

INT. JAMIE'S HALLWAY - DAY

SUPER: August 3rd

FADE IN:

JAMIE is a tall teenager, with shoulder length, curly, black hair. He wears black jeans and a black band shirt. He checks the mirror briefly as he straightens his clothes before putting on headphones. He leaves.

MUSIC CUE: "Let It Happen" by Tame Impala

EXT. ROADSIDE - DAY

JAMIE walks quickly on the sidewalk of a busy main road.

EXT. PARK - DAY

JAMIE then walks through a large park with people dotted around. The sun beams down on various people playing football and sitting on the grass.

EXT. ROADSIDE - DAY

He walks along another busy road, reorganising his hair and headphones.

CUT TO:

EXT. TRAIN STATION - DAY

JAMIE walks onto the train station platform, and stands waiting for a few moments. As he checks his phone, the train pulls up. The music is still blaring in his headphones.

INT. TRAIN - DAY

He stares out the window bobbing his head and occasionally checking his phone.

INT. LARGE TRAIN STATION - DAY

JAMIE stands in a busy station terminal as hundreds of passengers swarm to different areas of the building; it's a chaotic mess of noise and lights. After a while, he spots the correct platform and begins walking but people continue to barge into him.

Finally he spots BETH, a teenage girl wearing plain jeans, a white band shirt, and a summer cardigan. She looks very

polite, like someone you'd bring home to your mother. She waves at JAMIE.

JAMIE  
Beth! Oh my god it's so busy.

JAMIE and BETH give a small, slightly awkward hug.

BETH  
How are you?

JAMIE  
I'm alright. Kinda nervous but alright.

BETH  
How come?

JAMIE  
Just feels a bit awkward. I don't know.

BETH  
You'll be fine.

JAMIE  
Yeah but, just, I don't know. I'll be fine, you're right.

BETH  
Just sit next to me when we get there.

JAMIE  
I'm going to be stuck to you for a few hours so I'm sorry in advance.

BETH  
(Smiling) Don't worry at all.

JAMIE  
When's our train leave?

BETH checks her phone, and then gasps.

BETH  
Now.

BETH spots the train, and begins to run for it. JAMIE follows. They push past what seems like a hundred strangers until they stumble onto the train, but to their surprise it's almost completely empty.

INT. TRAIN - DAY

They sit down exhausted.

JAMIE

How's your summer? It's been so long  
since I last saw you.

BETH

Like 3 months ago?

JAMIE

I thought it was like two weeks, oh  
god.

BETH

Well the past two weeks have been  
fine. A bit boring.

JAMIE

Yeah I get that. I was so glad I got  
invited to this because I've been  
rotting for like two weeks at home. I  
get so used to stocking up on loads of  
food and just sitting at my house  
doing nothing.

BETH

You'd be a good nuclear survivor.

JAMES

If I had a TV or my computer then yes.

BETH

You get to see Skye's house today.  
It's like a proper farm. And we will  
probably be hanging out in "the shed".

JAMIE

A shed?

BETH

No no. "The Shed".

JAMIE looks puzzled.

BETH (CONT'D)

It's really fun, I promise.

The train picks up speed and zooms past countless buildings  
and highrises.

BETH (CONT'D)  
Did you bring anything?

JAMIE  
What?

BETH  
Like any drinks or something.

JAMIE  
Am I supposed to?

BETH  
Yeah but it's fine. There will be lots  
there.

JAMIE  
I don't go to house parties Beth. I'm  
freaking out. I feel like you are all  
super close and I'm just some dude. Am  
I also the only guy there?

BETH  
I think so but I promise it's fine.  
They all think you're cool.

JAMIE  
Yeah on Instagram and that, not in  
real life. I'm just going to be sat in  
the corner being awkward on my phone  
or something.

BETH  
I feel like that sometimes.

There's a pause.

BETH (CONT'D)  
Remember though, I'm the awkward  
person. You're not.

JAMIE  
You aren't that awkward.

BETH raises an eyebrow.

JAMIE (CONT'D)  
Fine. Okay. I've met Skye once and she  
is lovely.

BETH

Exactly, and there's a reason you're invited.

JAMIE

True, and Alyx, I think I've hung out with them before. Who else is there?

BETH

Erm, I forget. Skye and Alyx obviously. Summer too, do you know them?

JAMIE

Yeah? I know them on like, Instagram. I don't think we've actually met.

BETH

Hannah is there who you saw at that thing last month. You haven't met Rose though.

JAMIE

Correct. Okay, it's not too many people then.

BETH looks out the window for a few moments as the city disappears into the distance.

JAMIE (CONT'D)

You said you feel like that sometimes.

BETH

What?

JAMIE

I said I'm going to feel awkward and you said you feel like that sometimes.

BETH

Have you actually met me?

JAMIE smiles for a moment.

BETH (CONT'D)

I mean, these are super old friends but I don't live near them anymore so I sort of feel similar to you. Like a bit of a stranger.

JAMIE  
Where do you live now? Is it far?

BETH gets out her phone and opens the maps. We don't see the map, but their faces staring intently.

BETH  
We all lived in this bit and mostly went to the same high school, we actually go past it soon. Then when college started I moved over to this part.

JAMIE  
Wow, so just down the road?

BETH laughs.

BETH  
No but it's like... it's enough. All the casual little hangouts disappear when you move this far away because it's like... effort. Not that my friends aren't worth it obviously. I don't know, it's weird.

JAMIE  
I get it. I'm travelling like, what, 2 hours to come hang out with you all?

BETH  
Would you consider your friend group like, a genuine close friend group if you had to travel hours just to hangout?

