

CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

HAYDEN OSBORNE 18, male, he is a healthy tall middle-class kid, likes to work on

SARAH STEPHENS 18, female, she is short, and the cheer captain. Hayden is in love with her.

CHAD DAVIS 18, Sarah's boyfriend, athletic, the star quarterback, upper class.

THE TIME:

Spring 1995

THE PLACE:

High School, Hayden's house, The town of Sand Springs, Local movie theater.

SCENE ONE

(HAYDEN walks to school, when HE arrives, HE goes to HIS locker and right across from

HIM is SARAH STEPHENS, his 6th grade high school crush.

HAYDEN

(Talk to HIMSELF)

Is this the day that I'm finally going to talk to this girl?

(HE works up the courage to talk to HER)

Hey Sarah, you look very beautiful today.

SARAH

Aww thank you so much Hayden, that was sweet of you to say.

HAYDEN

You're welcome so what are you reading.

SARAH

Oh, I'm just going over the notes for Mr. Evans history test, but I didn't get my notes done so

there are some things that I didn't get to study.

HAYDEN

Oh, well here... you can use mine I got them done.

SARAH

You're a lifesaver thank you!

HAYDEN

No prob...

(HAYDEN is shoved against the lockers by CHAD. SARAH'S boyfriend. HE falls to the ground)

CHAD

Trying to talk to my girlfriend bro?! Better watch out if I catch you doing it again you will regret it!

SARAH

I am so sorry!

(THEY both walk away. HAYDEN sits up next to the lockers and is enraged. HE hits the locker as hard as HE can then looks down and realizes his knuckles are bleeding. Lights crossfade. The next day HAYDEN walks to the school but stops and notices that SARAH is alone on the field.

HE talks to himself.)

HAYDEN

She is alone, this is my shot to talk to her.

(Approaches SARAH)

Hey Sarah, how are you doing?

SARAH

I am doing ok I guess; I am sorry about Chad the other day it wasn't right what he did.

HAYDEN

Don't worry about it its fine, you sure you're ok it doesn't seem like you are?

SARAH

I'm not, I think that Chad might be cheating on me. I have called him out on it and he just says that I am crazy.

HAYDEN

Have you thought about spying on him?

SARAH

Oh... I don't know if I could do that.

HAYDEN

You want to know the truth, don't you? How about you and I go see what exactly he is up to later
this evening.

SARAH

Yes, I want to know the truth, but I am afraid he will see us.

HAYDEN

He won't. We will go when it is dark outside.

SARAH:

Ok, you talked me into it. What time do you want to meet up?

HAYDEN

How about 9:00 does that work?

SARAH

That is perfect!

HAYDEN

Alright, I will see you this evening!

(Blackout)

(Late at night. HAYDEN leaves HIS house and walks over to SARAH'S and sends HER a text message that HE has arrived. She comes out and THEY walk to CHAD's house. THEY hide behind a bush and wait to see what HE does.)

HAYDEN

I am not seeing anyone. Maybe we should just go.

SARAH

Wait hold on someone is coming out of the house.

HAYDEN

Who is that girl?

SARAH

Oh my God, that's Vanessa Martindale!

HAYDEN

Doesn't she cheer with you?

SARAH

Oh my God, he just kissed her! Hold on just a second!

(SARAH walks fast over to CHAD and SHE yells, "Hey!" VANESSA gets in HER car and drives off fast. SARAH confronts CHAD and starts yelling at HIM.)

SARAH:

Are you fucking kidding me, you are cheating on me with someone that I cheer with?

CHAD

Why the hell are you spying on me?!

SARAH

Do not change the subject! How you could do this I loved you!

CHAD

Shut the FUCK up!

(CHAD pushes SARAH down, HAYDEN runs over to help SARAH.)

What is this Sarah your new boyfriend? The hell are you doing here you fucking loser!?

(HAYDEN brings HIS arm back and balls HIS fist up and knocks CHAD out with one punch.)

HAYDEN

Sarah are you ok?

(HE helps SARAH up. SHE starts crying.)

I am sorry that I did that.

