

LAUREN BENTON ORIGINAL WORK

THE BOARDWALK BOY

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EXT. BOARDWALK - EVENING

HENRY strolls with his parents along the boardwalk. CAROLYNN and GEOFF gawk at the beautiful scenery as they snack on treats along the boardwalk.

CAROLYNN

Oh, Geoffy, would you look at that beautiful sunset!

GEOFF

Reminds me of that time at Virginia Beach... You remember-

Carolynn blushes at Geoff's randy memories.

CAROLYNN

Oh, Geoffy, not in front of the kid!

Henry rolls his eyes at his giggling flirty parents. Henry checks his phone which dings with a new message from BRITANY.

BRITANY (TEXT)

*Hey, I just ditched my parents. Meet you in three at the Ferris wheel.*

Henry immediately fidgets as he plans his escape from his parents. He spots a perfect distraction up ahead.

HENRY

Hey! Mom, Dad, isn't this the spot you asked mom to move in with you?

Henry runs up to an old log in perfect view of the metal bridge displayed above the warm of the sunset.

CAROLYNN

Awww. It is!

His parents sit down in the same spot from many years ago.

HENRY

Yeah, isn't it pretty? Hey, dad, do you remember how you asked her?

GEOFF

Oh well, I remember she was hesitant at first because-

HENRY

No, no start the story from the beginning. Wasn't mom talking about the history of the bridge?

CAROLYNN

Oh I was! Crazy how you remember that, Henry!

HENRY

Do you remember what she said, dad? Do you remember in detail the history of the bridge?

Henry receives another text from Britany.

BRITANY (TEXT)

*I am getting close. Are you there already?*

Henry's parents are already getting lost in each other's eyes.

GEOFF

Well, I sure know a lot of it. It is your mom's favorite bridge. Isn't that right, Carolyn.

CAROLYNN

Sure is, my Geoffy.

HENRY

Great, well, how about mom fact checks you, dad, see how much you remember. I am gonna go grab a hot dog real quick.

Carolynn and Geoff do not bother to respond as they are already entranced within one another. Henry shrugs and walks off.

GEOFF

Well I know the original bridge was built in 1845 and named 'Lien D'Amour': the 'Connection of Love'.

Carolynn swoons a little.

EXT. BOARDWALK - EVENING (CONT.)

Henry dashes to the intersection, now hurried to find Britany. A sign behind Henry says "DUE TO BIER FEST, THIS PART OF THE BOARDWALK IS CLOSED TO UNACCOMPANIED MINORS."

Security guards scope the area intently. Henry walks closely with two random adults to enter in the other half of the boardwalk.

When the coast seems clear, the adults leer at Henry who seems to be a stalking tag-a-long. Henry unobtrusively backs away.

Henry is ready to book it for the Ferris wheel, when he gets another text from Britany.

BRITANY (TEXT)

Where are you? I can't wait much longer.

A grin across Henry's face vanishes when he spots Britany's parents calling out for her.

Henry crouches behind trash cans to not be spotted by them, tip-toe-ing in between.

After the third trash can, Henry catches the glance of a security guard.

Trying to find an escape route from the guard, Henry catches the nearby flower stand in his eyeline.

Henry, moved by the warm glow of puppy love, ambles to the stand. He pulls out two dollars and thirty-five cents from his pocket.

HENRY

Hey there. I only have two dollars, can that get me anything?

Henry gets a simple yet brightly vibrant array of buttercups, lilies, and dahlias. He turns and sniffs the flowers when someone knocks into him.

BRITANY'S MOM

Oh! Hey! You are that boy from Britany's math class, right? Your mom and dad are in the Academic Parent Support Group with us?

Henry is visibly flustered.

HENRY

Uh, yeah. Yeah.

BRITANY'S MOM

It's Barry right?

HENRY

Uh, Henry.

BRITANY'S MOM

Right, Harry. Have you seen Britany anywhere? She snuck off somewhere in this crowd.

Henry hides the bouquet behind his back.

HENRY

Uh, yes! Yes I think I spotted her over by the burger stand.

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BRITANY'S MOM

She's vegan.

HENRY

They have fries.

Britany's mom nods unsurely but nudges Britany's dad toward the hamburger stand.

BRITANY'S MOM

Well okay, thank you. Have a good night!

Henry salutes them off awkwardly and bolts for the ferris wheel.

EXT. FERRIS WHEEL - NIGHT (CONT.)

After a quick survey around the base of the Ferris wheel, Henry catches the sight of the beautiful BRITANY in a cutesy blue dress, make up, and an oversized sweater.

Henry shakes himself off, puts on a smile, as he approaches.

BRITANY

Finally! It felt like forever.

HENRY

Sorry, I'm late. This is for you!

Henry gifts Britany the flowers excitedly. Britany takes them in her hand quizzically, then flips them upside down and rattles them around.

BRITANY

I don't get it. Where is the pot?

HENRY

I'm sorry?

BRITANY

The pot? Sherrie said you could  
sell me pot.

Henry grits his smile with the upmost confusion.

HENRY

Uh- I'm sorry, I don't-

BRITANY

Hey wait a minute, your Harry from  
math class! We had that stupid  
project together!

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HENRY

Henry.

BRITANY

Ugh, what a waste! I texted the  
wrong Harry in my phone-

HENRY

Henry.

BRITANY

Damn, I was really looking forward  
to it.

Henry shyly flips the bouquet right side up in Britany's  
hand.

HENRY

I know its not what you had in mind  
but... maybe you can look forward  
to something else?

Britany eyes Henry and scoffs.

BRITANY

Yeah, no. See you Monday, Harry.

The flowers plunge to the ground as Britany struts away.  
Henry picks them up and dusts them off.

HENRY

It's not Harry, its-

CAROLYNN

Henry.

Henry turns around toward the two straight-faced parents.

GEOFF

You had us worried, son.

HENRY

Yeah, I know.

CAROLYNN

We weren't upset that you snuck off to see a girl, Honey. We were upset because you snuck off.

GEOFF

We support you going on dates and showing interest in people you like, but you gotta tell us first, okay?

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HENRY

Yeah, okay.

GEOFF

And kid, I'm sorry if you felt like you couldn't come to us about it.

HENRY

It's not you guys. Britany just seemed like she really wanted to keep it a secret. Now, I know why. Am I in trouble?

CAROLYNN

I think you have been punished enough, 'Harry'.

Henry chuckles and gives the flowers to his mom. Though his ego is bruised, Henry walks off with his parents in each of his arms.

CAROLYNN (CONT'D)

Should we tell Britany's mom?

GEOFF

Yeah, as if I didn't deal to her mom in high school.

CAROLYNN

Geoff!

HENRY

Dad!

**THE END**