First Date

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Twevlve year old Lachlan's sister makes an impossible request of him. Somehow Lachlan finds himself going along with it.

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Chapter 1

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“No way not a chance,” twelve year old Lachlan said as he sat in his desk chair. He couldn't even believe his sister had just asked him that.

“Oh c'mon, no one would even know,” Kim his seventeen year old sister said putting her hands together like she was pleading. “It would only be a couple of hours. It would absolutely make my year and I would never ask you for another favor.”

“Of course they would know,” Lachlan retorted with some offense. “I'm a boy.”

“Kim just lay off him,” Travis her boyfriend said. “I already told you this was a long shot to begin with.”

Lachlan was happy that Travis seemed to be seeing some sense here. How could his sister even think he would have agreed.

It all had to to do with the fact that this weekend was Kim and Travis's anniversary. His sister had been planning it since she and Travis had started dating. They had a reservation at the swankiest spot in town. A reservation they had for a year now. Now though there was a problem.

Travis's Aunt and cousin had come to town. The mom and the Aunt had plans to attend a high school reunion the same night and Travis's mother had made it clear that he was not to leave

his little cousin alone at the house. Travis had pretty much already tried everything with his cousin as to figure out some other arrangement yet when his cousin had found out Travis was going on a date he had requested that Travis set him up with some one too. It seemed to be the only thing the kid would accept. Otherwise he would rat Travis out to his Mom if Travis didn't play ball and tried to leave him alone.

Kim was absolutely fuming that some little twerp was trying to ruin their anniversary. Sure they could just ditch the kid and Travis could take the heat from his Mom but that might threaten the trip to Cancun they were planning in a month. Yet Kim could not let their anniversary be ruined. The problem was they had already tried to set up another date. None of Travis's friends were exactly keen on setting their little sister's up on a date and Kim's friends little siblings were all too young. There was only one person that was the right age, her little brother.

“We'll make it worth your while,” Kim said.

“How so?” Lachlan said more than a little intrigued.

“That tablet you want or whatever. Travis will buy it for you.” Kim said with a smirk.

“Its like two grand,” Lachlan said raising an eyebrow.

“Wait, its how much?” Travis said, a little surprised Kim would just put that on him.

“Oh c'mon that's nothing for you,” Kim said as she put on her puppy dog face and wrapping her arms around Travis's waist.

“Don't you want to make me happy?”

“Heh,” Travis smirked. “You know I do.” They then began to kiss.

“Could you guys at least leave my room before you start making out,” Lachlan said scrunching up his face.

“Don't be jealous just because you haven't had your first kiss yet,” Kim laughed.

“Yeah well it certainly isn't happening on Saturday either,” Lachlan said.

“Oh come on,” Kim said. “You are really going to say no even if you can get that tablet. This is like your one shot.”

Lachlan did not disagree. He did want it, but his parents had already told him it was way out of the budget so it was out of the question even for a birthday or Christmas. He was trying to save up money too but the only jobs for twelve year olds around here was mowing lawns. Most people would only pay him five dollars. Even if he mowed lawns all day for the rest of the summer he wouldn't have anywhere near enough.

“It would only be a couple of hours,” Kim said sensing she had just about wore him down. Lachlan shook his head.

“Just one problem, I'm still a boy,” he said crossing his arms.

“I can take care of that,” Kim said confidently. “We put some makeup on you and throw a dress on and no one would even take a second look.” she said.

Kim was sure of that. Her brother already had such feminine features. His face was still clear of blemishes or acne. His voice had not even begun to drop. Better yet he hadn't even gotten a haircut in while and it was already reaching past his ears. All she would have to do is brush out that thick blonde hair on his head and give him a little makeup to bring out his delicate features and he would cease to look like her little brother.

“That's just stupid,” Lachlan grumbled.

“Then give me a chance to prove it. Let me do some makeup on you,” Kim said.

“I'm not letting you put makeup on my face,” Lachlan said covering his cheeks with his hands.

“If by the end you still look like a boy then Travis will still buy you the tablet,” Kim then offered. Travis's head snap and he was about to protest yet before he could Lachlan had shot up out of his seat.

“Deal!”

Chapter 2

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They were in Kim's room as Lachlan sat on the stool near Kim's vanity mirror and table. He was faced away from the mirror as his sister was covering his face in concealer. Lachlan just had to put up with this for a little bit. There was no way he was going to look like a girl no matter what Kim did. After that she would have to admit it and Lachlan would still get his tablet. He occupied his thoughts with what he was going to do with the thing when he got it. He would have to reorganize his whole desk since it was going to be big. Honestly he was getting a little excited thinking about all the features and tools he was going to have.

Kim added some blush to his cheeks before taking a step back.

“Its not my best work, I definitely need a different foundation for you but it works,” Kim said. “What do you think?” she asked looking at her boyfriend.

“I mean I know its Lachlan,” Travis said peering at the boy. “But honestly I probably wouldn't recognize him at first glance. This might actually work.”

“You guys are just saying that,” Lachlan retorted before spinning around to look in the mirror. What stared back shocked him. He couldn't believe how different he looked. She hadn't even done that much.

“See, no one would even know,” Kim said placing her hands on Lachlan's shoulders and putting her face next to his.

“Nuh uh no way,” Lachlan said standing up and walking away from the mirror.

“Fine, then if you want more proof,” Kim said as she quickly pulled Lachlan's t-shirt off over his head.

“H-hey,” Lachlan yelped covering his chest. “What are you doing?”

