

**LOVE ANGLE**

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*Synopsis.*

TITLE:

June

EXT. KATHY'S FRONT STEPS - DUSK

KATHY is sitting on her steps waiting for her date. It is prom night, and she is excited. Kathy stands on her steps in eager anticipation.

INTERCUT: KATHY GETTING READY

Kathy puts on her dress.

Kathy paces eagerly in front of her house.

Kathy looks in the mirror and puts on eyeliner.

Kathy hops across the pavement, bored.

Kathy puts on lipstick.

Kathy pulls out her cell phone, and looks at the time, it shows 7:55. She drops it back into her purse, and looks around nervously.

CUT:

Kathy takes out her phone again. It shows 8:27. She angrily stuffs it back into her purse.

CUT:

Kathy is sitting on the curb of her street. It's dark, and she blows some hair out of her face. Kathy pulls out her cell phone and looks at the time. It is now 8:53. Kathy gets up goes into her house and slams the door.

INT. KATHY'S HOUSE, FOYER - NIGHT

Kathy kicks off her shoes across the room as she enters.

INT. KATHY'S HOUSE, KITCHEN - NIGHT

Kathy, changed into her PJs, opens her freezer and pulls out a half-gallon of ice cream. Kathy slams the freezer door closed.

Kathy opens a drawer and pulls out a spoon. Kathy shuts the drawer violently.

INT. KATHY'S HOUSE, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Kathy plops down on the sofa, grabs the TV remote, and clicks the TV on. She throws down the remote next to her. She digs into the ice cream and takes a big bite.

BLACK OUT:

MONTAGE:

- 1) Wey feeding dessert to Kathy
- 2) Kathy leaning on Wey's chest
- 3) Kathy crying and Wey holding her
- 4) Kathy laughing w/ Wey
- 5) Wey giving a ring to Kathy

WHITE OUT:

INT. KATHY'S HOUSE, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

The doorbell rings.

Kathy is spinning the ring on her finger. Kathy gets up to answer the door.

JEANNIE is standing at the door in her prom dress. Jeannie hugs Kathy.

KATHY

Hey, Jeannie.

JEANNIE

Awww... Kathy, I'm so sorry. How are you?

(lets go of  
embrace)

KATHY

I'm okay.

INT. KATHY'S HOUSE, LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Kathy leads Jeannie to the sofa. Both girls sit down.

JEANNIE

What happened?

KATHY

I guess... Wey just decided not to show up.

JEANNIE

Did you call him?

KATHY

Yeah... I don't know where he is. He hasn't been answering his phone.

I'm sure he has a good reason for it. It's not like him to ditch you.

JEANNIE

That's so messed up.

KATHY

Not much I can do about that now.

How was prom?

JEANNIE

You're actually lucky you missed it.

KATHY

How come?

JEANNIE

First of all, the food was wretched! And the DJ? Lame.

KATHY

Yeah, lucky me.

SOUND: CAR HONKING

JEANNIE

That's probably Bo.

We're all going down to the shore, you should come out.

KATHY

Nah, it's okay. I think I'm going to stay home.

JEANNIE

You sure? Bo stole a bottle of Patron from his dad's liqueur cabinet. And I know how much you love Patron.

KATHY

(laughs lightly)  
Thanks, I'm good.

JEANNIE  
You sure?

KATHY  
Yeah, I'll be fine.

JEANNIE  
C'mon! It's going to be so much fun.

KATHY  
Next year. It was only junior prom,  
not a big deal.

SOUND: CAR HONKING MORE VIGOROUSLY.

JEANNIE  
I gotta go. I'll call you when I get  
back?

Jeannie gets up and starts walking to the door.

KATHY  
Sure.

Jeannie hugs Kathy again.

JEANNIE  
Bye.

Before Jeannie exits, she turns around and gives Kathy a big hug.

KATHY  
Bye.

Thanks.

Jeannie opens the door.

SOUND: CAR HONKING

JEANNIE  
(shouts)  
I'm coming! Gosh!

TITLE:

January

INT. PHYSICS CLASS - DAY

Kathy is sitting in class. She is doodling in her notebook. The PHYSICS TEACHER is lecturing.

SOUND: BELL RINGS.

Everyone in class starts gathering their stuff.

PHYSICS TEACHER  
Before you go, be sure to grab your  
test.

Kathy finds her test in the pile of exams and starts to leave.

PHYSICS TEACHER  
Hey, Kathy? Can you stay for a little  
bit?

KATHY  
Uh, sure.

The rest of the class exits.

PHYSICS TEACHER  
I wanted to talk to you about your  
grades.

KATHY  
I didn't do so good.

PHYSICS TEACHER  
Yeah. And I know you work really hard,  
your homework grade is fine, but your  
tests... well...

KATHY  
Yeah, I know.