SARAH

No, it's not that I just can't believe that he was cheating on me, and with someone that I cheered
with.

HAYDEN

Some guys are just jerks, all I know is that you deserve better.

SARAH

Yeah, you are right, do you want to go get something to eat?

HAYDEN

Sure! I would love to!

SARAH

What do we do about him?

HAYDEN

He will be fine. He is still breathing just out cold. He can stay out here tonight.

(HAYDEN and SARAH walk away and head to the local diner in town to get something to eat.

THEY get to the diner, order their food, and sit down.)

How are you feeling?

SARAH

I just do not know what to think, why are guys such assholes.

HAYDEN

Not all guys are.

SARAH

Not you, but most guys I mean, I just don't understand why every guy I date turns out to be a total bastard.

HAYDEN

Maybe you just have not found the right one yet.

SARAH

Maybe, I am not sure.

HAYDEN

All I know is that you deserve to be treated right.

SARAH

Yeah, you are right!

HAYDEN

Tell me about you. What are your plans for after high school?

SARAH

I am not sure I wanted to go to a four-year college and get a business degree, But Chad thought I was not smart enough to run my own business.

HAYDEN

Screw what that he thinks, you can do anything you set your mind to.

SARAH

You think so?

HAYDEN

Absolutely!

SARAH

Thank you, Hayden, for believing in me.

HAYDEN

No problem!

SARAH

What about you? What are you doing after high school?

HAYDEN

I would like to open my own mechanic shop.

SARAH

Really!?! You like to work on cars?

HAYDEN

Yes, that's what I'm good at.

SARAH

Well I think you should go for it. I'm sure you will be successful!

HAYDEN

Thank you Sarah I'm going to try.

(SARAH smiles at HAYDEN. HE smiles back at HER, HE pays for THEIR dinner and then walks HER home.)

HAYDEN

Well sorry tonight did not go well.

SARAH

It's ok. Hanging out with you was the best part of the night!

HAYDEN

Really you think so.

SARAH

Yes, thank you for being so understanding and kind to me.

HAYDEN

No problem sweetheart, well I guess I should get going I'll see you Monday

SARAH

Alright see you Monday!

(HAYDEN works on his 1970 Camaro and tries to get it running for HIS upcoming date.

Blackout.)

SCENE 3

(Monday. HAYDEN walks out of HIS house. HE tells his parents, "bye" and drives to school. As

HAYDEN is pulling up to school, HE just gets stares from the other kids who are in shock

because of what HE is driving. HAYDEN gets out of the car and HE sees SARAH walking towards HIM.)

SARAH

Hayden is this your car!?

HAYDEN

Yes, it is.

SARAH

It's gorgeous!

HAYDEN

Thanks! You want to go for a ride during lunch?

SARAH

Yes, I would love to!

HAYDEN

We can go get something to eat too.

SARAH

Alright, sounds good I will meet you out here.

HAYDEN

See you in a little bit.

(A couple hours go by and SARAH meets HAYDEN at HIS car. SHE gets in, and they go to lunch, and SHE is smiling the whole time. THEY go to Sonic and order THEIR food.)

HAYDEN

How are you feeling after the other night?

SARAH:

I'm doing ok. Much better than how I was.

HAYDEN

Good, I'm glad you're doing better.

SARAH

I got to thinking though, next person I date I am going to make sure that he is not a son of a bitch.

HAYDEN

Well you don't have to look too far.

SARAH

Do you mean you?

HAYDEN:

Yes.

SARAH

Oh, ok so you want to date me?

HAYDEN

Yes, I have had a crush on you since Middle School.

SARAH

Oh, why didn't you ever tell me?

HAYDEN

Because I am shy and thought that you would never want to be with me.

SARAH

I see well how about we go on a date tonight.

HAYDEN

Isn't this a date now?

SARAH

No. Like an actual date we can go see a movie.

HAYDEN

Ok sounds good. I'll come pick you up around five.

SARAH

Sounds good to me!

