

3 Seconds

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INT. CLASSROOM - AFTERNOON

A boy(16) is sitting at a table studying. He has earbuds in and is intently focusing on the textbook he is reading. In front of him he has an array of textbooks, notebooks, pens, and highlighters. A girl(16) sits down next to him but he fails to notice. She pulls out her textbook and a few other school supplies. She looks around her pile and in her backpack once more before tapping the boy on his shoulder.

GIRL

Hey, can I borrow a pencil?

The boy takes off his headphones and turns to the girl, staring at her in awe for a few seconds. She tilts her head to the side and gives him a confused look. The boy shakes his head removing himself from his trance.

BOY

I'm sorry what?

The girl laughs slightly to herself and points to his pencil case.

GIRL

A pencil. Can I borrow one?

BOY

Oh um, yeah.

The boy reaches for the pencil case and fumbles with the zipper as he quickly tries to open it for her. He finally grabs one and hands it to her.

GIRL

Thank you.

They both turn back to their textbooks and begin to read. The boy, however, can not seem to focus as he keeps glancing at the girl. She is very engrossed in her textbook as she writes down a few notes in her notebook. As she turns to continue reading she catches him staring at her. He quickly turns his head back to his textbook as she smiles to herself.

GIRL (CONT'D)

So, what are you reading?

BOY

Oh, um

The boy looks down at the page desperately as if he completely forgot everything he had been doing before the girl arrived.

BOY (CONT'D)  
Environmental Science, but uh right  
now biodiversity.

GIRL  
Oh, sounds interesting.

BOY  
Yeah, I guess. I mean, yeah it is.  
I just get a little bored reading  
about the variations of grass.

The girl laughs and turns a little more to face him.

GIRL  
Yeah well save me to sob story  
because I took physics instead of  
environmental science this year and  
now I'm in real trouble. I haven't  
really understood a single equation  
this year.

A shush is heard from in-front of them and they both turn  
their heads. The gives gives an apologetic look and mouths  
sorry to the student before turning back to the boy with a  
sheepish smile.

BOY  
Is that what you're reading right  
now, physics?

The girl turns to her open textbook and shakes her head.

GIRL  
No, I probably should be, but this  
is psychology.

BOY  
Oh, do you like psychology?

GIRL  
Yeah oh my god it is so  
interesting. Like in class the  
other day we spent an entire class  
talking about what makes a serial  
killer want to kill.

BOY  
Serial killers?

GIRL  
Yeah. Plus the textbook is filled  
with all these cool facts. Like um-

The girl turns back to her textbook and quickly searches the page. The boy stares at her in the same awe he had earlier.

GIRL (CONT'D)

Okay, did you know it only takes  
three seconds to fall in love with  
someone?

The same students from earlier shushes them again but this time more aggressively. The boy continues to stare at the girl as she looks up at the student with the apologetic look as earlier.

BOY

Three seconds huh.

The girl turns back to the boy and nods in excitement.

BOY (CONT'D)

(smiling)

I believe it.

The girl and boy share a smile at one another before turning back to their own textbooks. After a second the girl glances over at the boy and smiles to herself.

FADE TO BLACK.