PHYSICS TEACHER  
I don't want to fail you, but you might  
if you don't do better on your tests.

I think you should get a tutor.

KATHY  
Um, okay.

PHYSICS TEACHER

Keep it up.

KATHY

Thanks.

FADE:

INT. MALL, STARBUCKS - DAY

Kathy, Jeannie, and RYAN are sitting at a small table at Starbucks. ANDREW is at the counter, waiting for his drink.

KATHY

What'd you get, Ryan?

RYAN

The caramel macchiato?

JEANNIE

Mmmm! That's really good.

Andrew gets his drink and joins the rest of the gang.

RYAN

What'd you get, Andrew?

ANDREW

The caramel macchiato?

RYAN

No way! Me too!

JEANNIE

You guys ordered at the same time!

RYAN

So?!

JEANNIE

You guys are so weird.

ANDREW

Whatever! You're just jealous 'cause the guy was giving me looks.

JEANNIE

Are you blind? He was looking at me!

ANDREW

Why would he look at you?

JEANNIE

What's that supposed to mean?!

Jeannie's cell phone rings. It's Bo.

Jeannie pulls her cell phone out of her bag and answers it.

JEANNIE

Hello?

INTERCUT: BO ON THE PHONE

BO

Hey, Jeannie, it's me.

JEANNIE

Hey, what's up?

BO

Yeah, so I talked to Dan, and he says that he can tutor your friend.

JEANNIE

Awesome! I'll let her know.

BO

Cool.

You guys still at the mall?

JEANNIE

Yeah.

BO

You wanna do something later?

JEANNIE

Sure. Like what?

BO

I dunno, whatever.

JEANNIE

We'll see.

I'll give you a ring.

BO

Ok. Later.

JEANNIE

Bye!

Both hang up.

JEANNIE

That was Bo. It's all set up.

ANDREW

Ooh, like a date?

KATHY

No!

JEANNIE

Physics.

KATHY

Yeah. I need a tutor 'cause I'm failing.

JEANNIE

Bo's friend is great at physics, he's going to tutor our little girl and make her all smart.

Where to next?

KATHY

Huh?

JEANNIE

Where do you want to go next?

KATHY

Oh. It doesn't matter.

ANDREW

So, when you going to start dating again?

Kathy rolls up a napkin and throws it at Andrew.

ANDREW

What?! What'd I say?

KATHY

It's nothing, forget it.

BLACK OUT:

Kathy is standing over a metal bucket. She's holding a stack of letters addressed to her, from Wey. She drops the letters into the bucket, pours some lighter fluid on the letters, and drops a match in. She stands and watches the letters burn.

WHITE OUT:

INT. MALL, STARBUCK'S - DAY

Jeannie, Ryan, and Andrew have gotten up and are ready to leave the Starbuck's.

JEANNIE

Kathy?

KATHY

Yeah?

JEANNIE

You ready?

Kathy gets up and joins her friends.

JEANNIE

C'mon, let's go to Jimmy Choo!

INT. KATHY'S HOUSE, DINING ROOM - NIGHT

Kathy is sitting at her dining table. She has her physics book and her notebook open. She sits playing DS. The clock shows 8:00. Then it shows 8:12. The doorbell rings and Kathy answers the door. It's DAN.

KATHY

Hello.

DAN

Kathy?

KATHY

Yeah.

DAN

I'm so glad.

(sighs in relief)

I went to 24 instead of 42. And there was this girl there.

INTERCUT:

INT. HOUSE NUMBER 24 - NIGHT

GIRL answers door. Dan enters.

GIRL  
Hi.

DAN  
Hi, I'm Dan.

GIRL  
Come in.

Dan enters.

DAN  
You have a nice place here.

GIRL  
Thanks.

DAN  
So, what do you like to do?

GIRL  
I like shopping?

DAN  
Oh, okay.

Anything else?

GIRL  
Uhm, boys?

DAN  
(laughs)  
Okay.

I guess we should get started?

GIRL  
Sure.

DAN  
Where's your physics stuff?

GIRL

What stuff?

DAN  
Physics?

GIRL  
Huh?

DAN  
Wait, what's your name?

GIRL  
Charissa?

DAN  
So... you're not Kathy.

GIRL  
Nope.

CUT:

INT. KATHY'S HOUSE, DINING ROOM - NIGHT

KATHY  
That's funny.

DAN  
We don't have a lot of time, so, I  
guess we should get started.

KATHY  
Okay.

DAN  
I guess if it wasn't obvious, my name  
is Dan.

TIME CUT:

INT. KATHY'S HOUSE, DINING ROOM - NIGHT

DAN  
So, if you take the derivative, you'll  
get the velocity.

KATHY  
The what?

DAN

The derivative? DX DY?

KATHY

Oh.

This is hard!

DAN

Let's take a break.

