

LOST AND FOUND

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INT. CLASSROOM

GRANT, a teenage high school student wearing a hood to hide his brooding expression, enters a classroom with a backpack slung over one of his shoulders. He approaches a desk and picks up a clipboard with the word "Detention" written at the top. He signs his name and continues to walk to the back of the classroom, where he picks the corner seat, sits down, and leans back with arms crossed.

Another TEEN chooses the seat next to him. He immediately leans in towards Grant and extends his arm to give him a handshake.

TEEN
(energetically)
Dude! Thanks for getting me out of that stats test. You're the man.

Grant looks up, disinterested.

GRANT
Yea, uh. Sure thing.

The teen defeatedly nods his head and goes back to looking at the front of the room. Grant continues to scowl and sinks further into his seat.

The clock hands move quickly and Grant remains sitting at the desk, with his head in arms on the table. The same teen pokes Grant's shoulder. Grant's head lifts slowly as he glares up at the teen. The teen nods his head towards the window. We see SERENA, a spunky gal with an enthusiastic smile on her face. Grant's face lightens up, but quickly hides his smile when he makes eye contact with the other teen. Serena points at a firework she's holding in one hand, then to her watch and to Grant, signaling for him to slip out door. Grant's eyes widens as he signals no, to which Serena disregards as she lights a match.

Grant frantically raises his hand. The teacher calls on him.

GRANT (CONT'D)
Uh. Can I get a tissue?

Grant gets up and walks over to the tissue box, conveniently located right next to the door. We hear a loud BOOOOM and the teacher instantly runs over to the window and opens it in confusion as Grant slips out the door.

EXT. HALLWAY

Grant spots Serena across the hall. She skips up to him with a big smile on her face and gives him a big hug.

GRANT

Serena, are you crazy? You could've blown yourself up!

SERENA

Well it was worth it! You can't get in trouble for something you didn't even do. Those guys are jerks.

GRANT

Speaking of...

Grant motions over to a group of guys standing near the parking lot. They look over at Grant and yell his name to which he shakes his head and steers Serena in a different direction.

BOY 1

Come on man! It was just a fire alarm!

BOY 2

Yea chill!

We see Grant and Serena walking away. Serena turns her head back to the boys and glares, prompting more jeering.

EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD

Grant and Serena are walking home, holding hands. Serena looks down, dragging her feet as she walks. Grant notices and nudges her shoulder.

GRANT

Whatcha thinking about?

SERENA

I just hate when your friends do this. They don't deserve you!

GRANT

Babe. It's alright. I don't need them. I've got you.

Serena grins at Grant and then back at the ground.

SERENA

What ever happened to RALPHIE and KYLE? You guys were so close in middle school.

GRANT

Uhh...we don't talk anymore. But it's weird. We used to do everything together.

SERENA

Oh yea?

GRANT

Yea we had a secret hideout in the woods and everything.

SERENA

Do you think it's still there?

GRANT

Well there's only one thing we left behind...

Grant's voice fades out as he lets go of Serena's hand and scratches his head.

SERENA

What is it?

GRANT

(quickly)

Don't worry about it.

They arrive at Grant's home and he goes to the kitchen.

GRANT (CONT'D)

Oof it's kinda cold in here.

SERENA

Yea I'm gonna go steal a sweatshirt from your room.

Serena walks into his room, opening drawers to find a sweatshirt. She pulls out a sweatshirt from the bottom of the drawer and a paper falls out with it. The paper reads "Time Capsule Map." She puts it in her back pocket and goes back to meet Grant.

GRANT

How long can you hang for?

SERENA

Ahh actually, I think I've got to head out. Mr. Taylor gave us loads of homework.

GRANT

Aw ok. Thanks for breaking me out of detention. I'll see you tomorr-

Serena interrupts as she's walking out the door.

SERENA

Ok love you bye!

Grant has a confused look on his face but laughs it off.

INT. CLASSROOM - THE NEXT DAY

Grant walks in to his first class as the bell rings and sits down at his desk. He looks over at the desk and then looks down at his phone to text Serena to ask where she is. He texts her and the words appear on the screen "You coming to first?".

The clock is ticking. Cut back to the classroom and Serena's empty seat. Grant is restless, moving a lot in his seat as he keeps looking over at her desk. The bell rings.

Grant immediately pulls out his phone and calls Serena as he walks towards the door. The connection is spotty but he picks up a few words.

GRANT

Serena? Serena, why aren't you at school?

