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## LOGLINE

A nerdy twelve-year-old boy enlists the help of his two best friends to help him ask his crush, the most popular girl, to tomorrow's middle school dance.

## SYNOPSIS

Freddy, a nerdy fourth grade boy, wants to ask his crush, Courtney, the most popular girl in school, to tomorrow's Snowflake Dance, but he is too shy and self-conscious to ask her out. He tells his friends, Abby and Garrett, about this while they sit on the bench during gym class as he draws a portrait of Courtney in his sketchbook, and they reluctantly agree to help. Freddy's crush is revealed to the class after he gets knocked out by a kickball and confesses his feelings for Courtney while in daze. As Freddy walks out of the nurse's office, Courtney looks at him and he freezes, speechless.

Garrett and Abby help Freddy practice asking Courtney out in the drama room with various costumes and props. They also help him make a paper flower bouquet in art class as they talk about *Star Trek: The Next Generation (TNG)*, and decide to ask Courtney the following morning since school is almost over. Abby is helping reluctantly, but the boys don't notice.

Freddy, Abby, and Garrett split off at their lockers as Freddy is getting picked up by his mom and Abby and Garrett are taking the bus. Hunter and Courtney plan to embarrass Freddy by having Courtney agree to go to the dance with him and end up showing up with Hunter, but Hunter isn't quite so sure about the plan. As Freddy leaves the school, he literally runs into Hunter as he continues working on the portrait of Courtney. Hunter pins Freddy against the fence and interrogates him. He spills out his backpack and destroys the paper flower bouquet.

Later, Freddy cries at home, destroys the portrait of Courtney, and throws his sketchbook across the room. He knocks over a figurine with this as he pick it back up, he finds a dusty box set of *Star Trek: TNG*, opens it, and inside are Polaroid photographs of him and Abby on Halloween and as well as them with Garrett, too. Freddy has a realization and draws a portrait of Abby next to Courtney's in his sketchbook.

The next morning, he walks out of the principal's office, walks down the hallway, and arrives at his locker. Hunter barrels around the corner, asking him if he's ready for round two, but the School Principal appears and interrupts them. She takes him away to her office for yesterday's incident. Garrett and Abby have watched the whole thing and Freddy pulls a poster out of his locker and asks Abby to go to the dance with him. Abby is speechless, and runs into the Girl's Bathroom. Freddy is numb and hangs his head in his locker and Garrett tries to console him. As Freddy closes his locker, Abby appears behind it and they have a heart-to-heart, but Abby ultimately agrees to go to the dance with him.

Later, Freddy approaches Courtney. She assumes he's there to ask her to the school dance, but instead he apologizes for telling the whole class he had a crush on her. She is angered and Freddy walks away. Hunter watches this all go down, but restrains himself.

That night, Freddy and Abby show up late to the dance because the duct tape accessories he made for them took a longer time to make than expected. As they walk through the school courtyard, snow begins to fall and slow music emanates from a side gym door. They decide to dance in the snowfall and Courtney jealously watches them from inside as Hunter spills a trash bag and falls in it while in a reflective vest. As Freddy and Abby finish dancing, Garrett shows up at the side door. Freddy invites him over and the three dance and have fun in the snowfall.

# CREW

Director, Writer, Producer ..... Robert V. Fodera, Jr.  
1st Assistant Director ..... Seth Friedman  
2nd Assistant Director ..... Maya Gelsi

