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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Sister	15 years of age
Mother	early forties
Shannon	college student
Girl #1	college student
Girl #2	college student

INTRODUCTION

MOTHER: Fair.
SISTER: Or unfair?
GIRL #1: Just.
GIRL #2: Or unjust?
SHANNON: These are some of the questions which face us with every war.
SISTER: Or conflict.
MOTHER: In the event of a war....
SISTER: Or conflict.
SHANNON: There are decisions to be made and opinions to be formed.
GIRL #1: The nineteen sixties was one of these times.
GIRL #2: A time to agree, or disagree with a war.
MOTHER: Or conflict.
SISTER: This selection is neither pro or con military involvement in Vietnam, or any other war.
SHANNON: Or conflict.
MOTHER: It is a study of what sometimes happens, behind the scenes.
SISTER: When everyone is faced with a sense of....
ALL: DUTY, by Mike Willis.

SISTER: In high school, Billy was a hero, football star, good student, and a generally great guy. I was the great guy's little sister. I didn't mind being his little sister, because, I loved him very much. Billy was always looking after me, which was sometimes annoying, but mostly flattering. Each and every girl in the class of 1967 would have loved to have been annoyed by Billy. Now, as I think back, it all seems like such a long time ago.

Girls #1 and #2 enter.

GIRL #1: I can't believe it! Did you hear? Billy joined the Army!
GIRL #2: What a waste. I was hoping he'd go to the university with us and the old group could stay together, just like always.
GIRL #1: Poor Shannon.

SISTER: Shannon was Billy's best friend and the only girl he had ever dated in high school. Shannon enters. She is visibly upset. Her family lived right next door and she and Billy had grown up together. It wasn't your boyfriend, girlfriend relationship. They were just, the best of friends.

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