Truth or Dare

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Synopsis:

Two newly found anxious and odd roommates find themselves out of food and an internet connection. After ordering pizza, they decide to play a friendly game of truth or dare to pass the time. Will they take it too far?

Character List

CHARLIE: (Any Gender) A quiet anxious college student majoring in creative writing and likes pizza.

HOLLIS: (Any Gender) A boisterous awkward college student that plays video games and likes pizza.

PIZZA GUY: (M) A regular pizza delivery (Should be around the same age as Charlie and Hollis)

SETTING: The living room of a two-bedroom apartment. Stationary set. Modern day setting.

COSTUMES: Modern day clothing

NOTES: Dialogue should move at a fast pace.

[Lights come up on a cramped apartment. There is a coffee table in front of the couch. HOLLIS and CHARLIE are sitting on the floor looking at each other. A moment of silence passes before CHARLIE speaks]

CHARLIE: Have you ever killed anyone?

HOLLIS: What the hell, Charlie?

CHARLIE: It's the first thing I thought of!

HOLLIS: Charlie.

CHARLIE: What?

HOLLIS: It's truth or dare. Stop saying what you think.

CHARLIE: What else am I supposed to say?

HOLLIS: Literally anything else.

CHARLIE: I don't even want to play anymore. I have a paper to work on.

HOLLIS: How are you gonna work on it? The wifi is out. This is literally the only thing we can do while we wait for the pizza guy to get here.

[Beat]

CHARLIE: ... I'm guessing that your answer is no?

HOLLIS: Yes. My answer is no.

CHARLIE: Okay, okay.

[THEY both take a breath]

HOLLIS: Truth or dare?

CHARLIE: Truth.

HOLLIS: What's the most dangerous thing you've ever done?

CHARLIE: [in all seriousness] One time... I walked outside my house when I was twelve. It was almost midnight.

[HOLLIS is really engaged in the story]

I walked down a couple of of houses... and there was a house with the front door open.

HOLLIS and then?

CHARLIE: and then... I went home.

[This earns a disappointed pause from HOLLIS]

HOLLIS: ... That's it?

CHARLIE: Yep.

HOLLIS: I thought it was gonna be something cool.

CHARLIE: That was scary!

HOLLIS: You didn't even go in.

CHARLIE: Would you have gone in?

HOLLIS: No, but it would have been such a cool story. Did you ever find out if anything happened? Like having to do with the house you saw?