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#VIRAL by Maria McConville

MEGAN

In five years I'll be home for Thanksgiving break.
I'll be in the check-out line at the grocery store.
My mom will be complaining that they didn't have the seasoning she wanted.
Or that it was too expensive.
The line will be long.
It's always long the day before a big holiday.
When we finally get there.
I'll look up in the cashier's face.
Through her long blonde hair.
Her bangs that cover her eyes.
And I'll see.
I'll see her.
And we will both look away.
We will both pretend we don't know.
That we used to
Have slumber parties
Study sessions
Family vacations
Clothing swaps.
We will both pretend the other doesn't exist.
It will be easier that way.
My mom won't notice either.
We'll pay for our groceries and head out into the frosty night.
But through the giant storefront windows,
I'll see her.
Fingers on the cash register keys.

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And I'll spend a lot of time
In the next five years after that
And the next five years after that
And after that
Trying to forget.
The blonde girl in the store that night.
Who was almost as much of a stranger to me
As my sixteen-year-old self.
The girl who would do something so terrible.
And never look back.

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Length: 30-35 minutes

Cast Size: 7-30 actors (suggested casting: 7 F, 4+ chorus, any gender)

Genre: Drama

Synopsis: In this ensemble-driven drama featuring an all-female cast, five high school girls recount a cruel locker room bullying incident that is initially cloaked in secrecy, but ultimately goes viral online. What happens next forces the students to question their respective roles in the events that unfolded in that fateful day.