

GROWING PAINS

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EXT. ABANDON CAMPER - NIGHT

Brittney walks up to Anthony's TRAILER and sees his CAR along with DAN'S MOM'S CAR. She pops her bike TIRE with her hair pin and leans it up against the trailer. She walks with her hands behind her back and walks in looking innocent but no one notices her. She finally decides to speak up.

BRITTNEY

Hey fellows!

The guys all JUMP.

TEVIN

Holy crap! You scared the living daylights out of me crazy lady.

BRITTNEY

Sorry, didn't mean to scare you.

TEVIN

I'm going to the bathroom.

DAN

I think you should leave Brittney?

ANTHONY

Do you have a problem with her?

DAN

Nobody likes her. I'm just being honest.

ANTHONY

I won't tolerate that in here. Can we be a little respectful guys?

DAN

Your house! Your rules.

CHUCK

Technically, it's a trailer.

ANTHONY

Is there a problem Brittney?

BRITTNEY

I need a ride back home.

ANTHONY

A ride back home?

BRITTNEY

My ride ditched on me.

ANTHONY  
At 10 o'clock at night?

BRITTNEY  
They ditched me on the way to  
Jason's party. I had to use the  
bathroom.

ANTHONY  
Sure, I'll take you home.

Chuck burps as Anthony gets up to grab his keys.

DAN  
Dude! You gonna give her a ride?

ANTHONY  
Would you walk in the woods at this  
time of night?

CHUCK  
Hell no!

ANTHONY  
Point made.

DAN  
Keep your tricks to yourself. I  
know how you Gothic people get  
down.

BRITTNEY  
We're people just like you.

Anthony walk into the kitchen as Tevin sniff a JUG of jungle  
juice filled with alcohol. Tevin turn and holds up the jug.

TEVIN  
What is this?

ANTHONY  
Think it may be spiked Tev.

TEVIN  
I smelled the alcohol when I opened  
it.

ANTHONY  
Who knows how long that thing has  
been sitting in there?

TEVIN  
You know what's in it?

ANTHONY

No clue but I wouldn't drink that  
if I were you. Might find yourself  
skinny dipping in Puget Sound.

Anthony grabs his keys.

TEVIN

Where you going?

ANTHONY

Brittney got stranded so I'm taking  
her home.

TEVIN

Please tell me you're kidding  
right.

ANTHONY

She may dress different but she's  
still a human being.

The RADIO plays as Anthony and Brittney cruises the outer  
banks of Seattle back to Bellevue to Brittney's house. His  
PENDANT swings in his mirror. They drives through the WOODS  
radio loud. Brittney turns her HEAD and looks at Anthony. She  
turns down the radio and he looks over at her confused.

ANTHONY (CONT'D)

Whoa! You're just gonna turn down  
my radio?

BRITTNEY

Well I stop by to ask you  
something.

ANTHONY

And how'd you find me?

BRITTNEY

I overheard you talking with your  
friends at school.

ANTHONY

So what's your question?

BRITTNEY

I wanna know if you'll take me to  
the dance.

ANTHONY

I'm not...(hesitates)

BRITTNEY  
Am I not your type?

ANTHONY  
No! I'm not good at dancing.

Brief silence as Brittney looks down at the floor board.

BRITTNEY  
Am I ugly to you?

ANTHONY  
You're not ugly. Everyone is  
beautiful in their own way.

BRITTNEY  
You don't talk much at all.  
Especially about your past.

ANTHONY  
My childhood is a little  
complicated.

BRITTNEY  
Well you're not a mistake, just  
misunderstood.

ANTHONY  
...Maybe!

Anthony pulls up to her place.

BRITTNEY  
Thanks again.

Brittney opens the door to get out closes the door behind  
her. She goes to walk away before she's called by Anthony.

ANTHONY  
Hey Brittney!

BRITTNEY  
Yes!

ANTHONY  
We should grab breakfast. Might  
give us a chance to get to know  
each other.

BRITTNEY  
I would love that.

Brittney waves and walks inside. Anthony watches her close  
the FRONT DOOR after. He puts his car in gear and pulls off.

EXT. ON THE ROAD - NIGHT

Anthony taps on the STEERING WHEEL and bobs his head as he heads into the night. His CAR starts to slow down on him and he looks down at his dash and sees the ENGINE LIGHT come on. GREY SMOKE comes out of the hood gap. He repeatedly slams his FOOT on the GAS PEDAL but nothing happens.

ANTHONY

No! No! No!

Anthony pulls off to the side of the road and gets out to open the HOOD for what might be the issue.

ANTHONY (CONT'D)

Not again!

Anthony closes the hood and gets his Rubik's cube out the car. He leans against his car while cracking the cube to calm his nerves. He wait for someone to drive by. Some HEADLIGHTS shines his way and he looks up. He waves his ARMS and JUMP up & down at the car. The CAR drives right by him and he kicks his door panel.

ANTHONY (CONT'D)

Dammit!

Mariah looks in her REARVIEW MIRROR and recognizes the CAR. She slows down and turns around down the road. She pulls up.

MARIAH

Hey stranger! What you doing out here at 12:00 in the morning.

ANTHONY

I should be asking you the same question.