Kim didn't say anything as she went into her closet before coming out a moment later and tossed something towards him.

“Put that on,” she said.

“Why?” Lachlan asked.

“Do it or no tablet,” Kim said. Lachlan groaned before putting on what she had given him. It was just a tank top with a faded American flag on the front going down the front. It wasn't really girly or anything.

“So why am I wearing this?” Lachlan asked.

“We're going to the gas station,” Kim said picking up her car keys.

“What! I can't go out like this.” Lachlan whined.

“We have to test this,” Kim said. “And don't worry I've never failed a test in my life.”

Chapter 3

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Lachlan's heart was beating as they walked up to the front door of the gas station. He just kept telling himself this would be over in few minutes. He would have his tablet and be able to forget about this whole thing. They walked into the store as Kim went into one of the aisles.

“Here,” Kim said giving Lachlan a bag of chips. “Go up to the register and buy this.”

“That's it?” Lachlan said looking at the bag of chips.

“That's it,” Kim said shrugging. Lachlan sighed before he walked up to the front where an older woman was at the register. He felt self-conscious ready for the lady to ask him why he was wearing makeup. The clerk scanned the chips. Lachlan looked up as their eyes met.

“That all darling,” she said.

“Um yes,” Lachlan said as his face went a little red. No one except his Mom had ever called him darling before. He quickly paid fumbling some change onto the ground. “S-sorry,” he said picking up the change and putting it back on the counter. The clerk didn't seem to mind as she took the money. As Lachlan took the chips the clerk smiled at him.

“I love your hair,” she said. “Its very pretty.”

“Um thanks,” Lachlan said quickly taking the chips and

walking away.

As they walked out of the store Kim seemed pleased.

“See I told you, that lady totally thought you were a girl,” Kim laughed.

“That doesn't prove anything,” Lachlan fumed. “I don't even know that lady. Its not like she would have said anything even if she noticed.”

“Now you're just making excuses,” Kim said waving her hand. Lachlan went to protest.

“Hey Lachlan,” a voice called from behind. Lachlan froze up. He saw Kim look a little startled as she looked past him and Travis looked concerned.

“Hey dude I'm talking to you,” the voice said as Lachlan felt a hand on his shoulder before turning him around. Lachlan was now stood face to face with his friend Art.

“Lach –“ Art began before stopping as he pulled his hand away. “Oh sorry, I thought you were someone else.”

Kim smiled. This was just the proof she needed.

“Hey Art,” Kim said as she put an arm around Lachlan.

“Hi Kim,” Art said still looking at Lachlan with a confused look. “I thought I saw Lachlan with you.”

“Oh no, I don't actually know where he is right now.” Kim said cooly.

“Uh so whose this?” Art asked.

“This is my cousin,” Kim paused for a moment looking at Lachlan before looking back at Art. “Winnie, she's staying with us for the weekend.”

“Oh I see,” Art smiled. “Sorry I thought you looked like Lachlan for a minute there.” Lachlan still couldn't speak. Art's eyes then went wide for a moment. “I mean not that you look like a boy,” he quickly said. “You definitely don't look like a guy or nothing.” Art finished looking a little embarrassed.

“That's all right,” Kim chuckled. “They do have a similar hairstyle. We really should do something about that shouldn't we Winnie?” she said playing a little with Lachlan's hair.

“Well tell Lachlan I'll call him later,” Art said before walking off with a wave.

Back in the car Lachlan could not believe that had just happened.

“Guess that settles it,” Kim said from the front seat.

“No it doesn't,” Lachlan spat back.

“Oh please, your best friend couldn't even tell. I held my end so now you have too.”

Lachlan sat back. He couldn't argue anymore, he had lost. This was happening.

“Get ready Winnie,” Kim said turning around in her seat.

“Tomorrow night you've got a date.”

Chapter 4

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It was Saturday afternoon as Lachlan sat in his living room. The tv was on but he wasn't paying too much attention. He was just too nervous. He was alone since his Dad was on a business trip and his Mom was at work and then had a work function after so she wouldn't be home till later. Kim was also out getting a dress for him. She had asked if he wanted to come with but Lachlan had refused. He didn't even want to think about it. Although he had gotten a text from Travis earlier with a picture of the tablet he wanted asking if it was the right one. Lachlan had confirmed it was the right one so he guessed he was doing this.

Kim came walking in startling Lachlan a little, she had several bags with her.

“Ready to get ready Winnie?” she asked with a sickly sweet smile. Lachlan sighed as he resigned himself to his fate getting up from the couch.

“Why did you pick such a dumb name?” Lachlan grumbled.

“Oh that's what Mom and Dad were going to name you if you had been born a girl,” Kim said as they walked to her room. “Sometimes I wished you had been a girl, you know like I used to fantasize what it would have been like to do all that girly stuff with a sister. But hey I guess now I get to have that experience,” she said laughing a little.

“Can't believe I'm doing this,” Lachlan said as he sat on the chair by the vanity in Kim's room.

“Its not going to be that bad,” Kim said as she began to sort through the bags. “Its just a date.”

“I've never been on a date before,” Lachlan said. “I didn't exactly think this was how my first date was going to go.”

“This will be good practice then,” Kim said. “ And this isn't even your first date since this one is fake anyways.”

Lachlan just grunted. Kim stood up and walked over to him.

“Look you just have to keep him occupied and out of Travis and I's way. Laugh at his dumb jokes and make him think that you find him cool or whatever. We'll go to dinner and then we'll be able to drop you off at home so me and Travis can go to the movie. It'll be like two hours max.”