## CAMERA

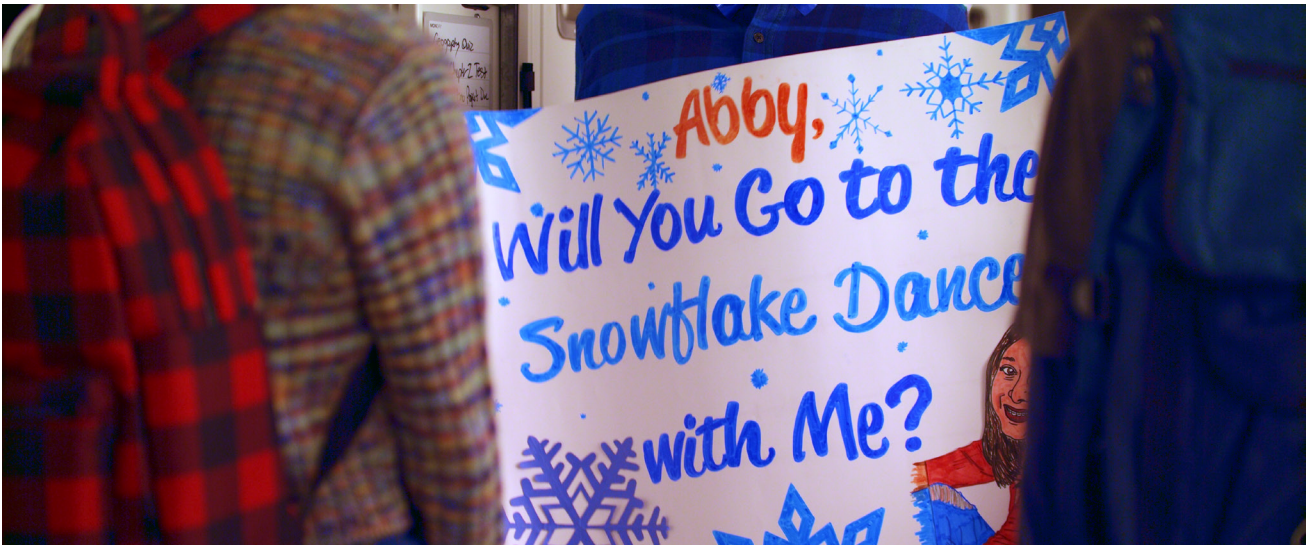
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Grip & Electric ..... Charley Walton

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PA (March 26-27) ..... Kerilyn Schreiber  
Production Designer ..... Robert V. Fodera, Jr.  
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Chef ..... Natalie De Vincentiis

## POST-PRODUCTION

Editor, Colorist, VFX ..... Robert V. Fodera, Jr.



## ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

**ROBERT V. FODERA, JR.**, or better known as Bobby, was born in Staten Island, New York, and is a 2022 Graduate of Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts with a B.F.A. Film and a Minor in Animation and Visual Effects. Since 2016, he has directed numerous short films, music videos, and short animated films. *Stories from Sicily* (2020) is notably his first documentary project, and *The Seven Stages of Grief* (2021) is his second and latest experimental film. *Snowflake Dance* (2022) is his senior thesis film and is the narrative culmination of his college filmmaking career. Fodera has an ongoing web series titled, *Bobby Fodera's Weight Loss Journey* (2020-). Fodera aspires to be a director of feature films that push the

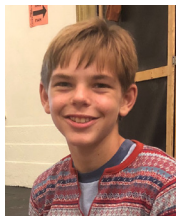


limits of creative storytelling.

## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

This film is the culmination of college filmmaking career and will be my most ambitious and professional film to date. This film was inspired by feature film idea I began outlining a writing during the Covid-19 Outbreak and Quarantine. Since we were all stuck in our homes in Summer 2020, I tried to flex my creative muscles by scriptwriting and thinking of various ideas for stories. The idea for the feature was inspired by my own experience at Union Township Elementary and Middle Schools in Hampton, NJ. I never fully wrote out the feature, but outlined two-thirds of the scenes in a treatment and didn't touch it again for over a year. When it came to the Fall 2021 semester at Syracuse University in Los Angeles, I had to begin Pre-Production on my Senior Thesis film, so I went through my past, not-fully developed ideas and found the treatment for the feature I wrote the previous summer. This story I am telling in this short film is very different from the feature. I mainly plucked the main character, which is inspired by myself, and a few iconic and important scenes that I wanted to use and created a virtually new concept around it. The feature version of this idea was a coming of age story with many story-lines and an exploration into a nerdy fourth grader in elementary school preparing to make the transition to middle school. This idea focused a lot more on the life of my main character, Freddy, at home and his perspective on his parents crumbling marriage and him just wanting to not lose their love, as well as a social schism between Freddy with his desire to be like the popular kids and his jealous nerdy friends, who were both male. When I first began working to adapt this to a short, Freddy's friends were both still male and he was still 10-year-old fourth grader. I eventually developed aging the kids up to twelve and thirteen years old in middle school and he has one male and female friend. I wanted to focus on telling the story of a young boy discovering that the person he loved was in front of him all along, beauty is more than just aesthetics, and that you should embrace who you are and not try to be someone you're not. Over the course of more than twenty five drafts and three major story changes, I wrote the script for the film and got feedback on it from friends, classmates, and teachers along the way. I am still developing the script, but this is the latest version to date. I am excited to make this film in the Spring of 2022 and make something that can showcase by passion, love, and talents for filmmaking and telling stories.