KATHY

Okay!

You want anything to drink?

DAN

What do you have?

KATHY

Orange juice, soda, water.

DAN

Water?

Kathy runs off to grab a bottle of water. While Kathy is off camera, Dan gets up and starts flipping through Kathy's notebook to see what she's been studying. As he goes back through the pages, he sees drawings and notes referencing Wey. The first few pages are of hearts with Wey's name in it. Then he turns to a page with big exclamation points and arrows pointing at prom. As Dan turns the pages some more, we see pictures of Wey in various death positions. Kathy returns with the water and some brownies.

KATHY

I brought some brain food too.

DAN

Brownies?

KATHY

Yeah! They help me think.

Dan drinks a big gulp of water.

DAN

I think we have a lot of work to do.

Kathy puts a huge brownie in her mouth.

KATHY

What?

TITLE:

June

INT. KATHY'S HOUSE, DINING ROOM - NIGHT

Kathy is sitting at her dining table finishing up some physics work. The doorbell rings and Kathy answers it excitedly. Dan is at the door.

KATHY

Hi!

DAN

Hey, Kathy.

The two hug. They release their embrace and Kathy runs to the dining table and grabs what she was working on. She brings it to Dan and shows him the paper.

KATHY

Look! I got a A- on my test!

DAN

That's awesome!

KATHY

I was just working on some of the problems that I got wrong. I don't really quite get this one.

(points to the  
paper)

DAN

Actually, I was thinking we could do something else instead?

KATHY

Oh, okay.

DAN

Since you did so well, I thought we should celebrate. Maybe we could go play some mini-golf?

KATHY

Oooh! I love mini-golf!

DAN

Great, let's go.

EXT. MINI GOLF COURSE - NIGHT

Dan and Kathy are at the mini-golf course. They play a few rounds, and it's pretty even at first. The two of them joke around with each other. Dan misses a crucial stroke and begins to fall behind. Kathy taunts him as she sinks the shot and pulls into the lead.

FADE:

It's an intense final hole. Kathy puts and sinks it. Dan concentrates as he tries to finish this final put. He makes it in, barely. But, it's not enough. The score isn't even close. Kathy taunts him as she dances in victory.

INT. DAN'S CAR - NIGHT

Dan pulls into Kathy's driveway, puts the car in park and turns off the engine.

KATHY

I had a good time tonight.

DAN

So did I.

KATHY

You need to practice.

DAN

How was I supposed to know that you were a mini-golf pro?

KATHY

If you didn't talk all that smack, I wouldn't have had to turn my game on.

Now pay up.

DAN

Fine.

Dan reaches into his pocket and pulls out his wallet. He retrieves a five dollar bill and reluctantly hands it to Kathy. Kathy snatches the bill excitedly and takes in its scent.

KATHY

Mmmm.... Dan's money.

DAN  
Yeah, yeah.

Beat.

KATHY  
We should do this more often.

DAN  
Actually, I was wondering something.

KATHY  
What is it?

DAN  
I know it's kind of late, but I was wondering if...

KATHY  
If...?

DAN  
Nevermind.

KATHY  
No, tell me! I want to know!

DAN  
Well... I was wondering if you would go to prom with me? As friends, of course.

Kathy freezes as all the memories of last year rush back. Her demeanor changes from happy to sad, then withdrawn.

DAN  
What's wrong.

KATHY  
Nothing.

DAN  
You can tell me.

KATHY  
(exhales loudly)  
I guess enough people know already.

So, last year, I was all ready to go to Junior prom. I was all dressed up and

I was waiting for my boyfriend to pick me up.

He was kind of late. 20 minutes turned into 45, turned into an hour and a half. I was pretty sure that he wasn't going to show.

DAN

Oh my gosh, what happened?

KATHY

I dunno. He never called, never explained himself.

And just like that, we were over.

DAN

How long did you guys go out for?

KATHY

Almost two years?

DAN

And he just ditched you?!

KATHY

I guess.

DAN

What a jerk.

KATHY

Anyway, considering everything...

DAN

Yeah, I understand.

KATHY

I'm sorry. I hope you find someone else.

DAN

Don't worry about it.

KATHY

Well, I better get going.

DAN

Yeah, it's getting late.

KATHY

Night, Dan. Thanks for mini-golf. It was fun.

DAN

Anytime.

Kathy opens the car door.

KATHY

Bye!

DAN

Bye, Kathy.

Kathy gets out of the car and closes the door. She walks to her front door and enters her house without looking back.

Dan puts the car in gear and backs out.

INT. BO'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Bo answers the door, Dan is there.

BO

Sup, man?

DAN

Hey.

BO

So... how did it go?

DAN

It was okay.

BO

C'mon, tell me about it.

DAN

It's not happening.

I don't think it helped that she beat me.

BO

What?! You lost to a girl?

