Scene 4. A classroom. JULIE, PEONY, JINU, and STUDENTS 1 and 2.

PEONY I can’t believe this! I literally clicked it, but it didn’t register. It’s like my finger was too sweaty. Ugh, and it works fine now. Hey, why did you walk home without me yesterday? You could’ve at least waited… Did you walk with JINU?

JULIE No! Why would I do that?

PEONY I don’t know! You didn’t even text me yesterday. How am I supposed to know what happened?

(JINU enters.)

JULIE Hey, we need to talk.

PEONY Julie, what’s the problem?

(JINU sits. He plays a video on his phone. The audio plays: An Asian American woman was shot dead in a grocery store this morning. Though the incident was reported as a hate crime, police say it is difficult to determine whether the incident was racially motivated.)

PEONY Fine, don’t tell me then.

*Side 1 continued – In this scene, Peony overhears Julie calling the police to report a hate incident.*

Scene 6. A classroom. PEONY and JULIE.

PEONY Why didn’t you tell me?

JULIE Peony.
PEONY You’re not the only one who’s been through stuff like this, you know.

JULIE I’m sorry. I should’ve told you.

PEONY What happened with Jinu? He looked really mad just now.

JULIE Remember when you did a Black Lives Matter march last year?

PEONY Of course. Why?
**Side 2**

Scene 7. Julie enters a classroom. Jinu and students 1 and 2 sit. Peony is making black and yellow signs reading: “Stop Asian Hate, Hate is a virus.”

PEONY Julie, I made these for the rally on Friday. What do you think?

JULIE They look great, thanks Peony.

PEONY Of course! I’m so excited, it’s high time we did something like this for you guys. Did you get permission from the principal?

JULIE It took some convincing, but yeah.

PEONY Wow, what a rebel. I’m proud. I used to think you only cared about grades.

JULIE Um, I’m still gonna study for finals. You better, too!

PEONY Don’t worry about me. I am a multi-tasking queen. Any word from the radio station?

JULIE I’m getting interviewed on Friday.

PEONY You go girl! Now we just need to get as many people there as we can!

(Bell rings. Students 1 and 2 leave.)

JULIE Wait, I thought we were walking home together.

PEONY Go talk to Jinu. You guys have been ignoring each other for three days. You want him at the rally, don’t you?