“I guess,” Lachlan said. When she put it like that it didn't seem so bad.

“Here, take off your clothes and put these on,” Kim said tossing something onto Lachlan's lap. “Then we'll get your dress on.”

Lachlan held up the item that Kim had given him. His face went red upon seeing they were a pair of white panties with faded pink hearts dotted on them along with a little pink bow on the waistband. There was also some white lace around the leg holes.

“W-why do I have to wear this!?” Lachlan yelped as his face

went red.

“All your underwear is black it might show through the dress, plus you wouldn't want anyone to find out you were a boy in a dress would you?”

“No...but,” Lachlan sputtered.

“Off you go then,” Kim said pointing to her closet.

Lachlan stood up as he went into the closet. His sister was making some sense. If he was going through with this then he definitely didn't want anyone to find out the truth. He got off his clothes and put the panties on. They were very soft and he did find them comfortable.

“Lachlan hurry up,” Kim called out. Lachlan walked out covering his front with his hands. Kim couldn't help but smirk. She hadn't even put any makeup on him yet and he still looked like a dainty young girl standing in front of her.

“Okay, arm's up,” Kim said. Lachlan did as he was told closing his eyes. He felt Kim slip something over him and pulling it down over his chest. Lachlan opened his eyes and stared at his chest to find he was wearing a bra that was the same as the panties.

“Why am I wearing this?” Lachlan said as he frowned.

“Its bra. All girls your age wear something like that,” Kim said.

“But I don't have boobs,” Lachlan retorted.

“Its a training bra,” Kim then said. “Its part of the outfit.” Lachlan just stood glaring at her. She was taking things too far.

“Listen Lachlan I'm not doing this for fun,” Kim said. “I promised you that no one was going to know that you're a boy. So we are going above and beyond here. So just trust me a little okay.”

Lachlan's shoulder's slumped a little but he gave a nod. His sister knew more about this stuff than he did. It seemed in some weird way that she was actually looking out for him a little.

“Dress time,” Kim then said excitedly. She helped Lachlan into the garment before turning him around to see himself in the mirror. Lachlan was stunned to see himself. The dress really did make him look like a girl. It was white and sleeveless and had a three tiered lace skirt that went to just above his knees.

“I just knew white was your color,” Kim said. “How does it feel?”

Lachlan took a couple steps and then swayed a little watching how the dress moved.

“Breezy,” Lachlan said.

“You'll get used to it,” Kim said. “Now to do something with your hair.” she said patting the stool in front of the vanity. Lachlan sat down.

“No, no not like that,” Kim said. “When you're wearing a dress you have to fold it under before you sit,” Kim said showing Lachlan as she demonstrated. Lachlan nodded. Of course he had seen girls do that hundreds of time. After he sat properly Kim came over and began to clip things into his hair.

“I got you some hair extenders,” she said before she began to brush out his hair. Kim then proceeded to braid the back of his hair before placing a white hairband with a large lacy flower on it on top of his head. “Now lets get your earrings on.”

“You are not piercing my ears,” Lachlan screeched as he covered his ears.

“Relax their magnetic,” Kim said as she tore the packaging off. “Now hold still.” Kim secured the earrings to Lachlan's ears. They were small silver rings. Lachlan wasn't sure if he liked them. It felt weird to have something hanging off his ears. He then noticed Kim was unwrapping some makeup.

“I got stuff that will go with your skin much better,” she said. “Its going to look even better than last time.”

“How much did all this stuff cost?” Lachlan then asked.

“Don't worry about it,” Kim said as she began to rub some lotion on his face. “I did go all out, but like I said I always sort of wanted a little sister to do stuff like this with. I'm never going to get another opportunity so I'll have to make it count.”

Lachlan sort of figured his sister was taking this as her

opportunity, he didn't really know the full scope of what she had planned. But if it ensured that no one would figure out he was a boy then all the better. She got the foundation and blush on him like before,

“Okay look up with your eyes,” Kim instructed as she began to get eyeliner on with a pencil.

“You're going to stab my eye,” Lachlan whined as he was having trouble keeping his eye open.

“Only if you don't stop moving. Quit being such a wuss,” she said. After that Kim then took out some mascara, complaining that it was unfair that Lachlan's lashes were so long and that they were completely wasted on him. She then got out some nail polish and proceeded to paint Lachlan's fingernails and even his toes in a ruby red color.

“And now for your lips,” Kim said.

“I don't want to wear lipstick,” Lachlan groused. He knew what that was like already from the one time Kim had put it on him when they had been younger.

“Relax, its just lip gloss,” Kim said holding up the pink tube. “See its bubblegum flavored.” Lachaln let her put it on him and smacked his lips together when instructed. It did taste like bubblegum and Lachlan found he didn't mind it.

“Now we just need your shoes,” Kim said she pulled out a pair of white heels that had a white bow in the center of the straps. Kim snapped the buckles around Lachlan's ankles making the straps feel tight.

“Okay stand up,” Kim said. Lachlan got up stumbling a little to the point where Kim had to catch him. “You're going to need a little practice,” Kim chuckled. The heel on the shoes was not very big and gave Lachlan maybe a half inch of extra height. Still he found it a little difficult to walk.

“These are not comfortable,” Lachlan grumbled.

“That's the price of beauty little brother,” Kim said as she fussed with his hair a little. “Alright I'm going to get ready, so why don't you work on walking.” she said before leaving the room.

