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INT. HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM - MORNING |

It is the first block of the day at the start of the second semester. Mrs. Night, the teacher, is standing outside the room greeting everyone as they walk in.

MRS. NIGHT

Good Morning, it is so nice to see you!

A group of students walk into their Senior English classroom and have a seat at a desk.

Cole Tidewater is a senior at the K-12 Vinalhaven school, which is the only school in town. Cole is of average height and build with smooth brown hair and hazel eyes.

He lives in a brown, wood-shingled, 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom house with his family in their hometown, Vinalhaven, a small island town in Maine. He walks into the classroom and finds a seat in the back of the class.

MRS. NIGHT (CONT'D)

Good morning Ashley, come right on in.

ASHLEY

Hello!

Cole heard Mrs. Night speak to Ashley as she walked in.

Cole looks up at the door forming a smile on his face as Ashley walks in and sits a couple seats over. She has brown eyes with curly black hair. *

Mrs. Night walks in as she shuts the door.

MRS. NIGHT

(As she walks towards the board)

Hello everyone, most of you know me, I am Mrs. Night, and I recognize most of you. These seats are temporary, I will be assigning seats. I will be sending you all a form to fill out with three people you would be like to be paired with because you will be assigned to work with them for the semester.

Mrs. Night goes over to her laptop and releases the form. All the students get it and start pulling it up on their chrome books.

MRS. NIGHT (CONT'D)
Did you all get it?

GROUP OF STUDENTS
Yes.

MRS. NIGHT
Okay, please fill that out, I will
give you five minutes.

Cole is looking at his computer on his desk, with his phone
in hand. He writes Ashley for one of them, then sends a text
to her to ask if that was good because they are school
friends. Eventually she responds.

ASHLEY
(over text)
Yes, I put you down for one of them
too.

MRS. NIGHT
(to the class)
Okay, so it looks like I have
everyone here. I will be assigning
the pairs and have seats assigned
tomorrow.

INT. CLASSROOM - THE NEXT DAY

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MRS. NIGHT
Okay everyone, you are in your
assigned seats for the semester, I
will begin to read out the
partners.

She begins to read the names as her voice fades, then she
calls out.

MRS. NIGHT (CONT'D)
Cole and Ashley.

COLE
(to Ashley)
That's good!

ASHLEY
I agree, it is!

COLE
I'm so glad because I don't know if
there is anyone in here I'm even
friends with besides you.

ASHLEY

This is good that it worked out this way.

MRS. NIGHT

The Next thing I would like to bring up is that we're starting a new book for the class, we're going to be reading Z is for Zachariah. We will head down to the library to collect the books.

ASHLEY

(to Cole)

This book sounds boring.

COLE

(to Ashley)

I would say so, I hate reading.

The students get up from their chairs and begin to exit the room. In a line they head down to the library.

INT. SCHOOL LIBRARY

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The class walks in and the first thing they see is the stack of the books they will be checking out.

MRS. HENDERMON

Welcome, I want you all to grab a copy of Z for Zachariah and meet me at my desk where I will check it out for you.

MRS. NIGHT

...And as soon as everyone has their books, we'll head back.

INT. CLASSROOM - MOMENTS LATER

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MRS. NIGHT

As we read, you and your partner will be assigned two chapters from the book. When it is your week, you will read the chapters, and put together a pear deck presentation with some questions for the class to answer after your presentation of what happened within the chapters. Sound Good? ...Ok I will post the chapter assignments to classroom.

STUDENT

Excuse me, what is a pear deck?

MRS. NIGHT

I'm so glad you asked! It is an interactive slide show. One that allows the presenters to put up quizzes, questions, or move the object to one side or the other in order to determine the answer, so instead of speaking the answer, you all will join the pear deck and answer the questions the presenters put in it. Does that make sense?

STUDENT

Yes, thank you.

COLE

(talking to Ashley)

This sounds interesting, It will be good!

ASHLEY

We'll do this!

INT. COLE'S ROOM (LATER THAT NIGHT) 5

COLE (V.O.)

(Text)

Hey, How was your day? So it seems like Mrs. Night wants us to do this outside of class because she isn't assigning class time for us to work on it. Would you want to meet at Good Things Coffee House on Thursday?

ASHLEY (V.O.)

(Text)

My day was good, how about you?
Yeah, that sounds good, how about 5?

COLE (V.O.)

(Replying)

It was good, thank you. That's great, I like it! See you there!

