

GRAB HIM BY THE

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INT. LUNCHROOM - DAY

Nina (16), stands by the drink machine and fills up her cup with lemonade. She is a small girl with small features.

She stares at a boy who sits with his friend at a nearby table. He is tall with dark hair and dark skin. This is ALEX (17). He laughs with some friends as he eats his lunch.

She stares at him lustfully, spilling her drink all over her hand and creating a puddle by her feet.

A boy waiting to fill up his cup nearby shakes his head as he watches her.

BOY (O.S.)

Dude, watch what you're doing.

Nina looks away from the boy and looks back at her cup.

NINA

Shit.

Nina joins her friend, Katherine (16), at the table who has a huge plate of fries and nuggets in front of her. Katherine has light hair and freckles all over her face.

KATHERINE

These soy nuggets taste like hay

NINA

Alex totally looked at me just now.

Katherine rolls her eyes and pops a fry into her mouth.

KATHERINE

So did you talk to him?

NINA

Well like, not out loud.

He looked at me... I looked at him... we locked eyes and just connected, like in the movies, ya kno? It was better than speaking, like a totally different level-

KATHERINE

Nina, you're not 7 years old anymore. You just have to talk to him!

NINA

Psh, easier said than done.

KATHERINE

You just gotta make some move; you can't do nothing! Dudes love when you give them attention - they live for that shit.

NINA

Yeah? And how am I supposed to do that?

Nina takes a sip of her lemonade.

KATHERINE

Hmm.. Walk up to him and pull his Peter.

She spits it out onto the table and starts cough.

KATHERINE (CONT'D)

Dude, he'll be eating out the palm of your hand.

NINA

Excuse me?

KATHERINE

Just jingle his Jimmy and start making out with him. Don't even wait.

NINA

That's so... weird.

KATHERINE

No it's not. This the real shit, Nina. Tons of people do it.

NINA

Okay, well I'm not everyone.

KATHERINE

I'm telling you, from experience, that this will work. I do it all the time! You've never had a boyfriend, Nina. You wouldn't even know what to do if you got one.

Nina is quiet. She looks down, her ketchup is in the shape of male genitalia. She messes the shape up with a fry.

KATHERINE (CONT'D)

Dude, what do you have to lose?

NINA

Yeah, okay. I gotta get to class, I'll see you.

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

Nina sits in her kitchen with her mother and father. Her mother, Karen, sits at the head of the table and cuts the large piece of steak on her plate.

Her father, Richard, is a small man with round glasses and a grey beard. He sits beside Karen and eats a plate of salad.

KAREN

This looks delicious, Richard.  
Let's eat!

The family of three munch on their food in silence for a moment.

NINA

Mom? Dad? How did you guys meet?

RICHARD

Sweetie, we told you this. We met  
at the grocery store.

NINA

I know, but who made the first  
move?

Richard looks at Karen nervously. His eyes widen at the question.

Karen nods at Richard approvingly.

KAREN

It's okay, I think she's at that  
age where we can tell her.

NINA

Uhh... What?

RICHARD

Oh, good. I'm so glad you said  
that. I've been wanting to tell her  
this for so long.

(He turns to Nina)

It was so romantic! I was-

KAREN

Let me tell it, Richard.

Richard nods, complying, and smiles at Nina. She furrows her brow.

KAREN (CONT'D)

So, I was at the grocery store shopping for, well, groceries.

Karen laughs, and Richard joins in. She reaches for his hand.

KAREN (CONT'D)

We were in the produce aisle and your father reached for the same cucumber I did. We just made eye contact and I knew. But I had to do something about it, right?

RICHARD

Exactly! Because what if we never saw each other again.

KAREN

Right! So, I went up to your father and grabbed Richard by his Richard!

Karen kisses Richard's hand. They stare at each other with desire in their eyes. Nina drops her fork.

NINA

Are you joking?

Karen and Richard spin their heads towards Nina, puzzlement painted on their faces.

RICHARD

No, not at all, sweetie.

NINA

I'm sorry, that just seems bizarre.

KAREN

Watch your tone, young lady...

RICHARD

Bizarre? It was consensual honey,  
we were already in love.

NINA

You guys didn't even know each  
other yet. How could you have been  
in love?

