

THE END OF THE FUC**NG WORLD
2x06

I'm not the answer, James

2 actors
Woman/Man

Drama

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ALYSSA, 18, and JAMES, 18, are talking about the kiss they shared the night before.

JAMES

Alyssa, what is the matter?

ALYSSA

Nothing is the matter, James.

JAMES

Why did you kiss me?

ALYSSA

What?

JAMES

Is it 'cause you felt sorry for me?

ALYSSA

No, James, I don't wanna talk about this.

JAMES

Is it because of everything that happened to me?

ALYSSA

No. For God's sake, James, not everything is about you.

JAMES

Why? Because it has to be about you? You can't - you can't kiss someone and then be mean. It's confusing.

ALYSSA

Why? Are you 12? You dumped me, James. You dumped me in a letter, like a Victorian.

JAMES

Wait. No.

ALYSSA

No?

JAMES

No.

ALYSSA

That's not what happened?

JAMES
No, it is, but... I didn't mean it.
It's just...

ALYSSA
What?

JAMES
Your mum... made me.

Beat.

ALYSSA
What?

JAMES
She - she came to the hospital. She
made me write you a letter.

ALYSSA
Right.

Beat.

JAMES
Please can you let me say sorry?

ALYSSA
Okay.

Beat.

ALYSSA
I said "okay". (Beat) Say it. Go
on, say sorry. Say sorry and then I
can say it's okay and everything's
all right. That's what you want,
isn't it?

JAMES
No.

ALYSSA
It's not okay. It's just how it is.

JAMES
It wasn't just you.

ALYSSA
What's that supposed to mean?

JAMES
Who had a bad time.

ALYSSA
It's not a competition.

JAMES
I nearly died.

ALYSSA
Oh, apparently, it is.

JAMES
(shouts)
I nearly died!

Long beat.

ALYSSA
I know. I was there. I'm not the
answer, James.