## **BETRAYED**

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GINNY I feel like such a fool. I had completely fallen for this guy at my school, and we started texting each other... I was just so thrilled that he would contact me. I mean he'd never even looked at me before. But then, all of a sudden, it was like we were having this secret on-line relationship. Sending funny snap-chats back and forward. He was so funny and flirty and would say all these lovely things to me... Made me feel like I meant something to him. This went on for a few nights... I was so caught up in it... In him... so when he asked me to send a pic... I did. And of course he shared it! I trusted him...and now... now, I feel like such an idiot. I confronted him about it. I said what I needed to say. So yeah... The boys that had the picture were suspended. They had to delete the photo of course.... But who knows if they had already shared it somewhere else? What makes me sick is the thought that I'll be going for a job or something and it'll keep popping up.

I think I just got caught up in the moment, I felt beautiful, and I liked how I looked in the pic, and I thought he'd like it too. I felt safe and in control... I felt alone in my room... It felt private. Instead, it was anything but. (*a beat*) But do you know what? ... I'm glad I stepped up and gave him a piece of my mind. I let him know in no uncertain terms that what he did was wrong and that he should feel ashamed of himself... Not the other way around. You know, I'm going to make more mistakes in my life. Hell, we all are, but the mistakes in my life don't define me. My character defines me. My heart defines me.