



The Pierces

It's Saturday afternoon in New York City and Catherine Pierce is lamenting via telephone about laundry procrastination. "I waited way too long, but I ran out of underwear – so I'm forced," she says, the frown on her already pouty lips visible through the phone. Over the course of 15 minutes, the conversation will change in subject entirely, but Pierce will keep her candid tone; a burst of energy in every moment. Not to mention she's likely one of the most beautiful women walking the planet.

Add to that another beauty and you've got the sister duo that Pierce makes up one-half of with sister Allison: The Pierces. Now on their third disc, *Thirteen Tales of Love and Revenge*, the Birmingham-born siblings have finally arrived.

"We really like what we've done this time. With the last record it was kind of depressing because it didn't turn out the way we wanted, didn't do anything for us," Pierce says of their producer-controlled sophomore effort, *Light of the Moon*. "This one, it's exciting. We have goals, period, this time around, because we just want it to go as far as it can go, and we want so many people to hear this record."

Sometimes those people aren't quite the audience the girls had in mind – namely, those who haven't been able to handle a little Pierce-style humor. The video for their first single, "Boring," is Madonna-esque, with black leather-clad Catherine and Allison blankly disregarding high fashion, innuendo, and celebrity lifestyle.

"People who know us totally get that [it's a joke]. But I've read some blogs about it and people are saying, 'Those fucking bitches! They should go to Africa and live with starving children, then they'll know what boring is!'" Pierce says, giggling. "We're like, 'Wow, we overestimated ourselves.'" But it's just another lesson to log in their

scrapbook.

The Pierces, after all, know all about being disregarded and misunderstood. Then again, that'll happen when you're gorgeous and one of you is dating a member of the Strokes.

"It's an issue; you have to look a certain way, be a certain way. But I think it has kind of inhibited us – being connected to Albert [Hammond, Jr. of the Strokes, Pierce's boyfriend] and looking a certain way. People assume things, but I guess it's our hope that they'll hear the record and enjoy it! And I can get down with that."

-Ashley Graham