# CHARACTERS & CAST



**FREDDY:** Brandon Dale Hunt

Freddy (Fredo Romano Jr., 12) is a nerd who wants to ask his crush to the snowflake dance. Freddy needs to go on a journey of learning self confidence, embracing who he is as a person, and stop trying to be someone he's not.



**ABBY:** Isabella Curulla

Abby (Abigail Feinberg, 12) is a nerdy girl with a sweater, curly hair, and one of Freddy's best friends.



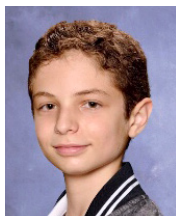
**GARRETT:** Matthew Terry

Garrett (Garrett Williams, 12) is a nerdy boy with a superhero shirt, one of Freddy's best friends, and acts as his wing-man.



**COURTNEY:** Carleigh Johnston

Courtney Adams (13) is the popular girl, Freddy's crush, and dressed in all pink with long blonde hair.



**HUNTER:** Peter Alexander Konstantakos

Hunter (13) is the school bully and sports a sleeveless shirt, athletic shorts, and a mini mo-hawk.



**PRINCIPAL HERNANDEZ:** Kelly Gallagher

Principal Hernandez (40s) is the kind and commanding school principal.



**GYM TEACHER:** Pete Vroman

Gym Teacher (50s) is the oblivious and older gym teacher.

