

“JACK AND BOBBY”

COURTNEY Scene 1

INT. LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL. CAFETERIA. RESUMING

Jack now hovers over Courtney as she writes in a journal.

JACK (O.B.)
What are you writing?

COURTNEY
(looks up)
Nothing.

JACK
Doesn't look like nothing.

COURTNEY
Just...thoughts.

INT. NONDESCRIPT DOCUMENTARY BACKGROUND. THE FUTURE

MARCUS

And then it was one girl in particular...

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JACK

You're new here, aren't you? I'm Jack
McCallister.

COURTNEY
Courtney Benedict

JACK
Nice to meet you, Courtney. I know it's tough
being the new kid. Why don't you come sit
over at our table.

COURTNEY
Over there? No thanks.

JACK
You'd rather sit by yourself?

COURTNEY

I'd rather chew off my right arm.

JACK

(sitting)

I totally get it. Last time I was new I pretty much hid out for the first day. Come on, let's go over. I'll introduce you to everybody. If you get scared you can hide next to me.

COURTNEY

Really. No thanks.

JACK

I don't get it. What's so scary about a table of people you don't know?

She casts a good long look. And then one at Jack.

COURTNEY

You really want to know?

JACK

Yeah. Sure. Lay it one me.

COURTNEY

Let's see...there's that jock in the middle who can't get the 200 SAT points for spelling his name but thinks he's god's gift because he's the quarterback of the football team and he gets laid whenever he wants to, and the girl next to him who's got antennas for ears and just waits all day like a...fax machine waiting to hear mean crappy things about other people that she can exaggerate to even meaner, and crappier things because she likes the attention, there's that guy on the end who thinks he's funny and always carries the joke one step too far because he doesn't know what it's like to have someone laughing at you and then there's the worst one of all...The guy who thinks he can play both sides and act like he's all Mister Regular and he "gets it", gets what it's like to be an outsider or gets what it is not to have friends or gets, whatever he gets to impress girls but he only gets it 'til the minute they put out and then suddenly, surprise, he doesn't have time to get it anymore.

(beat)

Should I go on?

Jack may have just fallen in love.

JACK

If you did, you might mention that Nick has dyslexia, so he won't even be taking the regular SAT because he needs the non-timed one and you might know that he works with a tutor four days a week just to keep his grades up to Cs. Or that Liz, when she's not saying mean and crappy things about people, works at her parent's store every day after school since her father filed for bankruptcy last year...But Marcus you were pretty right about.

COURTNEY

You don't know me so why do you even care what I think?

JACK

You're right, I don't know you. Until a minute ago I didn't even know your name. But I want to...

(MORE)

There's this bonfire tomorrow night. It's a pep rally for the fall teams.

COURTNEY

School event...ugh.

JACK

It'll be fun. Life-altering, really. And I'd like you to come. In fact, you can—

BOBBY (O.S.)

Jack!

At the worst possible moment, of course, Bobby comes up. exuberant per usual.

BOBBY (CONT'D)

Jack. Hey. This is where you guys sit, huh? We're out on the benches. They're okay. I like it better in here.

(to Courtney)

Hey, I'm Bobby. Jack's brother.

COURTNEY

Hi. Courtney.

BOBBY

I know, you're that girl - -

JACK

Bobby.

BOBBY
Remember, Jack? The girl we saw on the way
home - -

JACK
No, that was someone else.

BOBBY
No it wasn't. Mom asked you and you said
you thought she was cute - -

JACK
Bobby.

Jack glares. Even Bobby realizes what he's done. Mercifully, the
BELL RINGS.

BOBBY
I gotta go. Do you know where "R-12" is?

JACK
Upstairs. Past the chem. 'abs.

BOBBY
Okay. Bye, Jack. Bye Courtney.

Cont.

He leaves. Jack looks ashen.

COURTNEY

What were you saying about not knowing who
I was until 5 minutes ago?

JACK
My brother has no "off" switch.

COURTNEY
I think it's charming.

JACK
I think one day it's gonna cause World War
III. Luckily, he wouldn't even notice...

COURTNEY
I gotta get to class.

She gets up, but turns before she leaves

COURTNEY (CONT'D)
So...I'll see you at the bonfire.

Off Jack, not quite believing, then believing, then thrilled.

FADE OUT