EXT. GOOD THINGS COFFEE HOUSE PARKING LOT - THURSDAY EVENING 6

Cole and Ashley pull into the parking lot, they both get out of their cars.

ASHLEY

Hey!

COLE

Hi!

They head inside together with their bags containing their books and computers.

INT. GOOD THINGS COFFEE HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER 7

Cole and Ashley walk through the door and walk towards the self order kiosk.

ASHLEY

What are you going to get?

COLE

I am thinking a caesar salad with a side of chips and a vanilla coffee. What about you?

ASHLEY

Caesar salad with a fruit cup.

Then their food is ready, so they go pick it up from the window and walk towards the round booth in the corner of the restaurant. They set their trays down on the table and have a seat. Cole is seen taking off the croutons on his salad.

ASHLEY (CONT'D)

You don't like croutons either?

COLE

No, I don't.

Ashley starts pulling off the croutons with some of the cheese.

COLE (CONT'D)

You don't like cheese either? I don't like too much of it.

ASHLEY

No, not really.

Cole gets up to put away the dirty dishes, as he gets up he trips on his own foot and falls to the ground.

ASHLEY (CONT'D)
Oh no! Are you alright?

COLE
(trying to hold in a
laugh)
Yeah, I am. It's just embarrassing
though.

They both start laughing. Cole then gets up, puts the dishes
in the bin and sits back down.

COLE (CONT'D)
So what exactly do we have to do?

ASHLEY
I think we read over the chapters
then come up with some questions.
Do you want to type, or review the
chapter?

COLE
I will review the chapter.

They work together to create a pear deck with a couple of
questions that refer to the two chapters. As Cole reads and
comes up with some thoughts, Ashley begins to type.

After the time goes by they begin to wrap up the pear deck
presentation.

ASHLEY
Do we need to put any pictures or
anything?

COLE
I do not know if we have to, but
maybe we should find a few just in
case.

ASHLEY
I agree, I'll look online.

They find some pictures that they both agree look good. They
insert them into the presentation.

ASHLEY (CONT'D)
...and I think that's it!

COLE
I like it.

They both look at the clock, it is approaching 9 pm when the cafe closes. They pack up their books and Cole puts away his computer.

COLE (CONT'D)

I will make sure to share it with you, unless you already did.

ASHLEY

I did!

COLE

Perfect.

They both get up from the booth and begin to walk outside.

EXT. PANERA BREAD PARKING LOT

They head to their cars and put their bags in the car.

ASHLEY

It is getting a bit late so I better head home.

COLE

I should too. Thank you, I am glad we could get that done.

ASHLEY

Me too! See you in class!

They both step into their car and close the door. Then Ashley drives off, followed by Cole seconds after.

INT. COLE'S ROOM

Cole grabs his phone from his pocket when he gets inside and he texts Ashley.

COLE

(over text)

It was really nice to see you! If you wanted to, maybe sometime we could hang out?

ASHLEY

(relying)

Yeah, we totally should!

INT. HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM - MONDAY MORNING 10

They have to present on their chapters. Mrs. Night calls them up to the front to present. Cole doesn't do well with public speaking as he gets nervous and feels embarrassed. They share their pear deck, the students answer the interactive questions as the big screen with the answers coming in is shown, then they are done.

MRS. NIGHT

Thank you both, that was awesome!
Ok, so you all...

Mrs. Night's voice fades out as we begin to listen to what Ashley and Cole are saying.

COLE

(to Ashley)

I am so glad that our presentation went well! Would you wanna hang out sometime soon, maybe we could plan a day?

ASHLEY

I'd love that. How about we go to the town center tomorrow after school and go shopping, near Islands Closet or the Candy store?

COLE

Sounds good to me, I will see you there!

INT. TOWN CENTER (CANDY STORE, ISLANDS CLOSET) - THE NEXT DAY 11

They walk around for a couple hours going in and out of the different stores, then after they get out of the book store they decide to go do something else.

ASHLEY

Do you like cookie skilletts?

COLE

Yes, I do!

ASHLEY

We should go get one from the Sandbar up the street, they are so good.

COLE

WE SHOULD!

They both walk out of the book store and walk down the street heading for The Sandbar restaurant.

INT SANDBAR - A LITTLE AFTER DINNER TIME 12

Cole and Ashley walk through the door, Ashley first, then Cole follows since he held the door for her.

ASHLEY

Thank you!

COLE

Anytime!

HOST

2? ...follow me.