RICHARD

Tons of people do this, it's  
perfectly normal. I know you're a  
little young and all, but it's  
about time you know how things work

NINA

If this is how it works, I don't  
want to hear about it at all.

KAREN

Nina, I don't know what to say. You  
asked us a question and we're  
telling you the truth about us and  
the rest of the world.

NINA

I'm sorry Mom, but it's not normal!

KAREN

You know what, you're too immature  
to handle this and I don't have the  
patience for immature little girls.  
Go to your room!

Nina rolls her eyes and shakes her head.

NINA

Fine.

She pushes back her chair and runs off to her bedroom.

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

Nina storms into her bedroom and flops onto the bed. She screams into her pillow.

She turns over onto her belly and flips through a magazine. The cover of the magazine has an attractive man holding a puppy with the title, 'Finding Your Happily Ever After!'

There's a knock at the door and Nina closes the magazine and puts it on the floor. Richard stands in the doorway.

RICHARD

Hey. Can I come in, noodles?

NINA

I guess.

Richard sits down on the bed next to Nina.

RICHARD

What's going on?

NINA

It doesn't matter.

RICHARD

If you're upset, it does matter.

NINA

It's just that- I'm a junior in High School and I've never had a boyfriend. I have never even kissed a guy, let alone grabbed their... ya kno.



RICHARD

Ahh... I see.

There's silence in the air. Nina chews on her lip.

RICHARD (CONT'D)

Well, I think you ought to yank his chain, honey. It's worth a shot.

NINA

It's not that simple.

RICHARD

Tons of girls your age are feeling the same thing you are right now. It's weird at first - everyone thinks so - but then you realize the beauty behind it.

Nina looks down at her hands and furrows her brows.

RICHARD (CONT'D)

Your Mother and I are so proud of you, Nina. Whatever you do, just know that whoever this boy is, he should be flattered to have you grab his baloney pony. You just gotta grab him, and squeeze him, and never let go, Noodles.

He kisses her cheek, gets up and walks out of the bedroom. Nina sighs.

EXT. PARK BENCH - DAY

Nina sits on a park bench reading a book. She hears two kids talking and turns around to look at them.

She sees a guy leaning with his back against a tree. A girl leans beside him, elbow leaning above his head. They laugh

together, flirting.

Suddenly she reaches over and grabs his dick.

The boy blushes.

Nina gasps in her chair.

They walk off in the distance holding hands.

They seem so... happy?

This is too good to be true; Nina looks around to see if anyone noticed. There are a few people nearby but they don't seem to make a big deal out of it. She gets up and walks away.

CUT TO:

INT. CAFETERIA - DAY

The world feels a bit slower.

Nina walks with her head high, adjusting the sweat band on around her head. She sees someone and bites her lip.

Alex stands by the ketchup dispenser, aggressively trying to get ketchup out and onto his hot dog.

Nina gets hot when she sees him; she fans her neck and wipes the sweat off her head.

Katherine appears behind Nina and massages her neck, getting her ready. She takes a white towel and blots her forehead. She sprays water in her mouth. Nina pushes Katherine away. She bites cracks her knuckles and walks towards Alex confidently.

He turns around and she corners him by the ketchup. He looks confused.

She reaches.

He stares at her hand.

Nina moves in on the target. Closer, closer, closer.  
She grabs his crotch. Her hands are grasped around his dinker.

His eyes widen and his mouth opens wide.

The hot dog falls to the floor dramatically.

Nina has a shy smile on her lips. She looks up hopefully.

Alex smiles at her, batting his eyelashes. He blushes.

They make eye contact and stare at each other romantically.

CUT TO:

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT - FLASH FORWARD A FEW YEARS LATER  
Nina sits in a rocking chair rocking a baby. Alex sits beside her. She smiles lovingly down at the baby in her arms and whispers.

The camera slowly moves inward as a lullaby plays in the background.

NINA

Awww... Aren't you the most cutest  
baby in the world?

ALEX

And one day, she's gonna grow up to  
be just as beautiful as you are.

Nina looks up at Alex.

NINA

Then, she'll fall in love with the

most handsome man in the world,  
just like her father.

Alex smiles at his wife with adoration. The couple looks back  
down at the baby.

NINA (CONT'D)

And when the time is right, she'll  
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