JAMIE stops for a minute and thinks.

JAMIE  
I think so, yeah. I grew up on like, my computer, and playing games. I'd play things with my old college friends all the time and we never really met up besides actually going to college.

BETH  
You still met up all the time though then, if it's college. I'm talking like if your close friend group was like 2 hours away.

JAMIE

It is natural to basically drift apart, isn't it? If i'm not physically hanging out with friends then they will go elsewhere and so will I. If I remember some old college friends or high school friends, they are so insanely different to me now even though at one point we were the exact same. I bumped into my old best friend from primary school, I bumped into him at some restaurant he worked at and there was no connection there. It was like two strangers.

BETH

Did he recognise you?

JAMIE

I actually still don't know if he did.

The train speeds through the countryside as rows of old British houses line the hills near farms and forests.

BETH

My old high school friends hate me now.

JAMIE

Really? Why?

BETH

It's so dumb. It's pure, high school gossip stuff.

JAMIE

Did you get involved in a big scandal?  
Did you sleep with someone you  
shouldn't have?

BETH

No no. God no. It was just loads of things like, one person didn't like another and then told another and then it went around in a big circle and everyone found out. Stuff that doesn't matter and it's so weird that we spent so much time thinking about it. Being a child means we should be running around playing tag or something, and not that.

JAMIE  
Preach.

JAMIE and BETH sit in silence for a moment.

BETH  
It was mainly this thing with a girl.

JAMIE  
Oh?

BETH  
I just hung out with this girl who was my best friend and I started to have a crush on her. It's weird though because we were really good friends. She was probably enjoying my company and I was thinking of ways to ask her out. It's weird.

JAMIE  
You have become a man, how does it feel?

BETH  
No! Help!

JAMIE  
You disgusting sexist. How dare you!

JAMIE and BETH laugh.

BETH  
It really felt like that though, I felt so bad afterwards. One person having intentions while the other just wants to be mates. I don't know.

JAMIE  
Well how did she find out? Did you just shoot your shot?

BETH  
Nope. I told another friend who told someone else until it got back to her.

JAMIE  
Oh.

BETH  
The worst thing about it is I don't  
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BETH (CONT'D)

know exactly what was said. Maybe she heard something horrible like I had been trying to sleep with her for ages. By the time my secret got around to her it could have been completely ruined. We literally had a sleepover a week before the whole thing happened so I definitely looked creepy.

JAMIE

Ah, I'm sorry. I don't know what she thought at the time but I bet when she looks back at it, it isn't bad. Probably just a funny little story.

BETH

Yeah, I hope so.

BETH smiles a half smile at the thought.

BETH (CONT'D)

Oh look, there it is.

The train comes around a bend revealing a large building on a small hill in the distance surrounded by trees. It looks almost like a castle.

JAMIE

That's the famous high school?

BETH

Yeah, pretty much everyone around here goes there. All of us cool indie girls and all the chavs.

JAMIE

You and the others, where you always like, indie and alternative even in high school? I remember high school and there were obviously like, the tough guys and the nerdy guys, but there weren't many other people. I remember one emo girl who was told off for dying her hair, and that's it.

BETH

Your high school sounds so boring.

JAMIE

Actually nevermind. I'm only thinking  
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JAMIE (CONT'D)  
that because we had to wear uniforms.  
There were probably loads of emos and  
indie people and whatever but you  
couldn't tell because of the uniform.

BETH  
Yeah, there we go, that makes sense.

BETH laughs.

JAMIE  
So indie girls and chavs, was that it?

BETH  
Farmer chavs.

JAMIE  
You are lying.

BETH  
Nope. They would smoke weed at school  
then go home to their tractors.

JAMIE  
I don't believe you.

BETH  
It's true! People out here smoke so  
much, especially the farmers.

JAMIE  
I need to get in with them. Join a  
gang then harvest some crops. Sounds  
like a good time.

They both sit in silence for a moment, each smiling.

BETH  
Let's get up, we're almost here.

BETH stands up.

JAMIE  
It's a long trip for a party. I'm  
going to hate doing this in reverse  
tonight.

BETH  
You get used to it. And I love it  
because it's basically the perfect  
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BETH (CONT'D)  
amount of time to listen to some  
albums.

JAMIE  
That's a good point but you aren't  
doing my trip. I get like 4 albums on  
mine.

BETH  
Okay fine, but still...

JAMIE  
So what's the plan?

BETH  
A few of them should be meeting us at  
the station I think. I haven't had  
signal out here so I might be wrong.

JAMIE  
We'll figure it out.

JAMIE stands up and joins BETH at the door, until the train  
stops and they get off.

BETH  
It's this way.

EXT. COUNTRYSIDE TRAIN STATION - DAY

They walk down the platform of a tiny, countryside train  
station. It is surrounded by a dense forest and feels cut off  
from the world. They spot a small car with several people  
stood around it.

SUMMER is a short, teenage girl dressed in autumn clothes  
with short, brown, curly hair. She radiates a warm energy.  
Next to her is ROSE, dressed in bright, pastel colours with a  
slight edginess. She seems like a person who was at once  
heavily alternative and has since changed for one reason or  
another. ROSE is the most awkward of the group, and avoids  
heavy amounts of eye contact. She is dressed very plainly.  
Stood next to SUMMER and ROSE is SUMMER'S MOTHER. She is  
fairly ordinary; a large, older woman in her 40s or 50s with  
curly black hair and a grey tracksuit on. SUMMER'S MOTHER is  
the chauffeur.

SUMMER  
Hello guys!