They both follow the host down the hall and get put in the back section. They have a seat, and begin to talk. Then they get their drinks, and order their food, and they just start dying laughing, impossible for them to stop.

COLE

I am having so much fun with you, you're so funny. We should do this again.

ASHLEY

We really should, I am having a blast! And you know what else is so funny?

COLE

What?

ASHLEY

It's so funny to me how formal you are like you say "it is" over "it's" and you text with punctuation.

COLE

I don't know, that is just how I am.

ASHLEY

I just find it funny.
(with a slight chuckle)
It's ok to be less serious you know.

COLE
 (chuckling)
 I'll work on it

They get their cookie skillet and then they begin to eat them.

WAITRESS
 Anything else for you today?

COLE
 That's it, thanks.

WAITRESS
 One check?

ASHLEY
 No, two please.

WAITRESS
 You got it.

COLE
 (After the Waitress
 leaves)
 Why two? I would have paid for you!

ASHLEY
 ...well I didn't know.

EXT SANDBAR PARKING LOT - "HOUR" LATER 13

As they walk back to their parked cars that are up the street.

ASHLEY
 We can figure out where to go when we are in class tomorrow, but we should definitely hang again.

COLE
 I agree!

Montage of clips as they go to dinners, lunches, the beach, coastal towns, etc. and go exploring as they embark on adventures together.

INT DOT AND MILLIE'S - SUMMER EVENING 14

Scenes begin to slow back down as the montage ends representing it is nearing the end of summer.

They both sit at the table to have their dinner.

ASHLEY

So, this summer has been nice, I have had a lot of fun.

COLE

It's been great, but what's wrong?

ASHLEY

It's just that I know that summer is coming to an end soon.

COLE

Yeah, it really is disappointing.

ASHLEY

...and I know we are going to different schools and will be a few hours apart, so it won't be as easy to see each other and have fun together.

COLE

You're right, it's going to be different.

ASHLEY

Yeah it will be.

COLE

Excuse me, I am going to run to the bathroom.

Cole Gets up and walks to the bathroom.

INT DOT AND MILLIES'S BATHROOM - SECONDS LATER

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COLE

(to his reflection)

I like her a lot, do I tell her?...or will it ruin our friendship?...but we leave soon and it may be now or never. I guess it just has to be now.

He takes a deep breath. Feeling more put together, he exits the rest room.

INT DOT AND MILLIE'S - FEW MINUTES LATER

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Cole comes back and sits back down.

COLE
Sorry about that.

ASHLEY
It's alright!
(as Cole's cheeks begin to
turn red)
Is everything ok?

COLE
Yes, but can I tell you something?

ASHLEY
Of course you can.

COLE
Ok, so it's something I have wanted
to tell you for awhile.

ASHLEY
It's me, don't worry, you can tell
me.

COLE
I have liked you since freshman
year, and getting to become your
best friend has been so amazing. I
have always wanted to be your
friend and get to know you. I
always saw you around and thought
about how much I liked you, how I
had the biggest crush on you.

ASHLEY
Well... I don't know how I feel...

COLE
(cheeks turning fire red)
Oh...ok, I get it.

ASHLEY
I'm sorry, I didn't know you were
going to say that, but I don't want
to hurt you.

COLE
Too late.

Cole gets up from the table to walk outside.

ASHLEY
Wait--
(after Cole is gone)
...don't go.

Ashley sits there and fills with regret as a sad look appears on her face. She then gets up and walks outside.

INT. COLE'S ROOM - 20 MINUTES LATER

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Cole is in his bed with a bright red face fuming of embarrassment, upset with tears running down his face.

COLE

(to himself)

How could I do that to myself, I lost my best friend and made a fool of myself. I should have never said anything because I ruined everyth-

He hears something tapping on his window from outside. At first he ignores it, but then he hears it again.

He looks out the window to see Ashley throwing a pebble at it, trying to get his attention. She is holding a sign "please talk to me".

He shuts the curtain, ignoring her, but hears it again.

He opens the window, she gets right next to it and then stops. They stand face to face from the first floor window and the ground outside.

COLE (CONT'D)

What are you doing here? I thought you didn't like me?

ASHLEY

Don't do that, Cole. Of course I do, you're my best friend.

COLE

Well you were mine, and I admitted to you something I have kept a secret for years. I have always liked you and I never admitted it 'cause I feared you would say no. I never told you because I didn't want to lose you as my best friend.

ASHLEY

I know it took a lot to say what you did, and I don't blame you for being afraid.