DAN

Dude! She was really good!

BO

So I guess you didn't follow my tips.

DAN

I don't know. I don't think I could've gone through with it. It just feels so-- dirty.

BO

Yo, you calling me dirty?

DAN

No, I'm just saying.

BO

What else happened?

DAN

Nothing, that was it.

BO

Did you do the ice cream thing like I told you?

DAN

No.

BO

Oh man! That's the key play! It's all about the ice cream. That way, you end on a high note and they associate you with that.

You dropped the ball man.

No wonder you didn't close the deal!

DAN

Yo, it's not like that!

BO

We all want to score.

DAN

Forget it.

BO

Sorry.

Just watching out for you, bro.

DAN

Yeah.

BO

C'mon, let's get your mind off her.

DAN

Yes, please.

INT. PHYSICS CLASS - DAY

Kathy is in class taking her exam. She looks at the clock and it's almost the end of the period. She looks back at a problem she's been struggling on. She begins to write something, then stops. She crosses out what she's done so far and starts again. She stops, then has a flash of insight and begins to write furiously. Just as she finishes, the bell rings.

CUT:

INT. PHYSICS CLASS - DAY

Kathy is in class. The teacher is walking around giving back tests. When Kathy gets hers, she sees a big F with a circle around it on the top of her paper. She slumps in her seat dejected. The bell rings and everyone takes their stuff and exits. Kathy walks up to the teacher. She pleads for extra credit. He apologizes and gathers his stuff. Kathy walks away defeated.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Kathy meets up with Jeannie in the hallway. Kathy is still holding her exam.

JEANNIE

How'd you do?

KATHY

I failed?

JEANNIE

Oh no! But you studied so hard!

KATHY

Whatever, it doesn't matter now.

JEANNIE

You couldn't get extra credit or something?

KATHY

No. I used it all up.

JEANNIE.

So, you have to take summer class?

KATHY

Looks like.

JEANNIE

Is that it?

(points at paper)

KATHY

Yeah.

JEANNIE

Did you go through it?

KATHY

What's the point?

JEANNIE

Can I see?

KATHY

Sure, be my guest.

Kathy hands Jeannie her exam. Jeannie flips through the exam. Her face brightens with amusement as she turns to the last page and reads the bottom. She hands the exam back to Kathy.

JEANNIE

I think you just got punk'd.

KATHY

Huh?

JEANNIE

You might want to look through your exam.

Kathy flips through the pages quickly, trying to see which questions she got wrong. As she flips through, she only sees a few problems that are marked. When she gets to the last page, she sees a 92 in a circle. Underneath it says, "Just kidding!"

Congratulations on passing!" Kathy looks at Jeannie and they both start screaming excitedly and hugging each other.

EXT. BO'S BACKYARD - DAY

Bo is throwing a B.B.Q. birthday party. People are playing in the pool. Bo is grilling some burgers and some dogs. And others are just hanging out, drinking and eating appetizers.

Andrew is sitting with Jeannie, talking and laughing. Ryan sneaks up behind Andrew. In his hand is a cup of ice water. Jeannie notices Ryan and Ryan motions for her to keep quiet. Jeannie returns her attention to Andrew.

Ryan quickly pulls back on Andrew's collar and dumps the contents of the cup down his back. Andrew jumps at the sudden cold and grabs for his back. Ryan clutches himself laughing. Annoyed, Andrew chases Ryan. They run around the pool.

When Ryan looks back to taunt Andrew, he runs into Kathy, almost knocking her over. This gives Andrew the opportunity to catch up.

Andrew grabs Ryan and throws him into the pool and taunts him victoriously.

KATHY

Hey, Andrew.

ANDREW

Sup, Kathy?

KATHY

What's going on?

ANDREW

Just drowning a rat.

KATHY

What?

ANDREW

So, you made it!

KATHY

Yeah.

You wanna get something to drink?

ANDREW

No!

(laughs heartily)  
That's all you.

KATHY  
Uh, okay.

Kathy walks over to Jeannie, gives her a quick hug and sits down with a drink in her hand.

JEANNIE  
Those boys, sometimes I wonder.

KATHY  
How's the party?

JEANNIE  
Good. I think Bo's almost ready with the food.

KATHY  
You're not helping?

JEANNIE  
Psh, yeah right! Me? Cook? You're better off eating poison.

No, I have my job covered: sit and look pretty. I'm good at that.

KATHY  
(laughs)  
Is Dan here?

JEANNIE  
I think he's coming.

Why?

KATHY  
No reason.

Jeannie sits up.

JEANNIE  
You like him!

KATHY  
I do not!

JEANNIE

You do!

KATHY

It's not like that! I just wanted to thank him for tutoring me.

JEANNIE

Whatever! All you do is talk about him!

KATHY

I do not!

