

"Forget-Me-Not"

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FADE IN:

INT. COURTROOM - DAY

A clock on the wall displays the time: "2:00"

The sign under the clock: "COUNTY COURT - FAMILY DIVISION"

PATRICK, 30's, sits stoic at the table labeled "DEFENDANT"

JUDGE (O.S.)

The court grants the Final Order of
Divorce in this matter, and these
proceedings are officially closed.

INT. COURTHOUSE HALLWAY - DAY - LATER

Patrick approaches his brother, MIKE, 40's, who waits in the crowded hallway. Mike puts a consoling arm around him.

MIKE

Welcome to the club, bro. 'Least
you guys didn't have any kids.

Patrick shrugs his shoulders; they walk along quietly.

A large floral arrangement is displayed by the exit.

Patrick gazes at a grouping of small blue flowers with yellow centers.

PATRICK

I think about the Catskills a lot,
you know, when we were kids.

MIKE

Yeah, sure, it was a ton of fun.

INT. CAR (MOVING) - DAY - LATER

Mike drives; Patrick stares out at the passing cityscape.

PATRICK

Remember the one year we went up
there, that girl, Dawn?

MIKE

Yeah, I guess, barely.

PATRICK
I think about her sometimes.

MIKE
You okay?

PATRICK
It just pops in my head, when
something reminds me of her.

EXT. CATSKILL MOUNTAIN RESORT - DAY

A main office is flanked by two buildings of guest rooms.

INT. CATSKILL MOUNTAIN RESORT - DINING ROOM - DAY

All the GUESTS find their tables, sit down for breakfast.

DAWN, age 12, with long red curls and freckles, sits behind:

Patrick, age 12, who accidentally bumps his chair with hers.

The two meet eyes, Patrick shyly turns away.

EXT. CATSKILL MOUNTAIN RESORT - POOL - DAY

Dawn swims along as KIDS play in the pool.

Patrick sneaks up behind, SPLASHES her with a wave of water.
Dawn gets drenched, Patrick laughs with all the other kids.

EXT. CATSKILL MOUNTAIN RESORT - PLAYGROUND - DAY

The KIDS play tag, run around and laugh like crazy.

Dawn is "it," she chases after kids, tries to tag them.

Patrick falls down on purpose; Dawn runs over, tags him.

PATRICK (V.O.)
I just wonder what she's doing now.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Dawn, 30's, same long red curls, but not as many freckles,
teaches to her class of THIRD GRADERS.

PATRICK (V.O.)
...If her life turned out okay.

INT. SHOPPING MALL - DAY

Dawn and her SISTER, 40's, laugh as they window shop.

PATRICK (V.O.)
I wonder if she's happier than me.

INT. CATSKILL MOUNTAIN RESORT - DINING ROOM - DAY

12 year-old Dawn discovers a small blue flower with a yellow center on her chair.

She looks over at Patrick's chair, but it's empty.

INT. CATSKILL MOUNTAIN RESORT - T.V. ROOM - NIGHT

The room is packed for the kids' movie night.

12 year-old Patrick sits on a cramped couch of kids.

Across the room, 12 year-old Dawn sits alone on a chair.

A BOY sitting next to Patrick yawns, then exits the room.

Dawn gets up, sits next to Patrick; shimmies closer to him.

INT. DINER - DAY

Mike scoops up the bill before Patrick can read it.

MIKE
Maybe you should try to find her.

Patrick shrugs, takes out some cash, but Mike waves him off.

EXT. CATSKILL MOUNTAIN RESORT - OPEN FIELD - NIGHT

A huge bonfire roars inside a circle of rocks.

Kids run around, laugh and carry on.

12 year-old Dawn sits alone on a rock, roasts a marshmallow.

Patrick, with a stick and marshmallow, sits down with her.

PATRICK
Sorry I splashed you the other day.

DAWN
I know.

PATRICK
Are you cold?

DAWN
No, the fire warms me up.

PATRICK
They're gonna tell ghost stories.

DAWN
They always scare me.

He slides across, closer to Dawn on the rock. She smiles.
The marshmallow falls off her stick, into the fire.
Patrick smiles, hands his stick to her.

INT. CATSKILL MOUNTAIN RESORT - GUEST ROOM - NEXT DAY
12 year-old Patrick knocks on the door, it swings open.
A MAID cleans the empty room. She sees Patrick at the door.

MAID
Sorry, they left this morning.

PATRICK (V.O.)
I tried to say good-bye...

The door swings back by itself, closes in front of Patrick.

PATRICK (V.O.)
...but I never saw her again.

INT. PATRICK'S APARTMENT - DAY

Moving boxes are stacked everywhere. Mike enters with Patrick, who peruses his mail of bills stamped: "PAST DUE"

MIKE
You still haven't unpacked yet?

Mike rolls up his sleeves, breaks open a box, unloads items.
Patrick cracks open a beer, sits on a cardboard box.

PATRICK
I never knew where she was from.

INT. ROOM - SAME DAY

A clock on the wall displays the time: "2:00"

PATRICK (V.O.)
On days like today, I wonder what
she's doing...

A KNOCK on a door, then the door opening is heard.

SISTER (O.S.)
You all ready? It's time.

Dawn's Sister enters wearing a purple bridesmaid's dress.

The room is a private decorated bridal suite.

Dawn, in a white wedding dress, red curls pulled up and freckles hidden under make-up, stands alone in the room.

SISTER
The photographer's looking for you.

DAWN
Okay, I'll be right out.

Her Sister smiles, nods her head, exits the room.

PATRICK (V.O.)
But mostly I wonder...Does she ever
think of me?

Dawn opens her left hand, reveals an old, faded, small blue flower with a yellow center.

A drawer is open at a nearby table.

She wipes a tear away, kisses the flower. Places it inside the drawer, slowly closes it.

FADE OUT.