DAVID

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DAVID is six years old. He wears a t-shirt and shorts, and sports a thin moptop.

EXT. SCHOOL PLAYGROUND. DAY - DAVID IS LEANING ON A SLIDE. HE NOTICES ELIZABETH ON THE SWINGS. THOUGH HE DOES NOT KNOW WHY HE IS ATTRACTED TO HER, DAVID REMAINS CURIOUS. DAVID’S FAT FRIEND, KEVIN APPROACHES HIM. KEVIN IS EASILY NOTICEABLE BY THE BIG MOE BETWEEN HIS EYES.

KEVIN
Hi DAVID.

DAVID
Hi KEVIN.

KEVIN
I think my mom loves me today. She packed me cheese and crackers instead of an apple. See?

DAVID looks straight ahead without turning his head. He is still fixated on the girl on the swings.

KEVIN
I hate fruits don’t you? What are you looking at?

DAVID
Oh, Nothing. Well, just that.

DAVID points to ELIZABETH. ELIZABETH is across the playground and she is on the swings. She is wearing a white dress with white shoes. She is laughing, giggling, and screaming with joy as she reaches the highest peak on the swing.

KEVIN
The ice-cream?

Next to ELIZABETH is TED, a shrimpy looking kid. He is eating a Haagen-Daas chocolate ice-cream stick. His face is covered with vanilla. The chocolate and vanilla drips down the stick onto his hand.

DAVID
No, that person on the swings. He looks different from us.

KEVIN
That’s not a he. She’s a she. She’s my girlfriend.

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DAVID
What’s a girlfriend?

KEVIN
I don’t know. My mom and her mom are friends and my mom said she should be my girlfriend.

KEVIN is proud to say that. He continues to stuff crackers in his face.

KEVIN
So I have a girlfriend. She doesn’t talk to me much. Only when I give her cheese and crackers.

DAVID
Like those?

KEVIN
Yeah, like these. Do you want one? I can make you one.

DAVID nods. KEVIN takes a slice of cheese and puts it on the cracker. DAVID accepts and eats.

DAVID
What do you call her?

KEVIN
ELIZABETH.

DAVID’s mouth is full of crackers.

DAVID
Eli-da-bet?

INT. BATHROOM. NIGHT - DAVID IS WEARING A WHITE WIFEBEATER. HE STANDS ON TOP OF A STOOL TO BRUSH HIS TEETH. HE FINISHES BRUSHING, TURNS OFF THE WATER AND LOOKS AT HIMSELF IN THE MIRROR. HE BEGINS PRACTICING SAYING ELIZABETH’S NAME.

DAVID
E-lie-za-bet. ELI-ZA-BETH!
EXT. SCHOOL PLAYGROUND. DAY - DAVID IS DRESSED VERY HANDSOMELY. HE IS WEARING A LONG SLEEVE PLAID SHIRT, WITH DARK PANTS. HIS HAIR COMBED AND GELLED. IN HIS HAND HE HAS A BROWN BAG. HE SEES KEVIN EATING A HAAGEN-DAAS ICE-CREAM AND APPROACHES HIM.

DAVID
Hi KEVIN.

KEVIN
Hi DAVID. Look, I have ice-cream. My mom loves me.

DAVID
Did you see ELIZABETH today?

KEVIN
I think so. I saw her on the swings. Do you want to taste my ice-cream?

DAVID
That’s okay. I want to show Eli-da-beth. I mean ELIZABETH something.

KEVIN
What’s in the bag?

DAVID
Something I want to show ELIZABETH.

KEVIN
Can I see?

DAVID
No, it’s for ELIZABETH.

KEVIN
Can I see please? I’m your friend.

KEVIN reaches for DAVID’s bag, but DAVID takes it out of his reach. DAVID notices ELIZABETH skipping on the other side of the playground.

DAVID
There she is! Eli-ta-beth. I mean ELIZABETH.

DAVID shouts to get her attention.

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DAVID
HI, ELIZA-

KEVIN reaches and grabs the bag while his ice-cream falls off the cone onto DAVID’s clothes. ELIZABETH looks at their direction, but ignores them. She skips on through. DAVID looks at his shirt, now covered with ice-cream.

KEVIN takes out a plate of cheese and crackers from the bag. It is labeled ELIZABETH on the plate.

KEVIN
Oh cool! Cheese and crackers.

KEVIN rips open the plastic wrap and stuffs his face.

DAVID
No, wait!

DAVID is speechless.

INT. CLASSROOM HALLWAY. DAY - DAVID STEPS OUT OF THE BOY’S BATHROOM AND HE SEES ELIZABETH SITTING ON THE FLOOR LOOKING THROUGH HER BACKPACK. DAVID IMMEDIATELY TURNS AND CLUTCHES THE WALL. HE TAKES A DEEP BREATH AND GATHERS HIS THOUGHTS.

DAVID

DAVID takes another deep breath and walks out into the hallway, only to notice another boy attending to her. TED is dressed very handsomely. He takes out a plate of cheese and crackers from a bag. ELIZABETH is thrilled. TED smiles and looks back at DAVID.

FADE