JEANNIE

Uh huh! Don't worry, we'll get this sorted.

(shouts)

Andrew! Ryan!

We see Andrew and Ryan with pillows stuffed in their shirts, bouncing off each other like sumo wrestlers.

RYAN

What's up?

ANDREW

What d'you want?

JEANNIE

Come here!

Jeannie motions for the two boys to come over. Andrew and Ryan look at each other. Shrug and pull the pillows out of their shirts.

ANDREW

You are so lucky.

RYAN

Whatever.

Andrew and Ryan walk over to where Jeannie and Kathy are sitting.

ANDREW

What's up?

JEANNIE

We need to set Kathy up with Dan.

ANDREW

Finally! Oh my goodness, I couldn't stand it. All that sexual tension?

KATHY

What?!

RYAN

Dude, everyone knows that you have a thing for him.

KATHY

I do not! Why does everyone keep saying that?!

Dan comes up to Kathy and the rest of the group.

DAN

Hey, guys.

Everyone looks at Kathy.

KATHY

What?!

JEANNIE

Excuse us.

Jeannie grabs Kathy's hand and runs inside Bo's house. Andrew and Ryan follow quickly.

INT. BO'S HOUSE - DAY

JEANNIE

Okay, what do we know about Dan?

ANDREW

Nothing.

JEANNIE

We need something to start with so we can scheme.

KATHY

Has the thought ever crossed your minds that I may not need help?

The group looks at each other and start laughing.

JEANNIE

Isn't she cute?

It's okay, sweetie, you don't have to pretend with us.

ANDREW

Yeah, you need all the help you can get.

KATHY

Hey!

JEANNIE

What can we do to get Dan's attention?

RYAN

I don't know. Maybe we can try and make him jealous.

ANDREW

Will that work?

RYAN

It seems to work in the movies. They wouldn't lie to me, would they?

ANDREW

Yeah, movies are pretty good.

We should try that.

JEANNIE

It's worth a shot, right?

KATHY

Why isn't anyone listening to me?

EXT. BO'S HOUSE - DAY

Kathy sits down next to Dan.

DAN

What was that all about?

KATHY

Nothing, don't worry about it.

Andrew and Ryan walk over to Kathy. Ryan is holding a cup of water.

ANDREW

Hey, Kathy, you're looking really good today, did you do something different with your hair?

KATHY

I don't think so... but thanks.

RYAN

Yeah, your hair looks really good today.

Ryan takes a drink.

KATHY

Thanks, guys.

DAN

Are they always like this?

KATHY

Oh yeah, aren't they cute?

ANDREW

That outfit looks really good on you.

RYAN

(to Andrew)

Yeah, it doesn't make you nearly as ugly.

KATHY

What?!

Kathy hits Ryan.

RYAN

What'd I say?

ANDREW

Yeah, you should wear that more often.

RYAN

Most definitely.

KATHY

You guys are so dead!

Kathy scrambles up and lunges at Ryan. In doing so, she knocks the drink all over herself.

KATHY

Ryan!

RYAN

What? You hit me!

ANDREW

I dunno, I kind of like it.

Kathy glares at Andrew angrily.

ANDREW

Whoa, calm down there.

C'mon, Ryan, let's get out of here.

RYAN

Yeah, let's go somewhere more civilized.

KATHY

You guys aren't going to help me?!

ANDREW

Whatever, let's get out of here.

Andrew and Ryan walk away.

DAN

Are you okay?

KATHY

Ugh, boys are so stupid!

DAN

Well, I'm going to go say hi to some people.

I'll see you later?

KATHY

Wait, I--

Dan walks off, smiling and waving to someone he recognizes.

Jeannie comes over and sits next to Kathy.

JEANNIE

Why are you all wet?

Kathy glares at Jeannie.

JEANNIE  
Just asking!

KATHY  
Any other bright ideas?

JEANNIE  
Hmmm.... maybe you can change?

KATHY  
(fake laughs)  
Thanks.

Dan must think I'm a total spaz now.

This isn't working.

JEANNIE  
Sorry, it's my fault for letting the  
twins come up with the plan.

We should probably ask someone who  
actually knows Dan.

(shouts)  
Bo!

Bo turns towards Jeannie. Jeannie motions for Bo to come over. Bo  
walks over to the girls.

BO  
What's up.

JEANNIE  
What does your boy like to do?

BO  
What do you mean?

JEANNIE  
Like, what sort of things is he  
interested in?

BO  
Well, he likes playing poker.

JEANNIE  
Something that my girl here

(puts arm around  
Kathy)  
can get involved in.

BO.

Oh.

(realizes)  
Oooh! Okay, I get it.

Well, I know he goes to Market Street  
Missions once a month.

KATHY

What's that?

BO

It's a soup kitchen in Morristown. He  
goes and helps out.

JEANNIE

I think that'd be good.