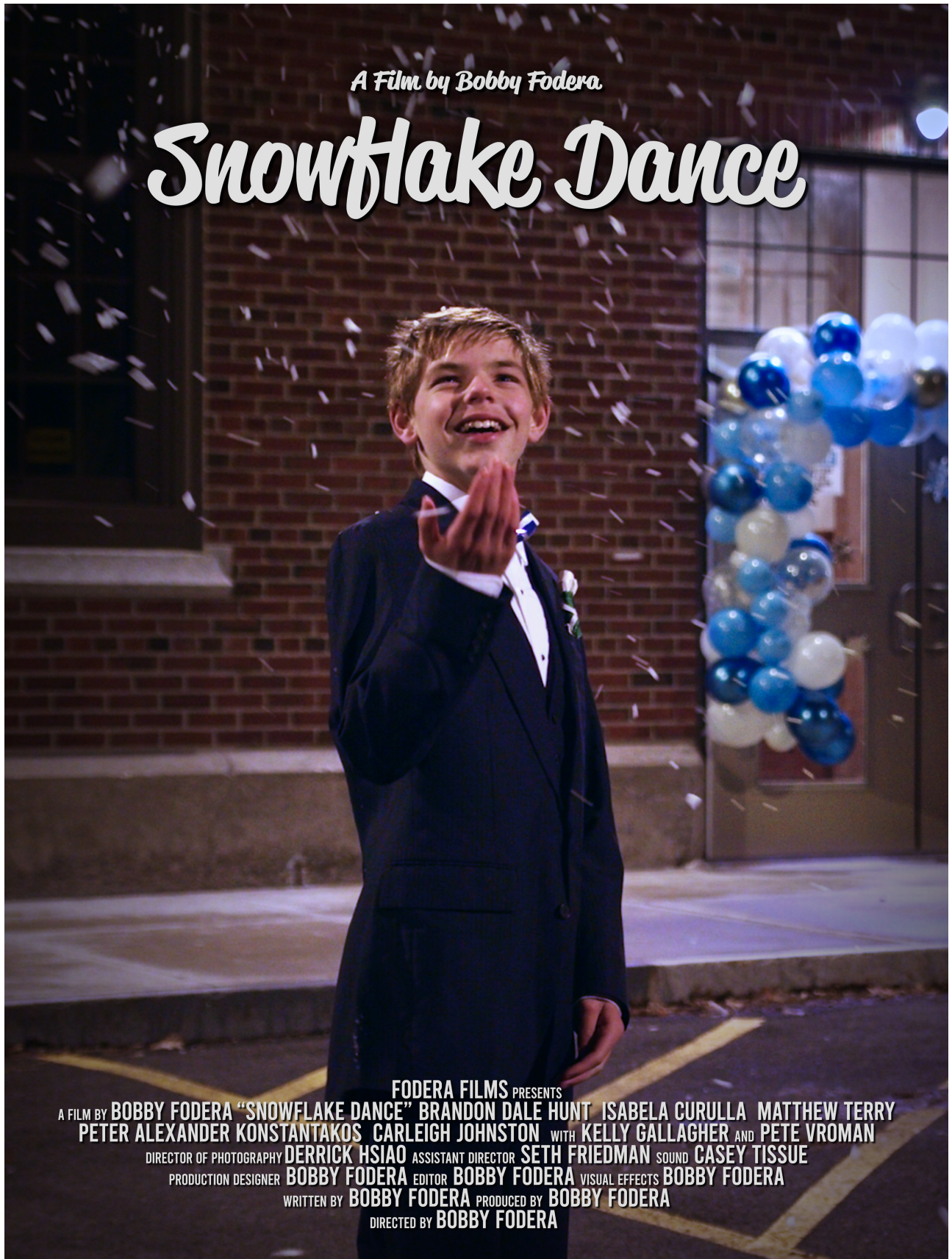
## **BACKGROUND TALENT: Middle School Students**

Megan Busche, Siena Oceanna, Garrett Williams, and Kayla Grace Konstantakos

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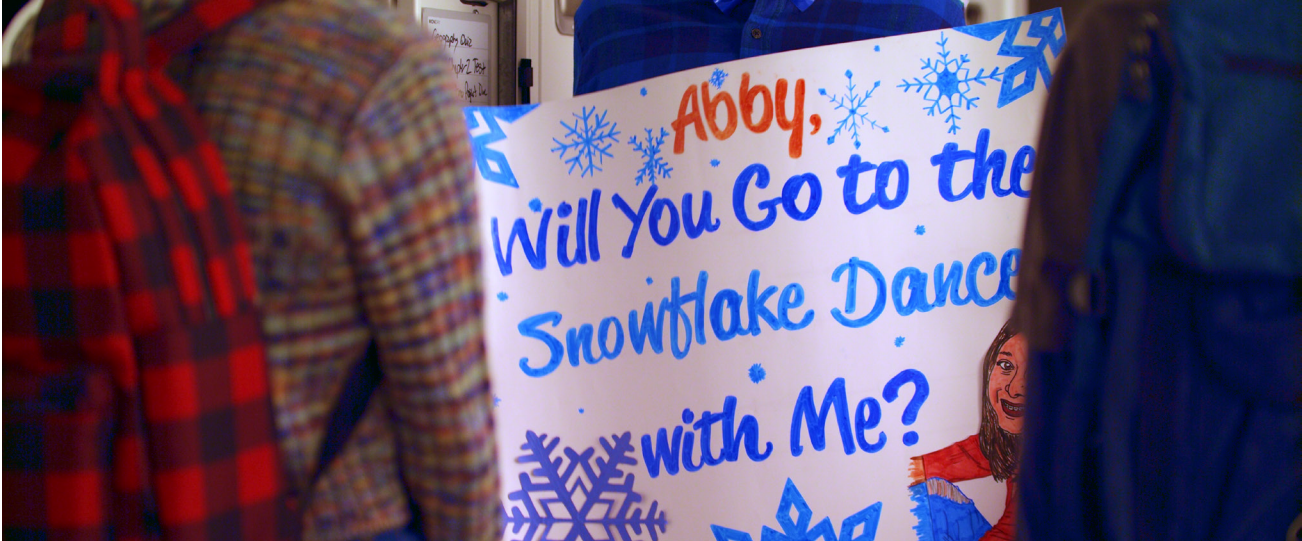




