

WAITING FOR SUMMER

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EXT. COFFEE SHOP - EVENING

JORDAN (17) approaches a coffee shop. Three rude, but attractive girls push past him, exiting. He stops and holds the door. He looks for a smile from all of them, but all three ignore him.

JORDAN (V.O.)

There's nothing more terrifying than putting yourself out there with the knowledge that you could get hurt and experience that says you probably will, but the situation is inevitable.

INT. COFFEE SHOP - EVENING - CLOSE ON HAILEY

HAILEY (17) is curled up in the corner of the coffee shop reading a book. She is wearing sweatpants and a sweatshirt. Jordan enters the coffee shop, noticing her. She looks up into the camera.

JORDAN (V.O.)

Her eyes.

Hailey smiles.

JORDAN (V.O.)

Her smile.

An older woman accidentally trips over Hailey's chair and spills her coffee on the floor. Hailey apologizes and helps to clean it up.

JORDAN (V.O.)(CONT'D)

All of the little things she does that catch your eye.

Hailey settles back down with her book.

JORDAN (V.O.)(CONT'D)

It doesn't matter where it comes from, what causes it, how strongly you feel it.

Jordan scans the coffee shop for a familiar face.

JORDAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)

You had it coming from the moment she glanced your way and shattered the world you thought you knew. One summer night can change your entire life.

Hailey looks up at Jordan.

JORDAN (CONT'D)  
(quietly)

Wow.

Jordan looks back at Hailey, then quickly turns to the counter to order coffee. He fumbles for his wallet. He turns towards Hailey and takes a drink of his coffee, hiding his glances towards her behind the cup. Hailey notices him and laughs, causing him to quickly turn around. He approaches her, but then grabs a newspaper off the table next to her and sits in a chair facing her direction. Hailey continues reading, but looks up at Jordan whenever she drinks her coffee. Jordan watches from over his newspaper and realizes Hailey notices him. He casually approaches her.

JORDAN (CONT'D)

Hey.

HAILEY

Hi.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. COFFEE SHOP - LATER

Hailey is curled up on a chair, Jordan is seated at the end closest to her of the adjacent couch.

JORDAN

Good book?

Jordan motions to the book next to her.

HAILEY

I got a little distracted from it.

Hailey smiles. Jordan smiles back, impressed. There is a brief silence.

JORDAN

Look, before we get any further, I have to tell you... I'm really bad at this. I always say the wrong thing at the wrong time. Know that I'm not going to try to offend you, but I might.

HAILEY

What's "this"?

JORDAN

"This"?

HAILEY

You said you're not any good at "this."  
What's "this"?

JORDAN

Well, "this" is... getting to know  
people, girls in particular, cute girls  
to be even more specific.

HAILEY

When you're trying to get to know a cute  
girl, we'll worry about it.

They continue talking as the scene fades out.

FADE OUT:

INT. HAILEY'S BASEMENT - AFTERNOON

Jordan and Hailey are playfully arguing.

HAILEY

I told you already, I don't decide  
things. You pick.

JORDAN

I'm happy just sitting here, watching a  
movie or something.

Hailey stands up.

HAILEY

You don't want to go out and do anything?  
It's warm!

Jordan stands up face to face with her. Each has a  
playful smile on their face.

JORDAN

Well then, you decide what we do, and  
we'll do it.

HAILEY

Do you even know me?

JORDAN

I guess we'll stay here until you start  
deciding things.

They wait in silence for a brief moment. Hailey's phone  
rings. She answers it.

HAILEY  
 (on the phone)  
 Hello? No, I'm not doing anything.

She glares at Jordan.

HAILEY (CONT'D)  
 (on the phone)  
 Downtown? Sure, I could meet you there.  
 Bye.

Hailey hangs up the phone.

HAILEY (CONT'D)  
 (to Jordan)  
 We're going downtown.

Hailey walks towards the stairs.

JORDAN  
 This doesn't count you know.

Jordan follows her.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. COFFEE SHOP - AFTERNOON

Alyssa (16, fancy clothes) is seated at a table outside of the coffee shop, watching people. She stands up as Jordan and Hailey approach.