KATHY

Wouldn't it be kind of weird to just  
show up at the soup kitchen?

BO

I think he's going in two weeks. I can  
talk to him and see if he'll bring you  
along.

KATHY

I don't want to be a bother.

JEANNIE

Do it!

BO

Yeah, it's no problem. I think he'd be  
excited.

KATHY

I'm not sure about this.

JEANNIE

C'mon, what's the worst that can  
happen?

CUT:

INTERCUT: KATHY AND JEANNIE ON THE PHONE

KATHY

I've never done this before.

JEANNIE

I'm sure it'll be fine.

KATHY

I'm just not sure if I'm ready to start dating again.

JEANNIE

Kathy! That was over a year ago!

Beat.

KATHY

How do you do it?

JEANNIE

Do what?

KATHY

Go out with so many guys?

JEANNIE

Because none of them are serious.

See, your problem, is that you take this whole dating thing too seriously. You need to relax and just have fun.

KATHY

I don't know, that just seems so shallow.

JEANNIE

We're in high school. Like any of these relationships we have are going to develop any further after we go to college?

KATHY

I guess.

JEANNIE

Look, we're not saying that you have go out with him. But all you do is talk

about how sweet and thoughtful he is.  
And, honestly? It's kind of gross.

KATHY

I guess you're right.

JEANNIE

Just go out tomorrow, have a good time,  
and don't think any else of it.

If it turns into anything more, than  
fine; otherwise, no big deal.

KATHY

That's what I'm afraid of.

FADE:

INT. SOUP KITCHEN SERVING LINE - DAY

Dan and Kathy are standing in line serving food.

DAN

It's really cool that you came out.

Kathy grimaces as she ladles an unappetizing concoction into a bowl  
and serves it.

DAN

(continuing)

I had no idea that you were interested  
in community service.

KATHY

Yeah, it's great.

Dan serves the last person.

DAN

That looks like everyone.

KATHY

We're done?

DAN

Oh no, there's still dishes to do.

Kathy looks at the pile of pots and pans overflowing the sink.

KATHY

That?!

DAN  
Yeah, we better get started.

WIPE:

EXT. SOUP KITCHEN, SIDEWALK - DAY

Dan and Kathy just finished cleaning up. Kathy is sitting outside on the curb, exhausted. Dan is inside, finishing up a conversation. He comes out to join Kathy.

DAN  
Hey.

KATHY  
Hello.

Dan sits down next to Kathy.

DAN  
What'd you think?

KATHY  
It was g-- it was--  
(sighs loudly)  
It was awful!

DAN  
Por que?

KATHY  
I'm tired, and I'm grumpy, and some of the people stink, and I know it sounds terrible, but it's true!

DAN  
That's okay, it's your first time.

KATHY  
I shouldn't have come.

DAN  
Well then, why did you?

KATHY  
I don't know.

DAN

C'mon, there must've been a reason. I mean, you spent your whole morning preparing food, serving, and cleaning. I'm sure you had better things to do, like... sleeping or something.

KATHY

No, I don't want to say.

DAN

Why not?

KATHY

Because I'm afraid of what you'll think of me.

DAN

Like you could look any worse? You're a mess!

KATHY

Thanks.

DAN

I'm kidding. You look fine.

I won't think any less of you, I promise.

KATHY

How can you promise that?

DAN

Okay, maybe I can't, but I'll be reasonable.

KATHY

(sighs)

I thought, since you liked volunteering... I could impress you if I volunteered.

DAN

You think I like doing this?

KATHY

Don't you?

DAN

Dishes? I hate dishes!

KATHY

Then why do you do it?

DAN

We're privileged.

We go home to a hot bath, good food,  
and all the stuff we've accumulated  
over the years.

But these people, what do they have? A  
dirty coat, maybe some shoes, and a bag  
to keep all their stuff.

It may not have a huge impact on their  
lives, but at least I'm trying.

KATHY

I can see that.

Beat.

DAN

I hope it wasn't all bad.

KATHY

No, it wasn't.

The two sit quietly, observing the traffic in stark contrast to the  
empty street.

KATHY

There's actually another reason.

DAN

Oh? It wasn't just so you could make  
mac & cheese?

KATHY

(laughs)

No.

It may sound silly, but... I wanted to  
hang out with you.

DAN

With me?

KATHY

Yeah!

Dan looks at Kathy, confused.

KATHY

What?

DAN

I dunno, it's just--

KATHY

What?

DAN

I've been trying to avoid you.

KATHY

What?! Why?

DAN

Well, after I started tutoring you, and we kind of got to know each other, I started to like you.

KATHY

And you never told me?!

DAN

I was your tutor! It would've been totally inappropriate.

KATHY

What about after you stopped being my tutor?

Beat.

KATHY

Well?

Beat.

