

The Accident

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EXT. ROOM 142A

AMBER is walking into room 142A trying to read her schedule to make sure she is in the right place. She is clearly late to class. After walking by numerous rooms she walks into a class late and the teacher is already at the front of the room giving a lesson.

The TEACHER stops for a moment and stares at Amber. Amber smiles.

AMBER
(holding out her schedule to
the teacher)
Hi, I'm Amber. This is my first
day.

TEACHER
(not reaching for the
schedule)
Amber, go ahead and take a seat
back there next to Henry.

Amber stops smiling abruptly, somewhat embarrassed, and somewhat offended at the rudeness of the teacher. Amber begins walking to the back of the room without looking up at anyone. The teacher begins to teach again in the background.

When she gets to the back of the room there is a single open seat next to a glum looking boy. He is HENRY.

Amber sits down and looks over at Henry

AMBER
(whispering towards Henry)
Oh my gosh, is this lady always so
rude?

Henry looks softly at Amber for a moment but then shyly turns back to the paper he has been writing on his desk.

Amber, not sensing his shyness, thinks he is being rude and huffs as she turns back in her chair to face forward.

VERONICA, who is sitting on the other side of Amber leans over.

VANESSA
(to Amber)
She's actually even worse than you
think. By the way, I wouldn't
bother trying to talk to Henry.
He's been pretty quiet since his
Parents both died a few months ago.

AMBER
oh my gosh. Is that true?

 VANESSA
yep. Hi, I'm Vanessa
 (Holds out hand to shake)

 AMBER
Hi. Amber. Nice to meet you

 TEACHER
Excuse me, ladies. A little respect
for the lesson I am trying to
teach!?

Both girls stop chatting immediately and face forward.

 TEACHER
thank you. Next time I ask it will
be a detention.

Teacher goes back to talking about something or other.

Vanessa looks over to Amber and rolls her eyes. They both smile.

Amber looks towards Henry and suddenly feels sorry for him.

Amber opens her notebook and tears out a page. She writes,
"If you ever need someone to talk to, I'm here -Amber"

 AMBER
 (to Henry)
Psst. Here.

Henry looks over and takes the note. Reads it, then closes it up again. He remains facing forward in his chair. He puts the note on the top edge of his desk and continues to listen to the lesson.

Amber looks back to the teacher. She shakes her head a little with a worried/compassionate look on her face.

EXT ROOM 142A - 20 MINUTES LATER

The bell rings and the empty hallway fills up as students exit the rooms. Amber and Vanessa exit together and are talking about school. They stop to chat and Henry walks by without looking at them.

 AMBER
I can't believe he lost both his
parents. I don't even know him but
 (MORE)

AMBER (CONT'D)
I can't imagine what that must be like.

VANESSA
I'm sure it's hard but he sure does act dramatic about the whole thing.

Vanessa pretends she is Henry and glumly walks back in forth in front of Amber in the most exaggerated sad way she can.

AMBER
(smiling)
Come on Vanessa, don't be insensitive, he probably can't help it. I think he just needs someone he can talk to.

VANESSA
And you think that someone is you!?

AMBER
maybe? what would be wrong with that?

VANESSA
Oh my gosh, your first day here and you already have a secret crush!?

AMBER
NO! nothing like that, I just think I could help cheer him up.

VANESSA
Well, good luck to you. That boy is mute. I've gotta run, I'll meet you at lunch and show you around the cafeteria, ok?

AMBER
Ok.

Vanessa walks off. The bell rings. Amber quickly pulls out her schedule and runs off, late to her next class.

INT. ROOM 214C - A FEW MINUTES LATER

Amber runs into class late and heads to the last open seat. Surprisingly, Henry is sitting next to her once again.

AMBER

Well, look at that! Two classes together. It's fate!

Henry shyly acknowledges her statement and then opens his textbook to whatever page is assigned.

AMBER

I meant what I wrote in that note by the way.

Henry sits frozen.

AMBER

OK, well. here, I brought you something.

Amber takes out a CD and holds it out to Henry.

AMBER

This really helped me get through a hard time last year. This is my third school in less than 8 months. It's been really hard making new friends.

Henry doesn't take the CD. Amber is still holding it out.

AMBER

It's music. You like Music don't you? ugh.

Amber places the CD on his desk, slightly frustrated, and turns forward.

AMBER

(sincerely)

Anyway, give it a listen. I think you'll like it.

EXT. CAFETERIA - TWO HOURS LATER.

Amber is walking to meet Veronica. She trips and scrapes her knee.

AMBER

(talking to herself)

Of course! Off to another great start aren't you Amber.

As she sits on the ground she starts to look through her bag for a tissue to wipe her knee with.

HENRY

You Okay?

AMBER

(turning and stunned that it's
Henry talking to her)

Um, yeah, I think so.

Henry reaches into his bag and takes out a sleeve of tissues. He wets one with his water bottle quickly and rubs her knee for her. Amber is stunned.

HENRY

Sorry for earlier.

AMBER

That's okay.

Henry finishes wiping the scrape and then helps Amber up.

HENRY

You want me to show you around a
little bit?

AMBER

(huge smile)

That would be great, Henry.

They both start walking towards the cafeteria building.
Henry is shooing her around.

FADE TO BLACK