ALYSSA  
 Hailey!

HAILEY  
 Welcome back, Alyssa!

They hug.

HAILEY (CONT'D)  
 (to Jordan)  
 Alyssa just got back from England.  
 (to Alyssa)  
 By the way Alyssa, this is Jordan.

JORDAN  
 (awkwardly)  
 Hey.

ALYSSA  
 Yeah, you too.

They all sit down at Alyssa's table. After an awkward silence...

JORDAN  
So, England. Tell me all about it.

ALYSSA  
England was great. There was so much to see and do.

Hailey and Jordan wait for more explanation, but none follows.

HAILEY  
(slightly sarcastic)  
Really.

Another awkward silence.

ALYSSA  
It was great.

HAILEY  
Yeah, we got that impression.

Alyssa laughs. Jordan smiles at her. Hailey notices.

ALYSSA  
So, Jordan, tell me about yourself.

JORDAN  
Well, let's see. I'm 17, and I like to cook and swim.

ALYSSA  
(over-enthusiastic)  
That's awesome!

HAILEY  
(under her breath)  
Yeah, awesome.

CUT TO:

INT. HAILEY'S BASEMENT/JORDAN'S ROOM - EVENING

Jordan has called Hailey.

JORDAN  
Hey, Hailey. It's Jordan.

HAILEY  
Yeah. Hey.

Jordan stops short at her less than courteous greeting.

JORDAN  
How are things?

HAILEY  
Fine. You?

JORDAN  
Great.

(BEAT)  
It's funny though, normally when people  
say they're fine, they aren't.

Hailey winces at Jordan's observation.

HAILEY  
Not me.

JORDAN  
Well, you sound kind of annoyed. Are you  
sure there's nothing bothering you?

HAILEY  
(interrupting)  
Yeah, I'm good.

JORDAN  
Okay. Well, I was kind of hoping you'd  
want to hang out again. You can bring  
Alyssa too, if you want.

HAILEY  
(sarcastically)  
I don't see why I wouldn't.

A look of realization spreads across Jordan's face.

JORDAN  
Judging by your tone, whatever's  
bothering you has something to do with  
her.

HAILEY  
Look, you were the one flirting with her.  
You should know that would bother me. It  
would bother anyone.

JORDAN  
You think I was flirting with Alyssa?

Hailey glares out the window.

HAILEY

You were.

JORDAN

It was the first time I met her. She's ignored my every attempt of contacting her, so obviously you have nothing to worry about. I'm sorry if I offended you.

HAILEY

You did.

Jordan's look softens.

JORDAN

If I had known it would bother you, I wouldn't have talked to her.

Hailey's look softens.

HAILEY

I just don't like feeling like the third wheel.

JORDAN

I don't think that'll be a problem again.

HAILEY

Yeah, I don't understand her.

JORDAN

Then there's no hope for me. Call me sometime.

HAILEY

I will.

As they hang up, each of them slightly smile.

CUT TO:

INT. COFFEE SHOP - EVENING, THE SAME DAY

Jordan is sitting in the far corner, staring into space. Hailey approaches his side and he doesn't notice her.

HAILEY

What's wrong?

Jordan jumps, surprised.

JORDAN

Stalking me?

HAILEY

Yes.

Hailey smiles.

HAILEY (CONT'D)

I figured you'd be here. I just wanted to see you.

JORDAN

(BEAT)

I'm glad to see you too.

HAILEY

So, what's wrong?

Hailey sits down next to Jordan.

JORDAN

Nothing, just thinking.

HAILEY

Well, stop. It's not healthy to think all the time.

JORDAN

It's not that easy. It's like I just can't shut off my brain for more than a minute or two.

HAILEY

You're weird.

Hailey smiles playfully.

JORDAN

Don't think you're the first to tell me that.

HAILEY

Oh, I'm sure I'm not.

Hailey gives Jordan another playful smirk.

JORDAN

I could say the same about you.

HAILEY

Oh, I know. I don't care though. That's the important thing.

JORDAN

Good point.

They sit quietly for a minute.

JORDAN (CONT'D)

Hailey, my family's moving in a month and a half, and...