SERENA

Kshhhhhh- I'm. Kkshhhh- Forest. Looking for the time capsule.

The phone cuts out. Grant puts his phone down with eyes wide in disbelief. Behind him, Kyle and Ralphie exit the classroom separately. Grant turns around and calls out to them.

GRANT

Ralphie! Kyle! We need to talk.

Ralphie looks up and points at himself confusedly as if to say "who me?". Grant nods his head yes. Kyle takes an earbud out of his ear.

INT. HALLWAY

The three boys gather outside. Grant is pacing back and forth, clearly stressed.

GRANT

Guys. I know we haven't talked in a while but we have a major issue.

KYLE

A while? It's been almost 3 years Grant.

RALPHIE

(calmly)

Let's just hear him out.

GRANT

Serena. I'm pretty sure she went to find the time capsule.

KYLE

The one we buried in 8th grade? Why does that matte...

Grant interrupts.

GRANT

The letters.

Ralphie and Kyle look at each other.

RALPHIE AND KYLE

Oh shiiiiiiiiiii...

INT. GRANT'S CAR - THE SAME DAY

Grant is driving like a mad man. He is focused on the road. Ralphie is in the passenger seat, having a good ole' time.

Kyle is staring out the window.

KYLE

Oh look guys it's Burger Boys! Can we stop? I'm starvingg.

RALPHIE

Ahh. Remember when we there at like 3am? We were sooo...

GRANT

Guys focus. Serena can't find those letters.

Kyle scoffs and leans back in his seat.

KYLE

Come on dude, lighten up.

Grant rolls his eyes in the rear view mirror. He focuses back on the road and he reaches for the knob to turn up the radio.

EXT. CAMPSITE PARKING LOT

The guys grab all their gear and recollect at a table close by. Ralphie and Kyle lay down their portions of the map next to each other, with only Grant's part missing.

GRANT

Okay. That's Serena's car so she must've started here. Ralphie's map says we need to start at the holy redwood tree and follow the path until we get to the train tracks.

The guys start walking and Kyle points to the supposed tree with literal holes in it.

KYLE

There it is guys. The HOOLY redwood tree.

RALPHIE

(awestruck)

Woow. Hole-y.

GRANT

Hey Ralphie, remember that one time we scared you so bad here that you...

RALPHIE

SHHH we don't speak of the incident.

Boys chuckle and continue walking. Kyle catches himself making eye contact with Grant and his expression quickly hardens as he begins to glare at Grant, who promptly looks away, annoyed.

EXT. TRAIN TRACKS

The boys walk along a train track. We see Kyle start to lag behind with a distressed look on his face. The tracks overlook the nearby river.

KYLE

Hey guys, I gotta take a leak.

Kyle spots a cliff overlooking the river and starts walking towards the edge. When he gets there, he sees a beautiful flowing river beneath him as he sighs in awe, taking in the view surrounding him. The sound of him unzipping his pants disrupts the serenity. He faces the water and swings off his backpack, which is slightly opened. As he sets the bag down, he realizes that his portion of the map had fallen out.

KYLE (CONT'D)

Oh no no no no no!

He tries to reach for it as his pants fall to his ankles. He stumbles around in attempt to regain his balance but falls into the river below

EXT. CLIFF ON THE RIVER

Ralphie and Grant hear a splash and run over to the cliff to see what happened. They see him in the water, just resurfacing as he takes a big gulp of air.

GRANT

(amused)

Dude what are you doing?

Kyle starts swimming furiously towards the map in the water ahead of him. Grant sees the map and his eyebrows furrow with rage. He immediately jumps in after Kyle, fuming with rage on his way down. When Grant resurfaces in the water, he yells at Kyle.

Ralphie remains standing on the cliff, looking down at the water.

RALPHIE

Oh yeah! Cool! I'll just uh, meet you guys down there..

Beat.

RALPHIE (CONT'D)

(relaxed)

I'm just..considering all my options up here. Gettin ready, here we go!

He starts counting down to himself.

GRANT (O.S.)
Just jump girl scout!

RALPHIE
Ok screw you! I'M AN EAGLE SCOUT!

Ralphie takes the leap of faith, yelling on his way down.

Grant and Kyle chase the map down some rapids, with Ralphie lagging behind. They finally grab it and reach the shore, holding it up in triumph. Ralphie crawls out, sopping wet. In the background, we see Grant and Kyle, effortlessly shaking out their luscious locks.

