

FIGMENT

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EXT. PARK - MIDDAY

DANIEL, introverted teenage boy, is lying his head on the lap of VIOLET, beautiful teenage girl, on the grass.

DANIEL
What a beautiful day.

VIOLET
Oh yes, it is quite wonderful.

DANIEL
The day we met was like this.

VIOLET
Really? Do you remember how we met?

DANIEL thinks for a while and puts on a puzzled face.

DANIEL
No, not really. You just suddenly
appeared in my life one day. I'm
glad you did.

VIOLET smiles.

VIOLET
I'm glad I met you too Daniel.

DANIEL smiles. He then gets up off the ground and looks at VIOLET.

DANIEL
Let's get going Violet. The people
are looking at us funny.

VIOLET nods and takes DANIEL's hand as he helps her up.

VIOLET
Where to next?

DANIEL
It doesn't matter as long as we're
together.

VIOLET nudges DANIEL.

VIOLET
Hold off your cheesy lines or I
might just suddenly disappear from
your life like I entered it.

DANIEL
Hey!

DANIEL grabs VIOLET's hand and they run off.

MONTAGE OF ESTABLISHING SCENES OF THE COUPLE

1. On a playground.
2. At an arcade.
3. Cafe.
4. In a book shop.
5. On the sidewalk.
6. Apple store*
7. Cinema? (TBD contacting Waverley Cinemas)

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INT. APPLE STORE - AFTERNOON

DANIEL is on an iMac on Photobooth.

DANIEL
Hey come take some photos with me.

VIOLET's eyes widen and she laughs and shakes her head.

VIOLET
Sorry Daniel, I'm not pretty enough
for the screen.

DANIEL dismisses VIOLET's statement.

DANIEL
Your loss.

FADE OUT.

INT. SHOPPING MALL FOOD COURT - AFTERNOON

DANIEL and his friends are sitting in the FOOD COURT.

FRIEND #1
So, boys, excited for the social
this weekend?

Everyone laughs and murmurs to themselves.

FRIEND #2
I'm bringing Amanda.

The friends around the table's faces light up.

DANIEL
Who's Amanda?

FRIEND #3
Oh just this girl who's in his
French class. He can't keep his
eyes off her.

FRIEND #2
Shut up Nick.

The group laughs.

FRIEND #1
So who are you bringing Daniel?

Daniel smiles.

DANIEL
I'm bringing Violet.

The mood suddenly swings and the friends slowly glance at
each other. Friend #1 breaks into forced laughter.

FRIEND #1
HAHA. That was a good one Daniel.
Seriously though, who?

The table remains silent.

DANIEL
I'm bringing Violet.

FRIEND #2
Are you crazy?

DANIEL
Why what's wrong with Violet?

FRIEND #2 puts his HAND on DANIEL's SHOULDER. FRIEND #1
places his HAND gently on DANIEL's WRIST.

FRIEND #1
Daniel, you do realize Violet
doesn't exist. You used to talk
about her as a joke during class.

DANIEL
What? What do you mean I was with
her just yesterday. We went to the
park, the shops, we even-

FRIEND #1
Daniel.

DANIEL
What!? She exists, is this some
kind of joke? What do you have
against her?

FRIEND #2 tries to firm his grip on DANIEL to calm him down.

FRIEND #2
Daniel, it's all in your head.

DANIEL
NO! STOP!

FRIEND #3
Daniel we've been your friends
since forever. This is turning you
into a monster!

DANIEL
Monsters hurt people. I'm not
hurting anyone!

FRIEND #2
You're hurting yourself.

There is a silence as Daniel thinks.

DANIEL
No. No. Stop it. I'm going. You
guys are a bunch of idiots.

DANIEL stands up and leaves. The friends look at each other
and begin to murmur.

FADE OUT.

EXT. BENCH - EVENING

DANIEL is sitting with VIOLET on a BENCH. VIOLET's head is
leaning against DANIEL's shoulder. DANIEL is crying.

DANIEL
They don't think you exist.

Violet strokes Daniel gently to calm him down.

DANIEL (CONT'D)
Why would they say that? We spend
so much time together. They think
it's a joke. But you do exist. You
really do.

Violet begins to cry.

DANIEL (CONT'D)
Right?

Violet falls into tears.

VIOLET

I don't Daniel. I don't exist. I'm in your mind. That's why they can't see me. Why do you think everyone was staring at you at the park? Or at the arcade when you put money into the second player slot? I'm in your mind Daniel.

DANIEL

No. No stop it isn't funny anymore.

VIOLET

Daniel. Listen to me. I tried to keep it under control but it's gotten out of hand now.

DANIEL

Are you saying I'm a schizophrenic?

VIOLET

Daniel.

DANIEL

I'm a schizophrenic.

VIOLET lifts her head and grabs DANIEL's head and turns it towards her.

VIOLET

Listen, Daniel. You can't live like this. You have to move on. Go explore the world, there's sure to be someone like me.

DANIEL

You knew? You knew the whole time?

VIOLET

Daniel, please just listen. I'm formed from your own creations. I was based from your ideas. Think hard. I'm probably based off a girl you know.

DANIEL

If I knew them why would I create you Violet? Please.

They're both crying. Strangers walk past and look alarmed. Daniel shouts at one of them.

DANIEL (CONT'D)

Is she there? Look here! Is someone sitting there?!

The stranger is frightened and quickens their pace.

VIOLET

I love you Daniel. Goodbye.

Daniel hugs Violet as she slowly fades away. Daniel is left alone as the montage is replayed, but now with the scenes without Violet, only him pretending to be spending time with someone who was only in his mind.

FADE OUT.

EXT. SHOPPING STRIP - MORNING

DANIEL is back with his friends as they walk down the street next to shops.

FRIEND #1

I'm glad you feel better Daniel.

FRIEND #3

It's been five days and he's been depressed the entire time, does it look like he feels better.

FRIEND #2

Be quiet Nick, you're making him feel worse.

Daniel remains quiet until he sees a girl turn the corner. She resembles the physical features of Violet and Daniel's face quickly lights up.

DANIEL

Who's that?

FRIEND #2

Hey that's Stacey. She was in your maths class last year wasn't she?

FRIEND #3

Yeah but she was only here for 2 weeks. Her parents took her on a surprise holiday for the rest of the year.

FRIEND #1

Rich parents.

The friends laugh. Daniel's attention is fixed on Stacey.

DANIEL

Stacey..

Daniel runs towards Stacey. The friends look puzzled.

FRIEND #3

Hey, where are you going?

FRIEND #2

Let him be, him approaching any girl is a sure sign that he's getting better.

FRIEND #1

What he said.

Daniel runs up to Stacey and hugs her. Stacey looks confused but allows the hug. Daniel finally lets her go.

STACEY

Thanks?

DANIEL

You're back Violet!

STACEY

I'm Stacey, you must be mistaken. Hey weren't you in my class last year?

DANIEL

But you're-

VIOLET

(voice over)
I'm probably based off a girl you know.

Daniel comes to terms with himself and tries to start again.

DANIEL

Oh. Right. Silly me. Hey my friends said you went on a holiday!

STACEY

Yeah, we went to Hawaii.

DANIEL

For a whole year? Wow.

DANIEL's FRIENDS are talking.

FRIEND #3

Oh my god.

FRIEND #2

Well. That may solve some of his problems.

The friends laugh.

FRIEND #1
Hey look we can finally see her
now.

The friends laugh to themselves and walk away, and Daniel and Stacey begin walking in the opposite direction. The of the two chatting and laughing can be heard faintly.

FADE TO BLACK.