Jordan stops and looks off into the distance.

HAILEY

And what?

JORDAN

You know what I'm saying.

HAILEY

No, what?

JORDAN

Just that, I'll miss you.

Jordan finally looks back at Hailey.

HAILEY

(softly)

I know.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. JORDAN'S ROOM - DAY

Jordan and Hailey are laying on his bed next to each other looking at the ceiling. Jordan rolls on his side to look at her.

JORDAN

Hailey.

HAILEY

I'm right here.

JORDAN

We should... I mean, I think we should...

Hailey looks away.

HAILEY

I know. Summer's over in a month though.

JORDAN

I think you're worth it.

HAILEY

Well, if you feel that way...

Hailey smiles slightly.

JORDAN  
Do I really need to ask?

HAILEY  
Of course you need to ask. Why wouldn't  
you need to ask?

Jordan overexaggerates a sigh.

JORDAN  
Hailey, will you be my girlfriend?

Hailey smiles.

HAILEY  
Well, I guess so.

Jordan lays back on the bed again. As the scene ends,  
Jordan reaches for Hailey's hand.

FADE TO:

INT. HAILEY'S BASEMENT - AFTERNOON

Alyssa and Hailey are playing a board game. Hailey rolls  
the dice.

ALYSSA  
So he put his shoes back in his backpack  
and I went back to my book.

They both laugh, Hailey stops sooner. Alyssa picks up the  
dice.

HAILEY  
Jordan asked me out.

Alyssa drops the dice.

ALYSSA  
What?

HAILEY  
Yeah. Last night.

ALYSSA  
What did you say?

HAILEY  
I said yes.

Hailey looks down at the floor.

ALYSSA

I thought you knew I liked him.

Alyssa glares at Hailey, Hailey doesn't look back up.

HAILEY

All you've done is ignore him. He thinks  
you hate him.

Alyssa gets up and leaves.

CUT TO:

INT. RESTAURANT - EVENING

Jordan and Hailey enter the restaurant.

JORDAN

Why am I so nervous?

HAILEY

Why are you so nervous?

JORDAN

I feel like I should trying to impress  
you on this date, and...

Jordan gestures to the restaurant then at his clothes.

HAILEY

Jordan, you've obviously already  
impressed me a little.

JORDAN

I know, but look at you.

Hailey smiles.

JORDAN (CONT'D)

I don't feel like I deserve to be on a  
date with you.

HAILEY

(smiling playfully)  
Sometimes you get what you don't deserve.

The hostess takes them to their seats. They sit down.  
Hailey looks at the menu, Jordan looks at Hailey.

HAILEY (CONT'D)  
(not looking up)  
Why are you looking at me?

JORDAN  
You'd be looking too if you were in my  
seat.

Jordan smiles widely.

HAILEY  
I'll try to figure out what you just  
said. You figure out what you want.

JORDAN  
I know what I want.

HAILEY  
Off the menu.

JORDAN  
Right.

Jordan scans the menu quickly.

JORDAN (CONT'D)  
A hamburger. I'm ready.

Jordan looks back up at Hailey.

HAILEY  
(laughing)  
Jordan.

JORDAN  
You're just so beautiful.

HAILEY  
You're pretty cute yourself.

Jordan pretends to fix his tie.

JORDAN  
I figured I'd clean up a little.

The waitress comes back and takes their order. They talk happily. The waitress brings their food and they are playful through the whole meal. The waitress then brings the check.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. RESTAURANT - EVENING

Hailey and Jordan exit the restaurant.

HAILEY

You didn't have to pay, you know. I have a job.

JORDAN

Oh, I had to pay.

HAILEY

Who says?

Jordan takes Hailey's hand.

JORDAN

I said. Everyone said. It's a rule.

HAILEY

Since when do we play by the rules?

JORDAN

Sometimes you have to.

HAILEY

But it's so much more fun when you don't.

Hailey runs for the car. Jordan chases after her and catches her.

JORDAN

Let's stay out past your curfew.

HAILEY

You know my parents would be more mad at you than me, right?

JORDAN

I'll be across the state soon, what are they going to do about it?

HAILEY

Not let you talk to me.