(After THEY get done eating HAYDEN drives HER back to the school and THEY both go back to class. When school gets out HAYDEN drives home to get ready for his date. After HE is done, HE goes and picks SARAH up to go to the movies. Lights crossfade. THEY get to the movie theater, and THEY go inside to watch the movie. A couple hours go by and the movie is over. They walk to the car, get in, and HE takes HER home. THEY pull up to SARAH'S house.)

HAYDEN

Well what did you think of the movie?

SARAH

I thought that It was good, it was sweet and funny.

HAYDEN

I thought so too, so was it a good first date?

SARAH

Yes, thank you so much you are such a nice and understanding guy.

HAYDEN

Thank you, see not all guys are assholes.

SARAH

You're right, I think I found myself a keeper.

(THEY both smile at each other.)

HAYDEN

Come on I will walk you to the door.

SARAH

Okay.

(HAYDEN gets out of the car and opens HER door up for HER. THEY walk up to the front door of HER house.)

HAYDEN

(Thinking to HIMSELF)

Should I kiss her?

SARAH

I had such a great time Hayden, thanks again.

(HE is still thinking should I, too nervous to speak but HE goes for it. SHE meets HIM halfway and THEY kiss.)

HAYDEN

That was nice.

SARAH

(Laughing)

Yes, it was!

HAYDEN

I guess I better get going.

SARAH

Okay, I will see you tomorrow.

HAYDEN

Goodnight Sarah.

(Blackout)

SCENE FOUR

(HAYDEN drives to school and pulls into the parking lot. When HE gets out of his car, HE notices that SARAH is talking to CHAD. When THEY get done talking, HE walks over to HER.)

HAYDEN

Hey, why were you talking to Chad?

SARAH

We need to talk

(HAYDEN and SARAH walk over to HAYDEN'S car.)

HAYDEN

What's the problem? Why were you talking to Chad?

SARAH

Well... me and Chad are getting back together.

HAYDEN

What?! Why?

SARAH

He said he was willing to change, and that he would never hurt me again.

HAYDEN

Sarah, he's lying he isn't going to change. I know his type.

SARAH

I think that he really means it though. I feel like he deserves another chance.

HAYDEN

What about us though? I thought that we had a great thing going.

SARAH

I'm sorry I must at least give it another chance.

HAYDEN

Fine, but you will never be as happy as you were when you were with me.

SARAH

Hayden...

(HAYEN gets in HIS car and drives off fast. Blackout.)

SCENE FIVE

(Months later. It is the end of the school year, and HAYDEN has still not gotten over SARAH. HE pulls up to school he gets out of HIS car and sees SARAH and CHAD arguing in the parking lot. HE sees CHAD slap SARAH and HE starts screaming at HER.)

HAYDEN

That's it I'm about sick and tired of this son of a bitch!

(HAYDEN runs over to THEM.)

HAYDEN

HEY!

CHAD

Oh no, I am not going to let you take me down so easy this time!

HAYDEN

We'll see about that.

(HAYDEN and CHAD start fist fighting in the parking lot it goes on for about five minutes until HAYDEN comes around with a right cross and knocks CHAD to the ground. HE gets up looks at HAYDEN and SARAH, and just walks away.)

HAYDEN

Are you ok?

SARAH

Yeah, thank you. I guess he will never change.

HAYDEN

Yeah... Look Sarah, I want you to know that I love you and that I am in love with you. I promise to always be there for you and treat you right. I never thought in a million years you would even give me a chance. I just want you to know that you are my world, and that I promise to treat you like a Princess until my dying day.

(SARAH looks at CHAD, and SHE starts crying. HAYDEN goes in and hugs and kisses HER.)

SARAH

I love you too, you are an amazing man. I'm so sorry that I went back to him I promise that I will stick by your side through the good times and the bad. Thank you for not giving up on me.

(HE smiles at HER, SHE smiles back at HIM, and THEY kiss.
Light fade to black.)

EPILOGUE

(HAYDEN walks out onto the stage and talks to the audience.)

HAYDEN

Sarah and I got married not long after we graduated High School, we had three kids together. Sarah went to college and got her business degree. I opened my own mechanic shop, Sarah is co-owner, and helps me run the business. We are still married to this day.

(Lights fade to black and the play ends.)