DAN

I... kind of never dated before.

KATHY

Really?

DAN

Yeah. I wouldn't know how to go about asking someone out or what to do on a date.

KATHY

Awww, that's kind of cute. Dorky, but kind of cute.

Adorkable!

DAN

Thanks.

KATHY

What about mini-golf? And when you asked me to the prom; did you really want to go as friends?

DAN

We were also getting along so well, I didn't want to risk it.

KATHY

Why not?

DAN

Well, there was this girl I really liked. We knew each other since we were little. We were, best friends.

High school rolls around, and I started liking her. When I told her, she freaked. She laughed at me, then said that we could still be friends, but things had changed.

And it hurt.

KATHY

That's sad.

DAN

Anyway, yeah. I didn't want to mess up what we had.

KATHY

Would it be so bad if we started going out?

DAN

I don't know. Would you?

KATHY  
Are you asking me out?

DAN  
I guess I am.

KATHY  
Then, yes!

Beat.

DAN  
That's it?

KATHY  
That's it.

DAN  
That was easy!

FADE:

MONTAGE:

- 1) Dan feeding dessert to Kathy
- 2) Kathy leaning on Dan's chest
- 3) Kathy crying and Dan holding her
- 4) Kathy laughing w/ Dan

EXT. PARK - DUSK

Dan and Kathy are sitting on a hill watching the sun set. The two of them are laying on a small blanket. There is a basket with food and drinks in it. As a slight breeze blows by, Kathy snuggles up closer to Dan.

DAN  
What're you thinking about?

Kathy closes her eyes.

KATHY  
I'm thinking... you smell like grass.  
And it tickles my nose.

DAN  
Okay.

KATHY

You?

DAN

I'm thinking... how much I like  
spending time with you.

KATHY

Oh, I see.

I'm having fun too.

DAN

Is that all that it's about? Fun?

KATHY

Well, it's important?

DAN

Of course.

KATHY

Like that time when we hijacked a  
shopping cart and you pushed me down Rt  
10?

INTERCUT:

EXT. STRIP MALL - NIGHT

Kathy is pushed down the highway in a shopping cart by Dan.

EXT. PARK - DUSK

DAN

Oh my goodness, that was so scary.

KATHY

But it was so much fun!

Kathy leans back on Dan.

DAN

It's just...

I think about us, and I think about  
where we're going.

KATHY

I thought we were going to go get ice cream.

DAN

You know what I mean.

I just thought, dating would be different?

KATHY

What'd you expect?

DAN

More Carbon 14?

Kathy hits Dan playfully.

KATHY

You are such a nerd!

DAN

Well, you got it! So what does that make you?!

KATHY

Well, maybe I need to rethink my relationships.

You know, I had the opportunity to date a jock.

DAN

Oh please, don't let me keep you from the relationship of your dreams.

Kathy leans on Dan.

DAN

(sighs)

I love you.

KATHY

"I'll never let you go."

Beat.

DAN

No, I really love you.

Kathy blinks blankly back at Dan.

DAN  
I love you, Kathy.

Kathy sits there, dumbfounded.

DAN  
What's wrong? Did you hear what I  
said?

KATHY  
I think so... but... I don't  
understand.

DAN  
What's there to understand?

I--

KATHY  
Why'd you have to say that?!

DAN  
What? I can't say, "I love you?"

KATHY  
No!

DAN  
Why not? It's true!

Dan gets up and walks to Kathy.

KATHY  
I'm sorry if that's true.

DAN  
Why?

KATHY  
Because--

DAN  
When I drive down the road, I think  
about you, and it makes me smile.

And I want to know that there's more  
here, between us; that I'm not just  
some summer fling.

KATHY  
It's not that easy!

DAN  
Why not?

KATHY  
Because people don't just fall in love.

DAN  
Sure they do.

KATHY  
That's just in the movies.

DAN  
People fall in love in real life too;  
and I fell for you.

Beat.

KATHY  
Well-- I don't.

DAN  
What?  
  
I don't understand.

Beat.

KATHY  
I-- don't love you.

Beat.

KATHY  
Yeah.

DAN  
What? I don't believe you.

What about the time when I was feeling  
down and you brought me brownies?

KATHY  
So, if I brought brownies to, say, Bo,  
that would mean I love him too?

INTERCUT:

INT. BO'S HOUSE - DAY

BO

Yeah!

EXT. PARK - DUSK

DAN

Okay, what about those late nights,  
where we'd fall asleep on the phone  
with each other?

KATHY

I have insomnia.

DAN

Whatever!

KATHY

No, really. I take prescription  
medication. It's a serious problem.

Beat.

DAN

Why are you doing this?

KATHY

Doing what?

DAN

Why are you being so mean?

KATHY

It's the truth.

DAN

No, I know you better than that.

KATHY

You think you do, but you don't!

