DEVELOPING

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INT. DESK
A hand ejects a memory card from a Digital Camera.
The card inserts into a computer card reader.
Images of ocean landscapes appear on a computer screen.
Images of SARAH and DARON appear on the beach.
INT. DEN
Sarah and Daron look at the images on the computer screen.

SARAH
Beautiful.

DARON
Thanks, and with good company.

SARAH
Do you know how long it has been?

DARON
Since, I’ve been using a digital camera?
A few years now.

SARAH
Very funny! I was talking about us?

DARON
Oh, about the same length of time. When, I stopped using my old Minolta.

SARAH
Did it break?
DARON

No, I just went on to new things. It still works, I think.

INT. DESK

Daron reaches to his right.

INT. DESK DRAWER

Daron picks up an old camera next to round plastic 35mm. film cases.

INT. DESK

Daron puts the old camera next to the digital camera.

DARON

Safe and sound. It probably just needs a new battery to fire it up.

He retrieves the film cases from the drawer to put on the desk.

DARON

These have not been developed.

SARAH

Why?

DARON

Good question. Maybe, it was the expense or just not that curious.

SARAH

Now, it’s mysterious. Something to think about as I get supper started.

Sarah leaves as Daron focuses on the film cases.
EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY
Daron walks up to a small camera store.

INT. CAMERA STORE
Daron walks to the counter with a clerk.

CLERK
May I help you?

DARON
I want these developed.

He refers to the two film rolls.

CLERK
How soon?

DARON
No hurry. They’re old, but would like see what’s on them.

CLERK
Print?

DARON
Yes, singles only.

CLERK
It’s going to take a while because it has to be sent out. We don’t do much of this anymore.

EXT. PARK BENCH - DAY
Daron looks through the photo prints with discovery and surprise.

FLASH on a HIGH SCHOOL SIGN - DAY
INT. CLASSROOM
Daron addresses the students.

DARON
In your next assignment I would like you to write about something from the past and how you might view it differently today if you suddenly discovered or remembered it. Any questions?

FLASH on various STUDENTS as they look on with confusion, but no response.

DARON
Ok, just surprise me with however you interpret the assignment. Let your creativity lead the way and I look forward to reading them.

INT. CAMERA STORE - DAY
The same clerk waits on Daron with two more rolls of film.

DARON
Yes, have these developed the same way. Also, an enlargement from this negative.

Daron shows him the negative.

INT. FRAME STORE
Daron looks at various empty frames on display.

INT. LIVING ROOM
Sarah reads a book on a sofa.
Daron walks in to approach Sarah with something behind his back.

DARON

Surprise!

He sits down next to Sarah and then presents a medium sized frame to her.

SARAH

Oh my God!

Close up on a picture of a younger Sarah and Daron in a fun kiss on the lips.

SARAH

When and where?

DARON

From one of those old rolls of film a few years ago. Ed must have taken it, because there are other shots of us together at that street fair.

He pulls out a packet of pictures to show her. She looks through them with surprise and joy.

SARAH

Yes, that was a wonderful day. Great times. I hope he’s doing well.

DARON

I do too. He is my brother, family after all and we were close.

SARAH

How about now?
DARON
Not sure.

SARAH
We all make mistakes, which really only seeks forgiveness from others or not. Where are you with that?

INT. INTERROGATION ROOM DESK – FLASHBACK

POLICE OFFICER
Your name with others was listed as partners in this mail fraud operation.

DARON
I was not and know nothing about this!

Back to present.

DARON
I hope to forgive, but feelings of deception and dishonesty are still there.

SARAH
That’s understandable. Maybe it’s not about healing or closure, but letting time work some magic.

DARON
Yes, we’ll see. But, now it’s time to recreate something from the past.

SARAH
What?
Daron slowly moves in to kiss Sarah with mutual intensity.

INT. CAMERA STORE

Daron is with the clerk with a roll of film.

DARON

You must be sick of me.

CLERK

No.

DARON

This is the last one.

CLERK

What an adventure. How many years did they go back?

DARON

About six.

CLERK

I had another customer who went back further than that. He didn’t have any pictures of a long gone relative, but found some on an old roll which was totally forgotten.

INT. DARON’S APARTMENT

Daron looks through mail when he comes across a letter with the return address: “Edward Kent – 27609-34, Housing Unit F, Federal Prison Camp, and P.O. Box 600, Big Bend, OH 18472.”

A line from the letter reads, “I am sorry for what I put you all through and hope to be forgiven. Love, Ed.”
Daron sits back in thought.

He looks through some old photos to find a picture of a smiling Ed at a street fair.

INT. DARON’S COMPUTER

Daron types and then stops to read, “The past is history, the future is a mystery, and this moment is a gift. That is why this moment is called the present.”

INT. PRINTER

The letter is printed.

Several current ocean landscape photos print out with Sarah and Daron.

INT. DESK

He puts the letter, the Ed photo, and the photo of Sarah with Daron from the street fair.

Some current ocean landscape photos are put into the same envelope, and then he seals it.

EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY

Daron walks with a camera around his neck while he holds an envelope.

He puts it in a mailbox, and then walks away.