up! Mental health services! We just want to talk!

ETHAN

We have to move. Now.

THÉO

Which way?

ALEX

Back window. I'll go first.

FANNY

No way we split up.

CAMILLE

We go together. All the way.

All together to give each other courage.

ALL TOGETHER

All the way.

They disappear into the shadows as the door shakes from heavy hits.

Scene 6

We see behind Ciana, the five friends, dead because they dreamed of freedom and because they sought answers.

CIANA

So that's it. That's how I saved them. That's how I stopped them feeling that pain. You want to know something? I did what they did. I stopped taking that pill. And, so did he... James and I stopped taking that pill. Out of that came a feeling. Known to our ancestors. We did some research, I suppose you want to know the name?

It's called... Love.

And this emotion, this feeling. Because that's what it's called. Although at first sight it's the most magical thing there is... it's the most dangerous. It ravages you. James and I wanted to get away. Only, without wishing to dwell on the subject, he died. Of natural causes, I suppose. And I don't want to! I won't! I won't! I don't want another human being to feel all those things! And now, thanks to me, they'll never have to live. If they knew everything they'd thank me.

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