Lachlan walked across the room awkwardly. He felt like he was going to twist an ankle. He managed to walk over to the mirror. He couldn't believe what he saw. Seeing himself done up in the dress and the makeup he couldn't even recognize himself. Lachlan had to remind himself that it was a good thing – he certainly didn't want to be found out.

Kim came back sometime later in her small black dress and with her hair done up in a bun. Lachlan was sat on the bed resting his feet. She made him get up and walk to see how he was doing. She gave him some pointers. She was surprised to see he really was getting the hang of it. She picked up some perfume and gave herself a spritz before she gave him some.

“You look great,” she said looking at him. “Very cute, maybe we should take a picture,” she said grabbing her phone.

“Absolutely not,” Lachlan protested. “In fact you are not allowed to talk about this ever again.”

There was a knock at the door as Travis was standing in the doorway.

“Hey so we ready in here?” he asked.

“We are,” Kim said with a smile. “So tell me what you think?” she asked as she stepped aside revealing Lachlan. Travis looked back shocked as he walked into the room.

“Lachlan is that really you?” he asked.

“Yeah its me,” Lachlan said grimacing a little.

“Jesus,” Travis breathed out. “I mean last time was convincing but this is like on a whole other level. There is no way Todd will know the difference.”

“Of course that twerp wouldn't know a real woman if it hit him in the face.”

“Can we cool it with the twerp stuff,” Travis said looking slightly annoyed. “He's still my cousin. I kind of feel bad about this whole thing, not only for Lachlan but we are kind of playing a trick on him too.”

“He has no reason to complain. Winnie here is already out of his league. He'll have plenty of fun tonight.” Kim said. “You'll show him a good time tonight, right?” Kim asked looking at Lachlan.

“What am I even supposed to do?” Lachlan said sounding nervous. Looking like a girl was one thing. But he actually had to act like one too.

“I told you already,” Kim said with a laugh. “ Its so easy, just laugh at his stupid jokes and make him feel like he is cool. Hold his hand and touch him on the shoulder a couple of times and laugh when he tries to say something romantic,” Kim said touching Lachlan on the shoulder and giggling as a demonstration.

“I...I don't have to kiss him do I?” Lachlan then asked. Travis snickered as Kim looked back aghast.

“Absolutely not,” she said. “And if he tries slap him across the face. Never kiss on the first date.”

“I seem to remember kissing you on our first date,” Travis then said.

“That's because you earned it,” she said with a smile. “Now shall we get this show on the road.”

Lachlan took a deep breath as he followed Kim and Travis out of the room.

Chapter 5

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Lachlan sat in the backseat of Travis's car. He looked over to see his date for that night Todd. They had gotten introduced minutes earlier in the kitchen. Lachlan had'nt been sure what to expect. With his sister's repeated use of the word twerp Lachlan had come up with some image of some snot nosed kid. Yet Todd was not that. He was pretty normal. He had brown hair that was combed and looked natural on his head. He had what could be described as boyish good looks. His face having lost the childish features yet had not yet fully developed into adult features. He was wearing a gray polo and some tan khakis. When they had stood face to face Lachlan saw they were the same height yet Lachlan had forgotten the small amount of extra height he had from the heels, so Todd was slightly taller than him. There didn't seem to be anything wrong with Todd. As far as Lachlan could tell he probably would have no trouble getting a date with any of the girls in his own class. So it seemed weird that Kim and Travis had been talking about what an impossibility it was. Then again Todd was not from around here, he didn't know anyone. Which was good for Lachlan. He didn't need to worry about running into Todd in the future. The only complaint that Lachlan would have was the fact that Todd had no doubt doused himself in body spray. It wasn't a new smell to Lachlan. Lots of kids wore that stuff in his class. Todd looked over catching Lachlan's eye. He smiled before leaning

over.

“So um is this like your first date?” Todd asked.

“Oh yeah um it is,” Lachlan said quietly.

“You look nice,” Todd then said with a nod.

“Y-you too,” Lachlan said. They didn't talk for the rest of the car ride. They pulled into a parking lot and Todd told Lachlan to wait. He got out and went around to Lachlan's door opening it for him.

“Thanks,” Lachlan said stepping out of the car.

“Your purse,” Todd then said. Lachlan turned around grabbing the small black bag Kim had given him. It just had his phone in it. Lachlan was sure he was going to forget it at some point. They began to walk as a group down the sidewalk as Kim and Travis lead the way. They were holding hands which gave Todd an idea.

“Do you want to hold hands?” he asked looking a little unsure. Lachlan was about to refuse before remembering this is one of the things Kim had mentioned.

“Sure,” he said. Todd took his hand as they continued walking. Todd's hand was warm and as they walked Lachlan just hoped Todd wouldn't think he was being too nervous. They came to a stop in front of a little Italian place. It had a large front window showing a tiny dining room.

“Here's your stop,” Travis said motioning with his head.

“This isn't the restaurant,” Lachlan said looking confused.

“We're eating at Estelles,” Kim said pointing pointing at her and Travis. “They've been booked up for months though so there is no way to get another table. You kids can eat here,” she said. Lachlan couldn't help but notice her eyebrow raise when she saw he and Todd were holding hands.

“We'll cover the check,” Travis said. “So don't leave until we come back.” he said.

“Have fun you two,” Kim said with a smile as she walked off with Travis.

“This looks fine,” Todd said as he walked pulling Lachlan along.

They got seated and Todd even pulled out the chair for Lachlan. A waitress came over looking between the two of them as a smile crept onto her face. She had on thick rimmed black glasses and her frizzy hair was held up by a band.

