

UNTITLED SCREENPLAY

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THE EDGE OF SEVENTEEN - NADINE AND ERWIN

Exterior theme park. Nadine and Erwin have just boarded the ferris wheel. They're sitting side by side. They're silent for a little while the ferris wheel goes around.

NADINE

So, tell me something I don't know about you, Erwin.

ERWIN

I, uh...

NADINE

What are your hopes and dreams? Take me on a tour of your psyche.

ERWIN

Gee. I don't know. I guess I'm just your average guy, I guess.

NADINE

Right, but if you had to expand for the two minutes that we're on the ride?

ERWIN

Right. Uh--

NADINE

What are your parents like?

ERWIN

Oh. Well, my dad--

NADINE

Actually, wait, wait, wait. Let's see if I can guess. I want to see if I'm psychic.

ERWIN

Sure. Okay.

NADINE

Okay, here it is. Your mom gets on you about your grades and practicing your instruments. She makes a great egg sandwich after years of owning a small restaurant downtown. Your dad. Quiet, gruff. Never really says I love you. Um... But with his stoic presence, I mean, you know he cares. I'm really hoping none of that was racist, but now I'm thinking all of it was.

ERWIN

Oh, no, no. Not racist at all, you know. You're good. Yeah.

They're both silent for a moment. Then, Erwin moves suddenly towards Nadine, like he's trying to kiss her.

NADINE

Whoa! What are you... Oh, my god,

ERWIN

Whoa, I-I'm sorry. Was that bad timing? 'Cause I thought it was good timing, 'cause you're on a Ferris Wheel, you're upset. I'm just trying to comfort you.

NADINE

Oh, wow. Okay.

ERWIN

That was weird?

NADINE

Oh, yeah. We should... We should probably get off.

ERWIN

We should get off.

NADINE

Yeah, that was...

Erwin leans over the edge of the box, trying to catch the attendant's attention.

ERWIN

Hey! Excuse me, could we be let off?

NADINE

Erwin. Erwin?

ERWIN

Can we please? Can we stop the fucking ride? Can we just stop it?

The ride doesn't stop. They start going up again. Nadine starts to laugh.

ERWIN

I'm sorry for... I didn't mean to raise my voice.

NADINE

Oh my god, Erwin.