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# SCRIPT

## SNOWFLAKE DANCE

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FREDDY (12), a nerdy boy in a plaid shirt and cargo shorts with shaggy hair, gawks into the distance.

COURTNEY (13), a popular girl wearing all pink with long, blonde hair, stands at shortstop. She checks her nails.

The GYM TEACHER (50s) sits with a magazine and headphones, oblivious to the kids playing kickball.

Freddy draws a great portrait of Courtney in his sketchbook. He sits on the bench next to ABBY (12), a nerdy girl with pigtails, and GARRETT (12), a nerdy boy in a Batman tee.

GARRETT

I can't believe you think you have an actual shot with her.

ABBY

Yeah, I've got a crush on Wesley from Next Generation, but you don't see me telling everyone.

GARRETT

You just did.

ABBY

Shut up.

FREDDY

I'm gonna ask her to the Snowflake Dance.

ABBY

Now you've got to be kidding me.

FREDDY

She's just so...

Courtney tosses her hair back in slow motion.

FREDDY (CONT'D)

Perfect.

GARRETT

Freddy, first off, nobody's perfect, I learned that in first grade with Michelle Myers. And second-

ABBY

Look at us. We have no chance with the popular kids. Zero. Zip.

GARRETT  
And second, the dance is **tomorrow**.

FREDDY  
Guys, I've never felt this way about anyone before, please help me with this. Pleeeeease...

Garrett and Abby look at Freddy unamused, but give in.

GARRETT	ABBY
All right.	(softly)
	Okay.

Abby tries to hide her dismay.

FREDDY  
Thank you! You won't regret this.

HUNTER (13), an athletic kid, stands on the pitcher's mound.

HUNTER  
Hey art-fart, you're up!

The other kids on the bench are gone. Freddy's eyes widen.

FREDDY  
Hey Garrett, uh, he's talking to you.

GARRETT  
Nope, you.

Garrett gives Freddy a small push. Freddy stands and scowls at Garrett. Garrett pretends to look for who did it.

Freddy places his sketchbook on the bench and slowly walks to home plate.

HUNTER  
Easy out! Everyone move in!

The outfielders move inward. Freddy looks at Courtney. She is looking at her nails.

ABBY  
You got this Freddy!!!

Courtney looks up at Abby. Hunter rolls the ball. Freddy sees Courtney watching. He begins to run and trips, but gains his balance and kicks the ball. The ball flies high into the air. Freddy is shocked.

Freddy smiles at Courtney. She watches the ball. The ball falls down at Hunter. He deflects it with a punch.

ABBY (CONT'D)

Freddy!

Freddy turns his head to Abby.

ABBY (CONT'D)

Watch out--

BAM! The kickball slams into the side of Freddy's head.

CUT TO BLACK

FADE IN:

FREDDY'S POV: Freddy looks around and sees a circle of dark blurry figures standing above him.

The students stand over Freddy. He's lying on the ground. Garrett and Abby kneel by him, shaking his shoulders.

ABBY (CONT'D)

Wake up Freddy! C'mon Freddy, please!

FREDDY'S POV: The figures all morph into clones of Courtney.

FREDDY

Hey C-Courtney? I r-really l-like you. I was w-wondering...if you'd wanna g-go to the d-dance with m-me?

The students stare down at Freddy. Hunter points at him.