“Don't you two look nice,” she said “Is this a date?”

“It is,” Todd said looking proud.

“That is adorable,” the woman cooed. “You came to the right place we'll make sure you two have a wonderful time.”

They ordered drinks and then both of them started to look at the menu. Lachlan was hiding behind the menu. He was really in the middle of it now. He was on the date. Hopefully it wouldn't last much longer.

“So what are you getting?” Todd asked from across the table.

“Um not sure,” Lachlan said holding the menu up in front of his face like a shield. He didn't even know if he could eat at this point. The waitress came back seeing if they were ready to give their order. Todd ordered some chicken.

“And for you sweetie?” the waitress asked looking at Lachlan.

“Um tortellini,” Lachlan stammered picking the first thing he saw on the menu. The waitress left with the menu's in hand making it so Lachlan now had to look at Todd. They stared at each other for a moment.

“So what grade are you in?” Todd asked.

“Going into seventh,” Lachlan said.

“Oh I see,” Todd said as his eyebrows raised up. “I'm going into sixth,”

Lachlan felt his stomach twist a little. Not only was he on a date with a boy. He was on a date with a boy a whole year younger than him.

“Guess I can tell my friends I went on a date with an older woman,” Todd said laughing a little. Lachlan felt his hand go up and push some of his hair behind his ear, a nervous tick of his. His nerves were increasing as an awkward silence took place between them. A buzzing was heard as Todd looked across the table looking to the ground at Lachlan's feet where his purse was.

“I think your purse is buzzing,” he said. Lachlan grabbed the

purse and opened it finding his phone. He saw it was a text from Kim making sure everything was okay. Lachlan replied back and then set his phone on the table. Todd looked at the phone leaning over a little as if to do a double take.

“Is that Steel Run?” Todd asked seeing Lachlan's home screen had a character from a popular videogame on it. Lachlan quickly grabbed his phone off the table putting it back into the purse.

“Um yeah,” he said nervously. Crap this was bad. If Todd knew what that was then surely he would know something was up. Lachlan didn't know single girl who played it. He looked up at Todd expecting him to look suspicious.

“That's so cool,” Todd said as his face seemed to light up.

“It is?” Lachlan asked.

“Sure,” Todd said. “You're like the first girl I met that even knew what it is.”

The conversation then turned to who their main's were and strategies. For the first time that night Lachlan actually relaxed. Todd found the idea that he played cool and Lachlan actually found he liked talking to Todd about this stuff as he was pretty obsessed with the game himself. The conversation lasted throughout dinner as they ate.

“Winnie don't take this the wrong way, but you really weren't what I was expecting. I mean the girls at my school are just into clothes and k-pop or whatever.”

“Yeah same at my school, its like all they talk about,” Lachlan laughed.

“You're not into that stuff?” Todd then asked. Lachlan immediately felt himself seize up. He had actually forgotten that he was supposed to be a girl. He had let his mask slip a little.

“Oh no, I love that stuff too,” he quickly said. Hoping that Todd wouldn't actually ask him about any of that stuff or else he would really be in trouble.

The waitress then re-appeared. She was followed by two men in dirty aprons and one of them had a guitar.

“Special treat for the love birds,” she said. The man then began to play the guitar as the other man began to sing. Lachlan recognized the song immediately. It was from Lady and The Tramp, a movie his sister had watched a lot when she had been younger. It was the song that played during the famous spaghetti scene. Lachlan now felt incredibly awkward. All the attention from the other diners was now focused on them, on him. The song came to an end as everyone clapped.

“How about a kiss,” older man with the guitar then said.

“Daddy no,” the waitress said giving the man a light shove. “They are just kids.”

“What old enough to date, but not too kiss?” the man said.

“Proper ladies don't kiss on the first date,” The waitress said

putting a hand on Lachlan's shoulder. “Right sweetheart?”

Lachlan gave a curt nod as he looked down, his cheeks becoming hot. The crowd dispersed leaving him and Todd alone.

“I'm going to the bathroom,” Lachlan said grabbing his purse and walking off to the hallway where the bathrooms were. Standing in front of the doors he found himself with a problem. Which bathroom to use? He looked from the ladies to the mens. He took a step towards a men before stopping and quickly enterered into the ladies room. He wasn't Lachlan right now, he was Winnie.

It was a single occupancy room which was good. It took a moment for Lachlan to hike up his dress and get the panties down. It felt a little weird to be sitting just to pee. But this is what girls did. After finishing his business Lachlan was stood at the sink. He smoothed out his dress a little and then remembered the tube of lip gloss he saw in the purse. He took it out and re-applied the bubblegum pink gloss to his lips. He had to be careful. Winnie was his disguise and he could only get through this if he was her. Lachlan checked his phone. They had been here nearly two hours. It didn't feel like that though. Coming out of the bathroom Lachlan saw Travis and Kim standing at the table. Travis was paying the bill.

Afterwards they were standing out on the sidewalk. It was dark now and Lachlan felt a little eager to get going.

“You guys up for some ice cream?” Travis then asked.

“The park is all lit up this time of year,” Kim said. “Me and Travis did this on our first date.”

“Sounds fun right?” Todd asked holding Lachlan's hand.

“Oh um sure,” Lachlan said with a smile. He would prefer to go home but ice cream wasn't terrible and some part of him didn't really mind staying Winnie just a little longer. Todd and Lachlan took the lead as Kim and Travis walked further back.