Once Grant gathers himself, he starts walking towards Kyle, throwing his arms up in disbelief. It looks as if they are going to fight.

GRANT
Dude, what the hell. Do you want her to find out what happened?

KYLE
You're the one who started all this. I never would've written that letter if you didn't...

Kyle's voice fades out.

GRANT
If I didn't what?

KYLE
It doesn't matter anymore. So what if she finds them.

GRANT
(aggressively)
This is could ruin my relationship with Serena!

KYLE
That's all you ever cared about.

Kyle starts to walk in the opposite direction of Grant.

KYLE (CONT'D)
You never even tried to fix things.

GRANT
What are you talking about?

KYLE
Whatever man.

GRANT

You're just jealous that Serena chose me.

KYLE

Wow. Don't you see? I don't care about Serena.

Beat.

KYLE (CONT'D)

Yeah you got the girl but you lost your best friends.

Grant is taken aback by Kyle's passionate words. He speaks quietly under his breath as he starts to approach Kyle.

GRANT

(softly)

I didn't know...

Kyle turns back towards the path. He attempts to lighten the mood.

KYLE

Let's just keep walking. I've got football practice you know.

Ralphie skips up next to Kyle, leaving Grant a little bit behind. Grant takes a second to himself before he continues following them.

EXT. TRAIN TRACKS - EVENING

Following the map, the boys walk until they reach a new trailhead.

KYLE

Says to turn here boys. That's it, Serena has the rest of the map.

RALPHIE

Let's get diggin'.

Cut to montage of the three boys hiking through the woods, searching for the time capsule.

Scene intensifies as the boys are in the final stretch of the journey. They start sprinting. Cut to Serena grabbing a box out of a hole she had been digging. She wipes the dirt off the top of the box with an accomplished look on her face. Cut back to boys sprinting. Serena then begins to open the box right as the boys come around the corner.

GRANT

Ohh! Serena! Looks like you uh,
found the time capsule!

SERENA

Ralphie? Kyle? I haven't seen you
guys together in ages!

Kyle and Ralphie stand uncomfortably behind Grant as they
chuckle quietly.

GRANT

(playfully)

Uhh yeah, decided it'd be a good
reunion. Thanks for finding the
time capsule!

Grant reaches for the box but Serena quickly turns away.

SERENA

Don't you wanna know what's inside?

GRANT

Well uh, Kyle's really gotta get
home so we should get going.

KYLE

Yea, yea you know, big game next
week.

Serena disregards the boys banter and opens up the shoebox.
She pulls out a letter and begins to read.

SERENA

Ooh this one's for me!

She continues to scan the letter.

GRANT

Ummm, the thing is...

SERENA

Wait...this isn't from Grant.

KYLE

Look I don't even like you anymore.

Kyle and Grant look at each other sheepishly. Serena thinks
to herself before speaking.

SERENA

Is this why you guys stopped being
friends?

GRANT

(shy)

I thought so, but I guess it's more than that. I'm sorry guys.

KYLE

Dude it's not like I was trying to swoop your girl. Besides, Serena, you should know by now that I only go for blondes.

Serena laughs.

KYLE (CONT'D)

I just thought we were close enough to put this in the past.

GRANT

You're right. I messed up.

We see Ralphie tearing up in the background, and he slowly begins to clap his hands with a proud look on his face.

RALPHIE

I love you guys. Group hug?

Grant and Kyle look back at Ralphie amused but ignore his request. They both chuckle as Ralphie hugs himself.

RALPHIE (CONT'D)

(awkwardly)

Alright! Just me? Yaaaah.

Ralphie throws up some finger guns.

Grant walks up to Serena and places his hand on her arm.

GRANT

Are you mad?

Serena looks up at him and tears up the letters in her hands.

SERENA

What? No. I can't believe you guys made such a big deal about some dumb letters.

Grant and Kyle exchange friendly glances and nod their heads yes. Kyle gives Grant a pat on the back. The boys and Serena start walking back towards the parking lot. Kyle holds a five dollar bill that he pulled out of the box and Grant and Ralphie are looking at an old picture of him.

KYLE

Dude, I can't believe I left five dollars in here. That was like a fortune back then.

GRANT

I can't believe Ralphie used to have an afro in the sixth grade!

Kyle and Grant start laughing as Ralphie grabs the photo out of Grant's hand. He looks deeply into the photo, pointing at himself.

RALPHIE

(talking to his photo)

Hey. Don't listen to them. You're gorgeous. I think I should grow it back out!

FADE TO BLACK.