HUNTER

Freddy's got a crush on Courtney!

The group erupts in laughter. Abby and Garrett don't laugh.

FREDDY'S POV: The circle of Courtney's laugh at Freddy.

COURTNEY (IMAGINARY)

What a loser!

FREDDY POV: The Courtney's morph into the real students. Freddy's eyes widen.

The Gym Teacher's music stops in between tracks and he hears loud laughter. He sees the students and blows his whistle.

2 INT. HALL OUTSIDE NURSE'S OFFICE - DAY

2

Freddy slowly walks out of the nurse's office in pain. Courtney turns the corner. He spots her and freezes.

She walks by him in slow-motion. Her hair blows behind her. She turns her head, looks at Freddy, and smiles. He watches her walk away. Abby and Garrett run up.

ABBY  
Freddy! Freddy! Are you okay?

FREDDY  
She...

GARRETT  
She? Who? What?

FREDDY  
She...she...

GARRETT  
Spit it out Freddy!

FREDDY  
She s-smiled at me. She n-noticed me!

Abby and Garrett dramatically roll their eyes and sigh.

ABBY  
Oh, speaking of Courtney...

Abby pulls Freddy's sketchbook from her bag and he takes it.

FREDDY  
Thank you.

PRINCIPAL HERNANDEZ (40s) approaches in a pants suit.

PRINCIPAL HERNANDEZ  
Doing well, kids?

FREDDY, ABBY, & GARRETT  
Yes, Principal Hernandez.

PRINCIPAL HERNANDEZ  
Great, have a beautiful day!

She walks off. Garrett places his hand on Freddy's shoulder and the three walk down the hall.

3 INT. DRAMA ROOM - DAY

3

Freddy stands in a tuxedo t-shirt, spotlighted in the dark.

FREDDY  
Courtney Adams, ever since I met you,  
I knew you were the one for me.  
(MORE)



FREDDY (CONT'D)  
 Your golden hair, your sparkling  
 eyes, and your angelic face. You are  
 stunning. Will you accompany me,  
 Fredo Romano Jr., to the Snowflake  
 Dance?

We pull out to reveal Freddy standing in front of a mirror  
 with Garrett, Abby, and a rack of costumes by his side. Abby  
 is entranced by Freddy. Garrett laughs hysterically.

GARRETT  
 Hahaha! You need to tone it down man!

ABBY  
 I though it was quite sweet.

GARRETT  
 Next!

SEQUENCE: FREDDY TRYING ON DIFFERENT COSTUMES AND PROPS

-Garrett and Abby smile and frown at Freddy's attire as he  
 tries on different items.

-Freddy puts on a football jersey and backwards cap.

END SEQUENCE

Freddy stands across from Abby in a blonde wig. He speaks in  
 a bro-ey accent and her in a ditsy one. Garrett watches.

FREDDY  
 Hey Courtney, what's up?

ABBY  
 Nothing much.

FREDDY  
 Don't know if you've seen me around,  
 but the name's Fred. I've seen how  
 beautiful you are, and after football  
 practice, I was wondering if you  
 would like to come to the Snowflake  
 Dance with me?

Abby pauses to consider.

ABBY  
 Yes! Yes, Fred I will!

Abby falls into Freddy's arms for a hug. Abby holds onto  
 Freddy dearly. Garrett begins clapping.

GARRETT  
Perfect! Perfect!

Freddy is overjoyed, pulls away from the hug and high fives Garrett. Abby fake claps along.

4 INT. ART ROOM - DAY

4

Freddy, Garrett, and Abby sit in the corner of the art room. They cut colored construction paper into flowers and stems. They tape them together to form a bouquet.

Courtney and Hunter sit in the opposite corner and struggle with the project they're working on.

FREDDY  
School's about to end, so I think I'm gonna ask her first thing tomorrow.

GARRETT  
Perfect!

ABBY  
(to herself)  
Yeah, perfect.

Hunter and Courtney peer over at them. Freddy notices and builds a wall of colored folders between them.