“Lachlan's really selling this isn't he,” Travis said with a smirk, seeing the scene in front of him. Lachlan and Todd were walking while holding hands and Lachlan had his other arm wrapped around Todd's leaning up close to him.

“He is,” Kim said, her eyes narrowing as she saw Lachlan giggle a little at something Todd said. If anything Lachlan was indeed putting on a good performance, one worthy of an oscar. Kim knew Lachlan though, he was no actor.

As they arrived at the park Lachlan could see it was quite the popular spot. Many couples were walking the path along the lake. The town every summer hung fairy lights from the trees and along light poles. They also had loudspeakers set up along the paths playing music. The group stopped at an ice cream food truck before beginning to walk along the paths.

“Oh lets go up the hill to the gazebo,” Kim then suggested. Lachlan looked at the long staircase the pounding in his feet seemed to increase.

“I'll stay here,” he said taking a seat on a nearby bench. His

feet were absolutely killing him. Walking up all those stairs would be absolute torture.

“Yeah we'll stay here,” Todd said taking a seat next to Lachlan. Kim and Travis looked at one another before shrugging as they walked off.

“Sorry,” Lachlan said. “My feet are killing me though.”

“I don't mind,” Todd said. Lachlan ate a little of his ice cream before setting it down.

“Not hungry,” Todd asked.

“I think I'm still full from dinner,” Lachlan said.

“You mind?” Todd then asked looking at the ice cream on the bench.

“No go ahead,” Lachlan said.

“Thanks,” Todd said picking it up as he began to dig in. They sat for a little bit looking at the water. Todd then looked to the side.

“That's a pretty big tree,” he said before looking at Lachlan with a determined look. “Bet ya I could climb it.”

Lachlan looked at Todd with a questioning look. Was this kid six or something who would be impressed by that? He then remembered Kim telling him to make Todd feel cool.

“I don't know its pretty big,” Lachlan smirked.

“Nah it will be easy,” Todd said. True to his word he climbed

up the tree with ease and was now sitting on a branch. “Come up, the view is great.”

“I don't think I can in these shoes,” Lachlan said.

“Take em off,” Todd said. “You said they hurt anyway.”

Lachlan undid the buckle and got the shoes off. It actually felt good to walk in the grass. He climbed into the tree and before long was sitting next to Todd.

“Told ya the view was good,” Todd said.

“Yeah, its really pretty,” Lachlan said. It took him a moment to realize what he had said. Why in the world had he said pretty? He shook his head. He guessed it was fine. That's what Winnie would have said anyways. As they sat in the tree Todd's hand had crept over to rest over Lachlan's. He didn't mind. All in all the night had gone off without a hitch. It would be only a little bit more time before this was all over. This would all be a memory soon enough.

“Your feet still hurt?” Todd asked.

“Yeah,” Lachlan said flexing his painted toes. Todd furrowed his brow for a moment.

“Want to go put our feet in the water, that would probably feel good?” Todd then suggested.

“That does sound good,” Lachlan agreed. Todd easily crawled out of the tree turning around to see Lachlan struggling a little. Climbing up had been one thing getting down was another. Lachlan found himself in the crook.

“Here let me help,” Todd said reaching out his hands and putting them on Lachlan's hips. “Okay jump,” Todd said.

“Are you sure?” Lachlan asked. He really didn't feel very secure at the moment.

“Don't worry I'm strong,” Todd said looking more than a little confident. For a moment Lachlan believed it. So much so that he leapt forward into Todd's arms. Unfortunately for both of them Todd may have overestimated his strength. As they collided Todd tumbled backwards sending them both to the ground.

“Sorry,” Todd said as he sat up. “You okay?”

“I'm okay,” Lachlan said laughing as he gave Todd a small shove. Todd looked down at Lachlan returning the smile. Lachlan then saw Todd's eyes go lower before turning his head away quickly.

“Um you should probably sit up,” Todd sort of mumbled. Lachlan felt like something was off as his eyes widened. He sat up straight looking down to see that his dress had flipped up in the tumble and had no doubt just given Todd a view of the panties he was wearing underneath.

“S-s-sorry,” Lachlan quickly flummoxed has he pulled the skirt down.

“Its just like underwear..not a big deal,” Todd said standing up before extending a hand down to Lachlan. “Ready to go to the water.”

“Thanks,” Lachlan said taking his hand as they walked to the stone ledge by the lakes edge. Todd took off his own shoes and socks and the two of them sat with their feet in the water. The water did indeed feel good on Lachlan's feet.

Todd stretched and yawned bringing an arm down across Lachlan's shoulders.

“Oh that was smooth,” Lachlan said giggling a little.

“Sorry, that was lame,” Todd said lifting his arm, yet Lachlan stopped him bringing Todd's arm back down and holding Todd's wrist with both of his own hands.

“Its fine,” Lachlan said bringing his head to rest against Todd's shoulder. Lachlan was just doing what his sister had told him to do. He was being Winnie.

A song began to play over the speakers. It was a slow song with some woman singing with a sense of longing in her voice. Lachlan recognized it. He didn't know what it was called or who sang it. He only really heard it on the radio when his Mom would play music while she was cleaning or cooking dinner in the kitchen. He had always kind of liked it though. He was humming along when Todd suddenly stood up.

“Lets dance,” he said.

“Wha,” Lachlan said looking around the park at all the people passing by. “You mean right here?”

“C'mon it will be fun,” Todd said pulling Lachlan to his feet.