What else do you want me to say?

That I love you?

Well, I don't.

DAN

What are you so afraid of?

KATHY

What?

DAN

Why can't you--

KATHY

What is wrong with you? What part of "I don't love you" do you not understand? Do I have to draw you a picture? Here, maybe this will help.

Kathy starts drawing in the sand.

KATHY

(continuing)

This is you, this is me. And this is how I don't love you!

Kathy walks away. She stops, realizing that she came with Dan. She walks back to Dan.

KATHY

Uhm... can I get a ride?

CUT:

MONTAGE:

- 1) Bo's house - Bo answers the door, Dan is there, heartbroken.
- 2) Dan tries to call Kathy, but she refuses to answer his calls.
- 3) Kathy tries to move on with her life, but she looks at Dan's picture and has the feeling of wanting to get back together, but thinks better of it.
- 4) Bo tries to cheer up Dan, but he's still all mopey.
- 5) Kathy is out with Andrew, Ryan, and Jeannie. They are all laughing and having a good time, but Kathy is sitting, dejected.

INT. BO'S CAR - DAY

Dan and Bo are driving. As Dan sits and gazes out the window in silence. He thinks about the different times that he's had with Kathy.

FADE:

MONTAGE:

- 1) Dan and Kathy sharing food together
- 2) They share a quarter kiddy ride
- 3) Run through the rain and realize they ran to the wrong car
- 4) Whipped cream fight
- 5) Pushing each other in shopping carts
- 6) Walking on train tracks together

WHITE OUT:

INT. BO'S CAR - DAY

DAN

Let's go to Jeannie's.

BO

Dude! That's the complete opposite direction!

DAN

C'mon, let's go.

BO

Fine.

Bo turns the car around.

BO

What is this about?

DAN

I need to win Kathy back.

BO

Wait, what? I thought you were done with her.

DAN

I changed my mind.

BO

We're talking about the same girl right?

DAN

Yeah.

BO

Kathy.

DAN

Yeah.

BO

The girl who drew you a picture of how she didn't love you.

DAN

The same.

BO

And you want to get back together with her.

DAN

I'm going to try.

BO

And how did you come to this conclusion?

DAN

In a montage.

BO

A what?

DAN

Forget it.

BO

Why the sudden change of heart?

DAN

I love her. No matter what she says, it's not going to change that fact.

BO

Does it matter that she doesn't love you back?

DAN

I don't care. I need to show her how much she means to me. Even if she doesn't feel the same way, I need her to know that what I said that day was real.

BO

Are you sure you know what you're doing?

DAN

No.

BO

Okay then! Let's do this!

EXT. KATHY'S FRONT STEPS - DUSK

Kathy comes out of her house and gets into Jeannie's car.

CUT:

INT. JEANNIE'S CAR - DUSK

Jeannie is driving back to her place.

KATHY

What's going on?

JEANNIE

I'll explain when we get there.

EXT. JEANNIE'S FRONT STEPS - DUSK

Jeannie pulls up to her house. As they come up the street, they see Dan standing in front of the house, wearing a tux, and holding a corsage.

KATHY

What is this?

JEANNIE

You'll see.

Jeannie stops the car and both girls exit. Dan walks up to Kathy.

KATHY

Hello.

DAN

Hey, Kathy.

KATHY

What's going on?

Dan walks her to the door. As he opens it, a wall of music comes pouring out.

INT. JEANNIE'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Dan and Kathy enter Jeannie's house. There's decorations everywhere, music playing.

Ryan comes running down the stairs and whispers something into Kathy's ear. She looks at Dan uncertainly, and he nods at her. Ryan leads her up the stairs to Jeannie's room.

INT. JEANNIE'S ROOM - NIGHT

Ryan and Kathy run into Jeannie's room. Kathy's jaw drops when she sees her dress from prom laying on the bed.

KATHY  
How'd you get my dress?

RYAN  
It was easy.

We see Andrew dressed up like a ninja, sneaks into Kathy's house, and steals her dress.

KATHY  
But I was at home!

RYAN  
He's a good ninja.

C'mon, put it on!

CUT:

INT. JEANNIE'S LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Kathy comes down the stairs, in her dress. She sees Dan standing at the bottom, smiling back up to her. Dan leads her out into the middle of the floor. The music changes from fast beats, to a slow song.

DAN  
May I have this dance?

The two dance together. They stare into each others eyes as the lights swirl around them. Kathy puts her head on Dan's shoulder and hugs him.

KATHY  
I love you.

Ryan and Andrew are standing off to the side. They are both watching Dan and Kathy dance.

RYAN  
You wanna dance?

ANDREW  
No!

RYAN  
C'mon!

Beat.

ANDREW  
Let's do it!

The two start dancing together and generally making a fool of themselves.

FADE TO WHITE:

End credits.