MARIAH

I came from Jason's party and you?

ANTHONY

Well I was giving a friend a ride.

MARIAH

Your name is Brandon right?

ANTHONY

No! That's the kid that sits in front of me.

MARIAH

Honest mistake.

ANTHONY

So you here to help me or just came back for small chat?

MARIAH

I don't have any jumper cables but I can take you to my place to get them.

ANTHONY

I would rather not be out here by myself.

MARIAH

Hop in.

ANTHONY

This means a lot. Thanks!

Anthony jumps in.

MARIAH

Did you not get an invite to the party?

ANTHONY

No, I like to stay to myself. That's why I moved out here.

MARIAH

In the woods?

ANTHONY

Not in the woods, I'm staying in a camper. Got tired of my parents.

MARIAH

It's all a part of being a teenager.

ANTHONY

But mine are ten times worse.

Anthony mixes up his Rubik's cube to crack it later and Mariah looks over.

MARIAH

What is that thing?

ANTHONY

(Holds up)  
Oh! This thing?

MARIAH

Yeah!

ANTHONY

It's an Rubik's cube. Had it for a long time.

MARIAH

My friend's brother has one of those. Well had one of those! He threw at an owl sitting in a tree.

ANTHONY

What!!!

MARIAH

Don't worry, he missed by a long shot.

ANTHONY

It's real easy to solve actually.

MARIAH

You should show me sometime.

Anthony looks out the WINDOQ as they pull up Mariah's house.

ANTHONY

Nice car, big house, you live pretty good.

MARIAH

Thanks! You mind spending the night here? It's kind of late.

ANTHONY

I mean! If your parents don't mind.

MARIAH

Good! I really didn't feel like heading back out tonight.

ANTHONY

I guess I'll sleep on your lawn.

MARIAH

No don't be silly, I have a guest bedroom that you can stay in.

ANTHONY

Thanks Mariah.

MARIAH

What about your car?



ANTHONY

I'll call a wrecker in the morning.

Mariah smiles. Anthony pulls back the cover and climbs into the bed in the guest bedroom.

INT. JASON'S LUXURIOUS RIVERFRONT LOG HOME - DAY

The next morning, drunk STUDENTS are laid out across the LOG CABIN. A few students line the FLOOR laying on top of each other. Tracey has a random girl laying on his chest on the COUCH as he slowly wakes up. Jason is in his parent's bedroom with 5 girls on the BED. He gets up and pushes one of the girls off him so he can get up to inspect the place. A few students FACES are dressed up with marker because they fell asleep with their shoes on. The BOUNCY CASTLE is partially deflated with someone hanging out the entrance. CUPS, BOTTLES, SNACKS, and PIZZA BOXES line the yard. Jason walks out of his parents' bedroom into the open area and looks around with a smile on his FACE. Tracey walks up behind him and put his hand on his shoulder.

JASON

Now that's a party!

TRACEY

It sure was! I had a great time.

JASON

I'm glad you enjoyed it.

TRACEY

Cleanup is gonna be hell tho!

JASON

Once I clean up, we can go shoot some hoops or something.

TRACEY

I'm down!

Ronnie looks left and right for a spot to throw up and ends up puking in a PLATE. Kendrick and Jason laugh with their cleaning gloves and TRASH BAGS in hand.

INT. BRITTNEY'S HOUSE - DAY

Brittney is eating a bowl of cereal before her mom comes in her in one of those fancy COLORFUL DRESS she made. SHARON walks into the kitchen and leaves a LIST on the table.

SHARON

Hey sweetheart. Can you run to the store and pick up these things.

BRITTNEY

Okay mom.

SHARON

(Pours her coffee)

Oh yeah! Your father said he won't be back in time. He's got training.

BRITTNEY

Again.

Brittney gets up and puts her dishes in the sink. Brittney goes back to the table and messes with her iPhone. Sharon looks at her watch.

SHARON

He said he's coming back in a few weeks. I'll see you later.

(Kisses forehead)

I have to open the store. And don't forget the list.

BRITTNEY

I got it mom!

Shortly after her mom leaves, Brittney grabs the SHOPPING LIST off the kitchen counter and puts it in her BLACK JEANS pocket. She pulls her other BIKE off the rack and hops on. Mariah HAIR blows in the wind with her top down and Anthony in the passenger seat. Brittney looks at the list and start putting things in the shopping cart. She checks out at the register. She puts her bags in the basket on her bike and rides off.

EXT. ANTHONY'S CAMPER - DAY

Mariah pulls up to the CAMPER followed by a tow truck with Anthony's car hooked up to it. Mariah gets out her car as the tow truck driver lets down the car. He pays the guy and walks over to Anthony. Anthony play with the Rubiks cube in his hand.

ANTHONY

I don't have any money but I can give you one of these.

MARIAH

It's fine.

ANTHONY

No, seriously. This means a lot.

MARIAH

Anytime! Maybe you can teach me how to do that cube thing.

ANTHONY

Yeah sure.

Anthony waves as she walks back to her car. Mariah gets in her car. Anthony pulls out his PHONE and hovers over BRITTNEY'S NAME. He opens up her contact and text her to meet for breakfast.