(hesitates for a moment)

...the truth is, I was afraid.

(MORE)

ASHLEY (CONT'D)

I don't want to lose you as my best friend because you are one of the best things that has ever happened to me. I just don't want us to fail.

COLE

I get that, because I feel the same way, but I just felt like after all these years it was time to tell you.

ASHLEY

Well I like you back, I was just scared to admit it. I love you, Cole.

COLE

(starting to show a smile)
Really?!

ASHLEY

Yes! So are we good?

COLE

Yeah we are! Why don't you come on in?

Ashley climbs through the window. They make up with a big hug.

COLE (CONT'D)

(looking in her eyes)
There is something else that I was going to ask you earlier... I was wondering if you would want to be my girlfriend?

ASHLEY

Yes, of course!!

They give each other another big and tight hug in celebration.

COLE

Would you want to go for a drive with me?

ASHLEY

Yeah, I would love to!

They go for a drive in Cole's car, they listen to music and sing along as best they can, they start dying laughing at all the singing fails.

INT. COLE'S CAR IN THE GENERAL STORE PARKING LOT - NEXT DAY

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COLE

So I just wanted to ask you what your thoughts were for what you wanted to do when we have to leave for school since it's coming up?

ASHLEY

I have that fear that we will drift apart because we are in different places.

COLE

I had that same fear, that is why I was asking, but I also feel like we can make it work, like I know we can, we just have to work hard.

ASHLEY

I know it'll be hard not to see you like we have been, but I bet we will make the weekends work.

COLE

You're right.

ASHLEY

And plus, I bet it will make us stronger anyways. Like nothing can get in the way of our relationship because we are literally best friends who are now dating and have fallen in love.

COLE

Our love and bond is strong, and I'm so happy that we're on the same page.

ASHLEY

Me too!

COLE

Should we go inside?

ASHLEY

Lets do it!

INT. COLE'S HOUSE - THE NEXT DAY 19

This time they decide to go hang out in Cole's room, so Ashley comes over. This time they decide to hangout for a bit before it was time for Cole to leave for school.

ASHLEY

(over text)

I am here, is it ok to park where I am?

COLE

Yeah it is, I'll be right there.

Cole walks out the front door. Ashley shuts her car off and closes the door.

COLE (CONT'D)

Hi!

ASHLEY

Hey! What do you want to do?

COLE

Maybe we could watch a little bit of Grey's Anatomy and just spend some time together.

ASHLEY

I love that idea.

They put on Grey's and lie down.

They get to hangout for every last second until it is time for Cole to get in the car and begin his journey. They stand up in Cole's room and they both begin to get teary eyed because though this isn't goodbye, it is see you later. They give each other the biggest hug.

COLE

(While they hug)

I love you so much!

ASHLEY

I love you way more!

They both open the door and walk outside. They give each other one more hug before Cole has to get in his car and start driving.

COLE

I'll see you soon! Only 18 days until Labor Day weekend, we'll make a countdown and it should fly. I love you.

ASHLEY

We'll do that, I can't wait to see you soon. I love you more, beat you to it.

Cole is in the car and starts backing out. He waves goodbye to her and she waves back.

Cole drives off into the distance.

INT. COLLEGE ROOM - MORNING, 9 DAYS LATER

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Cole is in his room doing Homework.

A few seconds go by and he receives a text from Ashley.

ASHLEY

(over text)

You should go for a walk outside, I just looked at the weather and it looks like a beautiful day.

COLE

(over text)

Hmmm, it does look nice out there, I'll get away from my homework for a bit.

A bit suspicious, Cole heads right down. When he walks outside he sees Ashley standing there.

In shock, he runs right to her. They give each other the biggest hug.

COLE (CONT'D)

I love you so much! What are you doing here?

ASHLEY

I wanted to visit you on my way by, I thought how happy you would be.

COLE

I love you, like that means everything because I am soooo happy. I just can't believe this is happening.

ASHLEY
... and you wanna know what else?

COLE
Yes!

ASHLEY
I can stay the night, as long as
you're good with that.

COLE
YES, that's no question!

INT. COLE'S COLLEGE ROOM - AFTERNOON AND NIGHT

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They spend the rest of the afternoon and night together. Then
the next morning hits and it is time for Ashley to go.

ASHLEY
I hate having to leave, but labor
day is right around the corner.

COLE
I'll come visit you then, I can't
wait!

Ashley gets into her car and leaves for her school, they wave
to each other and mouth "I Love You".

THE END.