

Love Her Together Okay?

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INT. SCHOOL STUDY AREA

NATHAN (9yo) is writing his profile on a book. He changes a pen color. He writes "Favourite people// 100%: Eva, Family. 75%: Justin, Toby. 50%: Teachers. 25%: Discipline master". He turns to look at EVA (9yo) sitting next to him doing her work, then writes "Wish: When I grow up, I want to marry Eva." He slides the book to Eva.

NATHAN

Eva I'm done!

His hand covers the "Wish" section of the page, feeling embarrassed.

NATHAN

(whispers in her ears)

But don't read this here, go home then read.

EVA

(excited, whispers)

Why, I want to read now.

She pushes his hand away.

NATHAN

(whispers)

Nooo, cannot.

EVA

(whispers)

Whyyyyy, what did you write?

NATHAN

(whispers)

Noooo.

EVA

(whispers)

Okay okay, I wont read it.

She closes the book, they take a look at each other and back to studying.

Nathan and Eva at a table, TOBY (9yo) at another table, are doing their homework at the studying area in school. JUSTIN (9 yo) is kicking ball along the corridor.

The ball hits Nathan.

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JUSTIN
Nathan, play with me!

Toby stretches and looks at Justin and the rest.

TOBY
Shall we rest for awhile? I'm so tired. Eva, you want to go buy food with me?

EVA
Okay, I'm hungry.

Nathan kicks the ball to Justin while looking away at Toby and Eva going off.

INT. MAMA SHOP

Rows & racks of many snacks. Toby picks his favourite Hello Panda. Eva picks a chocolate bar, then goes to the rack of biscuits.

EVA
(talks to herself)
Nathan likes this, and Justin likes this.

She picks up 2 other biscuits.

TOBY
I'll pay for you.

They pay at the counter and head off.

EXT. ROADSIDE

Toby and Eva are walking.

TOBY
Can I hold your hand?

Eva grabs his hand.

EVA
Is it wrong that we are holding hands? My mummy say only boyfriend and girlfriend hold hands.

TOBY
Remember teachers always beg us to hold hands when we're walking, if not we'll go missing.

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Toby, eyes wide pursed lips, nods his head as Eva looks at him.

EVA
But we are so old already, not
babies anymore.

TOBY
Well, I like you so I want to hold
your hand.

Eva giggles as she covers her mouth.

INT. SCHOOL STUDY AREA

Nathan and Justin are passing ball. They see Toby and Eva coming in, Nathan is surprised.

JUSTIN
(exaggeratedly)
Orhor, y'all are a couple now
because y'all hold hands.

TOBY
(smiling)
She has feelings for me.

Cocky can't-be-helped gesture.

NATHAN
(softly)
No, you cannot like Eva because I
like Eva.

Eva takes a snack out of the bag, walks over and hands it to Nathan.

EVA
There Nathan, your biscuit.

Nathan shakes the biscuit in Toby's face.

NATHAN
See, Eva buy for me my favourite
food. She likes me.

TOBY
No, Eva is my girlfriend.

Toby pulls Eva over.

Eva knows not what to do.

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NATHAN
(getting angry)
She is mine!

Nathan pulls her over.

Toby pulls her.

Eva is in distress.

Justin's head turns left then right then left then right as they continuously pull her to the other side.

JUSTIN
Hello hello hello, y'all are
hurting Eva.

He "chops off" the connection, hitting her arms.

Eva groans in pain.

JUSTIN
Oops, sorry. (sheepishly) How bout
a competition? The winner can be
her boyfriend.

TOBY
What's the game?

He sits up on the table.

JUSTIN
a r m w r e s t l i n g. Arm
wrestling. (Winks)

EVA
I know how to spell that.

TOBY
That's not fair, look at his arm,
so fat. I'm too skinny for this.

EVA
How about push ups?

NATHAN
Or running?

TOBY
Can we do math? Like 4 times 3
minus 2?

Everyone is stunned.

TOBY
(reluctantly)
Okay arm wrestling let's go.

Toby puts his elbow on the table. Fierce eyes. Nathan holds his hand. Both stare at each other.

Justin puts his hands above theirs, counts down and releases their hands.

Toby and Nathan use all their might, body leaning sideways, groaning. Nathan wins ("Yes!") and flexes his arms with pride. Eva pats his shoulder and cheers.

JUSTIN
Eva, so who do you like? The winner or the loser?

EVA
(hesitantly)
I like you Justin, and Toby, and Nathan.

NATHAN
Wow, how can you like so many of us Eva? You can only like one person because you have to be faithful to the one you love.

Eva thinks hard.

JUSTIN
Hmmm, if I were you Eva, I'll choose Nathan. You know they always say look beyond the skin, though Nathan may look ugly, his inside is actually quite pretty, hardworking guy with great aspirations.

Toby and Nathan slap his thigh.

EVA
(awkwardly)
Can I go home and ask my mother who to choose? I got to go.

Eva hastily packs her stuff into the bag and walks out.

JUSTIN
Hey hey hey, where is everyone going? We are only 9 years old, let's do this only when our hearts are ready all right.

Nathan takes his bag and leaves. Toby turns away and kicks the ball, feeling indignant.

EXT. SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD

Toby and Justin are playing football.

Toby looks at the time.

TOBY

Where is Nathan? He's never late for training.

JUSTIN

Is he still angry? Oh no, it's our last chance to win the other class tomorrow. Alamak why did y'all have to fall out over a girl, we are not even at the right age to have a girlfriend.

Toby thinks, grabs his bag, and runs off.

Justin follows.

INT. VOID DECK

They see Nathan alone training at the void deck.

Toby runs to Nathan and holds him by the shoulder.

TOBY

Hey Nathan, if i score a goal, you have to listen to me okay.

Toby steals the ball. Nathan defends. Toby runs and scores.

TOBY

(with conviction)

Yes. So here is the solution. We are still young, we cannot marry her, but two people can like one person. With the two of our love, she'll be happier right? Lets love her together okay? Then we don't have to quarrel anymore.

JUSTIN

(excitedly)

Yes yes! Thats what I mean! You guys finally get it! Come on, the

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JUSTIN (cont'd)
forest is so vast, there are always
flowers blooming elsewhere.
Remember our match tomorrow, we got
to own it!

NATHAN
(hesitates)
Hmmm well, alright, as long as Eva
is happy. We can share Eva.

Nathan smiles.

Justin steals Nathan's ball and kicks it to Toby.

The three friends reconcile and resume their training.

End.