Todd put Lachlan's hand onto his shoulders before putting his own on Lachlan's waist. They began to slow dance. It was awkward to say the least as Lachlan was unsure of where to look other than at Todd. As they danced Lachlan began to notice little things about Todd. His pleasant smile, his green eyes shimmering by the light. In fact with the way the light and shadow seemed to mix on Todd's face Lachlan couldn't help but notice he was indeed handsome in a way that Lachlan had never really seen in a boy before. Todd pulled Lachlan in closer so now their cheeks were touching as they continued to sway. Lachlan had found himself in his own little world where only Todd and the music existed not paying any mind to what passerby's might think. It was nice, it was warm.

The song came to an end. Lachlan leaned back as Todd held him from the back. They were facing one another their noses nearly touching.

“That was nice,” Todd said.

“Yeah,” Lachlan replied softly. Todd's eyes then closed and he leaned in planting his lips onto Lachlan's. Lachlan's body tensed as his eyes went wide, yet Lachlan did not push him a way. His own eyes closed and one of his feet slowly rose into the air.

“What in the world,” Kim's voice rang out pulling both boys back into reality. They each jumped back from each other looking over to see a stunned Kim and Travis who looked like he was about to laugh. Kim marched up to the pair

looking between the two of them with her mouth slightly agape. She grabbed Lachlan by the arm.

“I think this date is over,” she said as she dragged Lachlan off. She didn't say a word as she pulled Lachlan along with one hand and his heels in the other. At the car she told Todd to sit up front while she sat in the back with Lachlan. Getting back to the house Kim undid her seat belt.

“Movie starts at eight,” she said to Travis.

“I'll be here,” Travis said. She got out of the car and walked up the front walk. As Lachlan was getting out Todd turned around.

“Thanks for the date, I had a good time,” he said.

“Me too,” Lachlan said with a smile.

“Alright Casanova time for you to go back home,” Travis said with a chuckle as he pushed Todd's head down. Lachlan watched the car leave before going and meeting his sister at the front door.

“I can't believe you,” she said shaking her head. “What were you thinking?”

“I was just doing what you told me too,” Lachlan said defensively. He didn't understand why she was so upset.

“I told you not to kiss him,” Kim said crossing her arms.

“It wasn't a big deal,” Lachlan murmured looking to the side.

“You don't even realize what you've done,” Kim said as she

put her hands on Lachlan's head smoothing out his hair in the process. “A first kiss should be special, and you went and gave it away to that twerp,” she said looking as if she were heartbroken. Lachlan felt somewhat touched that his sister was even thinking this way about him. He did have to laugh a little.

“It wasn't a real date,” he said. “So it doesn't really count.” Kim furrowed her brow before putting her hands on his shoulders.

“I guess that's true,” she said giving him a smirk. “I should thank you. Tonight meant a lot to me and I couldn't have done it without you.” She then gave him a kiss on the forehead. “You're a pretty good little brother. So you ready to get that dress off or would you rather keep it on?”

“Off,” Lachlan said straightening up. Kim opened the door telling Lachlan to wait.

“Moooom are you home?” Kim called out before walking a little ways in before motioning Lachlan forward. They quickly made their way up to Kim's room. Kim unzipped the dress and let it fall to the floor as Lachlan stepped out quickly. Kim gathered up the dress and went to hang it up.

“Looks like you didn't get this thing dirty so I'll have no problem returning it.”

“What do I do with this stuff?” Lachlan asked referring to the bra and panties.

“I don't really care, you can throw them out,” she said before

giving Lachlan a little smile. “Or you could keep them.”

“I'm not,” Lachlan said. Kim laughed as she took the hair extenders out of his hair. She then got a packet of wipes she told him he could use to get the makeup off and gave him a bottle of nail polish remover for his fingers and toes.

“But hurry up, I don't know when Mom will be home,” Kim said. Lachlan scurried out of the room to the bathroom.

He got the make up off, triple checking that he had gotten all of it. He then got off the nail polish. Finally he got the training bra off and the panties. Getting into the shower he covered himself in body wash three times just to make sure he got the smell of perfume off of him. Lachlan went to his room putting on a black long sleeve shirt and some flannel pajama pants. He did a quick check in the mirror just to make sure. He felt relieved to be back into his own clothes, he was back to being Lachlan.

Chapter 6

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Lachlan came out into the kitchen to see Kim at the counter on her phone.

“Looks like my little bro is back,” she said smiling. “Your thing is right here,” she said patting a large box containing his tablet that was near the counter.

“Cool,” Lachlan said bending down to get a good look at the box. The door bell rang as Kim got up.

“And there is my date,” she said as she opened the door. Lachlan watched as his sister's smile faded and was replaced by an annoyed look. “Now what?” she said.

“Sorry,” Travis said walking in with none other than Todd in tow. “My mom and Aunt are staying out later than planned. Todd will just have to come with.”

Kim looked at Todd who no doubt was not unaware he was being made into a third wheel and looked a little sullen at the idea. Kim then looked at Lachlan and a smile spread across her face.

“Why doesn't he just stay here,” she said. Lachlan's eyes went wide. What was she thinking? “Its perfect,” Kim continued. “He can hang out with Lachlan and my Mom will be home soon so Todd won't be alone.”

“That work for you?” Travis asked looking at Todd.

“Not like I wanted to go see some chick movie,” Todd said jamming his hands into his pockets.

“Then that settles it,” Kim said with a clap. “You two have fun.”

With that Kim and Travis left leaving the two boys alone. Lachlan was feeling jittery as Todd looked at him. Could he tell, did Todd know?

