

Three-Sided Love

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INT. TRAVIS' BEDROOM - DAY

VERNON (15), slim and attractive, is talking with his best friend, TRAVIS. Travis (15), tall and handsome, but odd.

VERNON

Man, History is so boring. All I ever do is take lecture notes.

TRAVIS

The good thing is, that you have that extremely cute girl, Audrey in your class. By the way, do you think she's pretty?

VERNON

Do I think so? I know so! After all, she is my girl best friend, remember?

TRAVIS

Oh right. Forgot about that for some...

Just then, Vernon receives a text message from Audrey.

VERNON

Hold on, someone just texted me.

TRAVIS

Who's it from? Audrey?

VERNON

Actually, it is! She says that she wants me to go over to her house.

Travis looks over at Vernon.

TRAVIS

Vernon, I need to tell you something.

VERNON

Well what would that be?

TRAVIS

I like Audrey, like really bad. Ever since the day I met her, I've just had the biggest crush on her.

VERNON

Well I have to go. I'll keep that in mind though.

FLASHBACK TO:

EXT. SCHOOL - DAY

Here we see Vernon and AUDREY (15), talking to each other. Audrey reveals something big.

AUDREY

Hey, Vernon. I want to tell you something.

VERNON

Oh yeah? Is it going to be the secret to your heart?

AUDREY

Haha, in a way. I really like you Vernon. You make me feel needed, perfect, you're great.

VERNON

Well I like you, too, Audrey.

AUDREY

OH MY GOD! REALLY? NO JOKE?

VERNON

No joke Audrey. I really do.

Audrey gives Vernon a huge bear hug and a big kiss on the cheek. Vernon blushes a bit, but is really happy.

CUT TO:

EXT. AUDREY'S HOUSE - DAY

We see Audrey waiting outside her house for Vernon. Once she sees him, she smiles. Vernon is happy to be there.

AUDREY

Jeez, Vernon. Could you take any longer?

VERNON

Well I'm sorry! Travis told me something that slowed me down for a bit.

AUDREY

Can I know what it is?

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VERNON

Just about some girl he likes. He needed some help trying to get through.

Audrey looks like something needs to be said.

AUDREY

Vernon, I know this is going to be weird. But when I ask this question, promise me that you won't be freaking out or anything.

VERNON

Why would I be freaked out?

AUDREY

Are you going to promise me or not?

VERNON

Yes! I promise that I won't! Gosh!

AUDREY

Vernon, do you want to go out with me?

Vernon then remembers Travis' words:

TRAVIS (V.O.)

I like Audrey, like really bad. Ever since the day I met her, I've just had the biggest crush on her.

Vernon backs away from Audrey.

AUDREY

Is there something wrong?

VERNON

Well, listen. I do think you're a great girl and all, but I don't want to do this. You see, my best friend, Travis, likes you really bad. I'd just feel like crap if I screwed him over to go out with you. I'm sorry, but I have to go.

Vernon runs away headed to a quiet place. Audrey looks like she's in tears now that Vernon has left her. She then gets an idea that just might work out.

EXT. VERNON'S HOUSE - DAY

Vernon talks with his older sister, PAMELA, (27) about his current situation. She's good with advice.

VERNON

Pam, I need to tell you something.

PAMELA

Well what is it little bro'? You know I'm here for you.

VERNON

I just left the girl of my dreams all because of my friendship with someone else. Now, not only do I feel bad for one person, I feel bad for two. There's no way out of this.

PAMELA

Don't get down on yourself so easily, it's not the end of the world.

VERNON

But it is for me!

PAMELA

No it isn't! Now let me explain why. You've always stayed true to those that you know and love. You pull through even if you don't know what will happen.

VERNON

But this isn't something that's so simple! I like her, Travis likes her, it's impossible for any *good* to come out of this.

PAMELA

Travis did save you from nearly drowning last summer. Maybe he'll take it as an act of kindness from you.

VERNON

I doubt that he will. This is just... something big.

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PAMELA

Just go to his house and tell him.
Maybe he will.

EXT. TRAVIS' HOUSE - DAY

Audrey waits outside Travis' house.

AUDREY

TRAVIS! Can you come down really
quick?

TRAVIS

Audrey? What are you doing here?
Aren't you supposed to be with
Vernon right now?

AUDREY

Well I was, but then he told me
something big.

TRAVIS

Really? He did? I thought he wasn't
going to mention anything about me.

AUDREY

Um, okay. But he told me that you
really like me. Is that true?

TRAVIS

Yeah.. well.. you see... it's not
so much that as it is...

AUDREY

Just answer the freaking question!

TRAVIS

Yes! I do like you! Happy now?

Audrey now looks at Travis. He's in for something.

AUDREY

Travis, I know you're best friends
with Vernon, and that's great. The
catch is, that I like Vernon a lot.
I do like you, since you're cool
and all, but I just like him in a
different way. He left me so he
wouldn't hurt you or feel bad about
it.

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TRAVIS

Wow. He really did leave you just for me?

AUDREY

Yup, he really did.

Just then, Vernon arrives. Surprised to see the two together, he wants to know what's going on.

AUDREY

Oh hey Vernon. Glad to see you're here.

VERNON

Thanks, I guess. But what are you two doing here?

TRAVIS

Vernon, I think there's something you should know.

VERNON

Umm.... is it something bad? Like are you mad at me?

TRAVIS

Oh no, it's not that!

AUDREY

Well I told Travis that I liked you.

TRAVIS

I told her that I liked her.

AUDREY

However, I may like him, I do like you in a different way.

Vernon is now a bit more shocked by this.

TRAVIS

You are a great friend Vernon. You've always been there to help me and get through things that I doubt I would've gotten through by myself. This act though, was a bit more thoughtful.

AUDREY

Vernon, he's right. You're a great friend. You wanted to make sure

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AUDREY (cont'd)
that he wouldn't be hurt if you
chose me.

TRAVIS
Perhaps I'm just not suited for the
job. Someone with a better
understanding is.

VERNON
Haha. Guess so.

AUDREY
Um, okay? Anyways, I know you're
awesome, but you're pretty kind. I
love you Vernon.

VERNON
Sometimes I wonder how all of this
ends up working out. I guess I'm
pretty lucky to have you both.