GARRETT  
Ooh, nice idea!

FREDDY  
Thanks. Y'know, this feels just like the operations console in...

FREDDY & ABBY  
Star Trek: The Next Generation!

The two lock eyes and smile.

GARRETT  
No, it's totally the Death Star trench from A New Hope!

He flies a flower in between them like an X-Wing.

GARRETT (CONT'D)  
Vroom! Y'know Abby, you remind me a lot of Princess Leia.

ABBY

Is that because she's the only girl  
in the movie?

GARRETT

No...

FREDDY

Well Garrett, you remind me a lot of  
Captain Picard.

ABBY

Are you saying he's gonna go bald?!

Garrett's face goes beet red.

FREDDY

No, no, it's more of a personality  
thing, *Captain*.

GARRETT

*Make it so*. I guess that would make  
you Lieutenant Riker...

(to Abby)

And you Counselor Troi!

The three chuckle. Garrett perks up and gives a sly look.

GARRETT (CONT'D)

Wait a sec, don't Riker and Troi *get*  
*together* in the show?

Freddy and Abby turn to awkwardly look at one another.

Garrett looks at them, holding his breath, but bursts out  
laughing. Freddy and Abby join in, trying to laugh it off.

GARRETT (CONT'D)

I really got you two going for a sec.

FREDDY

Ha ha. Real funny Garrett.

Freddy tapes one last piece to the bouquet and places it on  
the counter. He smiles down at it.

Hunter glares at them.

HUNTER

He thinks he tell the whole class  
that he has a crush on you, and have  
me be okay with it. Not gonna happen.

Courtney chuckles.

5 INT. MIDDLE SCHOOL: LOCKERS - AFTERNOON

5

Freddy, Abby, and Garrett are by lockers. Students pass by.

ABBY

Freddy, you taking the bus?

FREDDY

Nope, mom's picking me up today.

ABBY

Okay, see ya!

GARRETT

See you, *Number One*. Good luck tomorrow morning!

FREDDY

Thank you!

Garrett, Freddy, and Abby do a three-way secret handshake.

Abby and Garrett walk one way, and Freddy towards the other.

6 EXT. MIDDLE SCHOOL: ALLEY - DAY

6

Courtney and Hunter stand around the corner of the school. Hunter loudly chews gum.

HUNTER

What are we gonna do about Freddy?

Hunter punches his palm.

COURTNEY

Kid's reaching a little too high.  
(slyly)  
Unless...?

HUNTER

No. Not gonna happen.

COURTNEY

C'mon, it'll be hilarious! I'll string him along a bit, agree to go to the dance with him, and then tonight, I'll show up with you!

HUNTER

It could work, but--

COURTNEY

Great, I'll ask him first thing tomorrow. See ya!

HUNTER

Bye...

Hunter clenches his fists.

7 EXT. MIDDLE SCHOOL: COURTYARD - DAY

7

Freddy exits the front door of the school. He stares down at his sketchbook and works on the portrait of Courtney.

Freddy slams into something, drops his sketchbook, and stops. He shakily looks up and sees Hunter grimacing.

8 EXT. KICKBALL FIELD: FENCE - MINUTES LATER

8

Hunter pushes Freddy against the chain-link fence and pins him with one hand. He holds Freddy's backpack and begins rummaging through it.

HUNTER

Let's see...notebook, thicker notebook, calculator, pencils...Oh! Here we go.

Hunter takes the paper bouquet out. Freddy's eyes widen.

HUNTER (CONT'D)

Who are these for?

FREDDY

M-my mom?

Hunter rolls his eyes and pins him harder.

HUNTER

Oh, c'mon. We all know you've got a thing for Courtney. Stop pretending.

FREDDY

Hunter, I didn't mean to--

HUNTER

Shut up! Just remember, you are and will always be a loser like your whole family. None of your silly crushes will ever like you back.

Hunter rips apart the bouquet and throws it to the ground.

HUNTER (CONT'D)  
 Here's an extra gift to help that  
 sink in.