Jordan picks Hailey up.

JORDAN

We should hurry then.

Jordan takes Hailey to the passenger side of the car and, after manually unlocking her door, puts her in the car.

HAILEY

Well, thank you.

Hailey kisses him on the cheek.

JORDAN

My pleasure.

Jordan walks around back of the car. He looks in the window and sees Hailey unlock his door. He gets to his door, climbs in, and starts the engine.

JORDAN (CONT'D)

I don't want to take you home.

HAILEY

I don't want to go home.

Jordan shifts into drive.

HAILEY (CONT'D)

(BEAT)

My parents have always been pretty strict about that sort of stuff.

JORDAN

Why? Don't they trust you?

Hailey shifts uncomfortably in her seat.

HAILEY

I'd rather not talk about it.

JORDAN

I think you should be able to tell me.

HAILEY

I used to be more of a party girl.

JORDAN

Oh.

They are both silent.

HAILEY

Please don't look at me differently, it's who I was.

JORDAN

No, no. I'm just surprised is all.

They sit in silence for the remainder of the ride.

JORDAN (CONT'D)  
We're here. Tonight was perfect.

HAILEY  
No, thank you. Really. It was a great evening.

They both get out of the car and Jordan walks Hailey to the door. Hailey kisses Jordan on the cheek.

JORDAN  
When do I get a real kiss?

HAILEY  
Maybe someday, if you're good.

Hailey smiles.

HAILEY (CONT'D)  
Good night.

Jordan leans in to say good night. Hailey closes the door on him playfully. They both lean against the door, back to back.

FADE OUT:

INT. JORDAN'S ROOM - AFTERNOON

Hailey and Jordan are laying on Jordan's bed next to each other. They are both obviously upset.

JORDAN  
Well, happy anniversary.

HAILEY  
Happy's an interesting word in our circumstance.

JORDAN  
I'm sorry. You know I wanted to stay.

They sit in silence.

JORDAN (CONT'D)  
We have plenty of time. I won't let you get rid of me.

HAILEY  
Me neither.

Jordan sits up, then Hailey does.

JORDAN  
It will be okay.

Jordan turns Hailey's face towards him.

JORDAN (CONT'D)  
I promise.

HAILEY  
I know.

JORDAN  
I've got to go now.

They kiss shortly. Jordan gets up and leaves, Hailey sits for a minute longer, sighs, and then gets up.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. JORDAN'S NEW BEDROOM/HAILEY'S ROOM - NIGHT

Jordan and Hailey are on the phone. Jordan is laying on his floor, Hailey is sitting against her headboard.

JORDAN  
Look, I don't think you were flirting with him, but I know he was flirting with you. Everyone said so.

Jordan gestures with his hands during the questions.

JORDAN (CONT'D)  
You don't have a problem with someone flirting with you? Remember the time you thought I was flirting with Alyssa?

HAILEY  
That's different. And he wasn't flirting! We're just friends.

JORDAN  
So you don't think he was flirting?

HAILEY  
No.

Jordan rubs his eyes.

JORDAN  
Then I guess I'm overreacting?

HAILEY  
I guess you are.

There is an awkward silence.

JORDAN  
Well, I'm sorry.

Short silence.

JORDAN (CONT'D)  
Forgive me?

HAILEY  
Of course.

JORDAN  
I feel bad. I don't know why it upset me  
so much.

HAILEY  
I don't either.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. JORDAN'S NEW BEDROOM/HAILEY'S ROOM - DAY

Multiple phone conversations are shown. Happy ones are  
contrasted by angry ones.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. COFFEE SHOP - AFTERNOON

Jordan has traveled back home to see Hailey. They are  
seated inside the coffee shop and awkwardly silent.

JORDAN  
Are we okay?

HAILEY  
No.

Jordan freezes, coffee halfway to his mouth.

HAILEY (CONT'D)  
I don't think we're meant for each other.  
I hope you understand.

JORDAN  
I'm not sure I do.

HAILEY

We're just not supposed to be together. I figured we should just end it before one of us gets too attached.

Jordan closes his eyes and sighs.

JORDAN

How? How does this make sense? We were happy, weren't we? For the most part at least.