“You got Steel Run?” Todd asked looking around the room. Lachlan's eyes bugged out upon hearing Todd ask about the game they had talked at length about that night. Todd knew, its the only reason he would even ask. Lachlan felt cornered. Lachlan would never admit it though. He just had to deny, deny, deny.”

“How would you know I did?” Lachlan asked.

“Most people are age play it,” Todd shrugged. “I just figured you might.”

“That...makes sense,” Lachlan said breathing a sigh of relief. If Todd knew he would have probably just come out and say it. Lachlan could imagine that Todd would be pretty upset if he knew the truth. Lachlan lead Todd to the living room where his console was and they began to play. As they played Lachlan was wiping the floor with him. Unfortunately for Todd he had unknowingly told Lachlan all his strategies earlier that night.

“Damn your good,” Todd said suffering another loss. Lachlan laughed a little. Just then the door from the garage opened as

Lachlan's Mom came walking in. She stopped seeing the boys in the living room.

“I see we have company,” she said standing in the archway between the kitchen and living room.

“I'm Todd, Travis is my cousin,” Todd said introducing himself. “Kim and Travis thought I would have more fun here rather than going with them.”

“I see,” Lachlan's mom said. “Well I hope Lachlan is being a good host.”

“Yeah, we're having fun,” Todd said.

“Did you boys eat yet, I could order a pizza?” Lachlan's mom offered.

“I ate already,” Todd said. Lachlan was just glad he hadn't mentioned the date or anything.

“Lachlan how about you?” his Mom then asked. “Did you actually eat anything for dinner or were you just snacking?”

“No, I had tortellini,” he said offhandedly before realizing what he said. He looked quickly at Todd who didn't seem to give any notice.

“Well it looks like you cleaned up after yourself,” his Mom said looking towards the stove that was still spotless. “Anyways Todd feel free to make yourself at home and if you need anything don't hesitate to ask.”

“Thank you,” Todd said being ever so polite. Lachlan stood

up feeling jittery. “Do you want to keep playing?” Todd asked.

“Not really,” Lachlan said walking out into the kitchen.

“That's cool,” Todd said following after him. “We can do something else.”

In all honesty Lachlan just wanted to get away from Todd. Not because he didn't like him, it was just because being near him was making Lachlan nervous. The more time they spent together meant more time for Todd to connect the dots.

“What's that?” Todd then asked referring to the box that contained the tablet on the ground near the counter.

“Its a drawing tablet,” Lachlan said. “I just got it so I haven't had a chance to set it up.”

“Want help?” Todd then asked.

“Oh sure,” Lachlan said. The boys carried the box to Lachlan's room and got it all set up.

“This your stuff?” Todd asked looking at some drawings Lachlan had hung up.

“Just some sketches,” Lachlan answered. Todd then looked at him.

“They're really good,” Todd said looking impressed.

“Oh thanks,” Lachlan said with a small giggle. Lachlan put a hand to his mouth mortified that such a sound had just come from him. It was the same giggle he had done as Winnie. “I'm going to put on some music,” Lachlan quickly said. Before

long Lachlan's nerves settled as he sat at his desk playing with his new tablet while Todd was on his stomach on Lachlan's bed reading through some comic books. They hung out listening to music while talking about the normal things boys their age talked about. Lachlan was enjoying his time. He was glad that he was still getting along with Todd, this time as a boy and not a fake girl. Todd was easy to talk too and they really did gel with one another.

“Todd time to go,” they heard Travis call from down the hall after an hour or two.

“Guess that's me,” Todd said getting up.

“Oh yeah,” Lachlan said getting up. “This was cool or whatever.”

“Yeah I had fun,” Todd said. They stood looking at one another for a moment before Todd spoke again. “So look I'm going to be back for a couple of weeks around the fourth. I don't really know anyone around here so if you wanted to hang out again. I saw a mini golf place that looked kind of cool if you like wanted too.”

“Sure,” Lachlan said. He really didn't mind the idea of spending time with Todd. In fact the idea was more than alluring to him, causing a small flutter in his chest. “Its a date,” he said smiling.

Todd raised an eyebrow. Lachlan felt heat on the back of his neck. Why had he said it like that?

“I-I mean not like that,” Lachlan stammered. His hand went

up and he brushed some of his hair behind his ear. “Just we can hang out or whatever.”

“Nah its a date,” Todd said laughing a little. He then took a step towards Lachlan and planted a kiss on his lips. Lachlan didn't pull away and was rendered speechless as Todd moved back. “The thing is I never told Travis I wanted to be set up with a girl, so don't feel like you have to wear a dress the next time.”

“How did you?' Lachlan breathed as he touched his lips.

“I had my suspiciouns but I only figured it out just now,” Todd said with a smile as he reached out touching Lachlan's earlobe. “You're still wearing the earrings.”

Lachlan gasped as he covered his ears with his hand.

“Looking forward to our date Lachlan,” Todd said as he sauntered out of the room with a wave. Lachlan stood flabbergasted for a moment. He then sat on his bed taking the earrings off and tossing them to the side. He laughed a little. He had almost gotten away with it only to be found out at the last minute. Still he didn't really feel all that embarrassed. He brought a hand up to his lips again. His heart fluttered a little remembering the feeling of Todd kissing him. Lachlan smiled. He remembered telling Kim that this hadn't counted as a real date, but that wasn't true. Lachlan had passed the milestone of his first date and best of all he now had a second one to look forward too.