

From *ANTIGONE: 3021* by Nina Mansfield

ISMENE (15-19 female)

Ismene vlogs after she learns of her sister's suicide.

ISMENE

Retina scan enabled. Proceed to Public Cloud, Vlog Sector. Enable live vlogging.

(Lights up on ISMENE in her bedroom, speaking into her vlogging camera.)

Hi. It's me. Ismene. And this is Ismene: Just Thinking Out Loud. I'm vlogging live today... and...

(She suddenly crumbles.)

I'm...I'm sorry. I don't even know if I should...

They say Antigone killed herself, but I don't believe them. Antigone wouldn't. She wouldn't do that. Because if she did, that would mean she'd lost hope. Hope justice would prevail. Hope Creah would see the error of her ways. And Creah did. She finally did. But it was too late. But without Antigone, I'm not sure if I have hope. Hope that maybe this life isn't some rigged game, where some people have all the power, and the rest of us just have to suffer the fates we've been dealt. Without that hope, what is there?

I wish I'd been brave like Antigone. But let's face it. People don't suddenly become fighters. People like me have always sat on the sidelines and let others do the fighting for them. Even when they see their own families suffer. Even when they see people die.

I don't know what the future will bring for me. But this will be my last vlog. I don't care if you follow and like.

This play is available at:

<https://www.yourstagepartners.com/collections/plays-for-high-schools/products/antigone-3021>