HAILEY

We've been fighting a lot.

JORDAN

But we made it through the fights.

Jordan looks into Hailey's eyes.

HAILEY

I'm not sure if we could make it through another.

JORDAN

So rather than find out, we're just going to quit?

HAILEY

I guess if that's how you want to look at it...

Jordan stands up, angry, then sits back down.

JORDAN

If that's how I want to look at it? How else can I look at it?

HAILEY

You could look at it as just giving me time to work things out.

Jordan lowers his eyes, almost ashamed.

JORDAN

So you're saying we could get back together?

HAILEY

I don't know. I just know I want the best friend back that I had this summer.

JORDAN  
I never went anywhere. I've been right here.

HAILEY  
It hasn't seemed like it.

Jordan's eyes jerk up.

JORDAN  
What does that mean?

HAILEY  
I don't know. Call me when you're ready.

Hailey gets up and leaves.

JORDAN  
(to himself)  
I'm ready now. I want to talk now.

Jordan drops his head to the table.

JORDAN (CONT'D)  
(to himself)  
And I'm already too attached.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. COFFEE SHOP - HOURS LATER

Jordan hasn't moved. He is still sitting. Alyssa enters the coffee shop. Alyssa sits down across from Jordan. He doesn't look up.

ALYSSA  
Hey.

JORDAN  
Hi.

ALYSSA  
How are you?

Jordan turns away so Alyssa can't look in his eyes.

JORDAN  
Things have been quite a bit better, honestly.

ALYSSA  
Hailey problems?

JORDAN

Well, I guess not anymore.

Alyssa smiles to herself.

ALYSSA

Well, sometimes it's there, sometimes it isn't.

JORDAN

It was there. I know it was. I felt it.

Alyssa puts her hand on Jordan's.

ALYSSA

I guess you have to know when it's time to move on.

JORDAN

You're right.

(BEAT)

You're right, and this isn't it.

Jordan leaves.

CUT TO:

EXT. HAILEY'S HOUSE - EVENING

Jordan knocks on Hailey's door urgently.

JORDAN

Hailey?

Hailey comes to the door, but doesn't open it.

JORDAN (CONT'D)

I know you're there. I just want to talk.

Jordan leans against the door.

JORDAN (CONT'D)

Then I'll talk, and you'll just have to listen.

Jordan slides down the door so he's sitting against it.

JORDAN (CONT'D)

I know you want space, but this won't get any better if we just avoid it.

Hailey sits against the door as well.

HAILEY  
(to herself)  
We don't need to talk about anything.

JORDAN  
Please, just open the door. We can work  
this out.

Hailey opens the door, Jordan practically falls into the house.

JORDAN (CONT'D)  
Thank you, so much.

HAILEY  
I don't know if there's anything to work  
out.

They continue talking. Jordan is doing most of the talking, Hailey's words are always brief. They continually glance at each other, making eye contact, but one of them always turns away quickly.

They stop talking and look at each other in silence. Jordan gets up and walks out the door, stops, and turns around to see Hailey closing the door behind him.

JORDAN (V.O.)  
Who knows if I'll ever hear from her  
again. I'll wake up every day for a while  
hoping she calls, but that will go away.

Hailey gets on her phone and calls Alyssa. Jordan looks at his; no one calls.

JORDAN (V.O.)  
Not as easily as she did, but with time,  
it will. You can't keep holding on to  
something that doesn't want to be held.

Jordan walks to his car.

JORDAN (V.O.)  
The important thing is that you woke up  
every day and fought, bled, and on the  
bad days, even died because you were  
unwilling to give up even though she  
already had.

He gets in and turns the key, but doesn't move.

JORDAN (V.O.)  
Summer brought her into my life...

Quick cuts of Jordan and Hailey at the beach together, watching the sunset, playing basketball on a driveway.

JORDAN (V.O.)  
And winter took her away.

Quick cuts of Jordan and Hailey arguing.

JORDAN (V.O.)  
The thing about seasons is... when one ends, a new one is right around the corner. The winter may be unbearable, but that's part of what makes the summer so incredible.

He begins to drive.

FADE TO BLACK.