Hunter presses his gum into Freddy's forehead, empties the bag into the mud, and walks off.

9 INT. FREDDY'S BEDROOM - LATER

9

Freddy sits frozen on his bed. Gum residue sticks to his forehead. He slowly breaks down crying. He slides off his bed and onto the ground. He spots himself in his mirror and sees the gum residue. He licks his finger and wipes it off.

He opens his bag and takes the ripped paper bouquet out. He crumbles it into a ball and throws it across the room. It knocks over a Captain Picard figurine to the floor. He looks and spots something. He wipes his tears away and walks over.

Freddy grabs the figure and places it back on the table. He reaches down and grabs a dusty DVD box set of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. He blows off the dust and opens it up.

Two Polaroid photos sit inside. He picks up the first. It's of Freddy, Abby, and Garrett in Halloween costumes (as Superman, Wonder Woman, and Batman, respectively). At the bottom, "Best Friends; Halloween 2012" is written.

He picks up the second. It is of Abby and him in the same costumes. They smile at each other. "Freddy & Abby; Halloween 2012" is written at the bottom.

Freddy smiles at the pictures. His eyes well up. He pulls his sketchbook from his backpack and wipes the dirt off. He tapes the pictures inside the cover.

He opens to the beautiful portrait of Courtney. He begins drawing another on the page next to it. He quickly sketches the portrait. Once he finishes it, it is shown to be of Abby. Freddy looks down at the two portraits.

10 INT. MIDDLE SCHOOL: HALLWAY - MORNING

10

The school bell rings. Freddy walks out of the principal's office. He confidently walks down the hallway. He wears a plaid button down shirt, bow tie, suspenders, and corduroy pants. He arrives at his locker.

Hunter barrels around the corner. He stops and stand over Freddy. Freddy smugly smiles up at him.

FREDDY  
Oh, hey, how's it going?

HUNTER  
Ready for round two?

PRINCIPAL HERNANDEZ (O.S.)  
I wouldn't Hunter.

Hunter turn around to see Principal Hernandez.

PRINCIPAL HERNANDEZ  
Come with me. We need to talk about  
yesterday's incident. You know we  
have cameras everywhere, right?

Hunter glares at Freddy. Hunter's shoulders slump over and he follows her down the hall. She looks back and winks at Freddy. He winks back.

GARRETT (O.S.)  
Woo hoo! Yeah Freddy!

Freddy smiles and turns to see Abby and Garrett behind him.

FREDDY  
Oh, hey guys! Um, give me one sec.

Freddy turns and spins the combination lock on his locker.

ABBY  
Did you do the dance proposal yet?

FREDDY  
No, not yet. I'm about to though.

ABBY  
Oh, cool, cool.

He opens his locker, reaches in, and grabs a poster tube.

ABBY (CONT'D)  
Good luck. I hope it goes well.

FREDDY  
Thank you, I do too.

Freddy opens the poster. Abby looks down at the sign. It reads "Abby, will you go to the Snowflake Dance with me?" with a beautifully drawn portrait of Abby. Abby is stunned.

FREDDY (CONT'D)

Abby, I-I'm sorry I didn't realize this sooner, b-but I now know that the girl of my dreams was in front of m-me all along.

(takes a breath)

Abigail Feinberg, will you let me, Fredo Romano Jr., take you to the Snowflake Dance tonight?

Abby's face turns red.

11 INT. GIRL'S BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS 11

Abby bursts in and clutches the counter. She hyperventilates as she looks at herself in the mirror.

12 INT. MIDDLE SCHOOL: HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS 12

Freddy's numb. He lowers the sign, hangs his head, and rolls it up. He places it in his locker and buries his head inside and exhales. Garrett puts a hand on his shoulder.

GARRETT

I'm sorry, man.

He takes a deep breath and shuts the locker door and reveals Abby standing behind it.

ABBY

Freddy...

FREDDY

Yeah.

ABBY

It's just that we've been friends since kindergarten and I'll admit, I've started to have some feelings, too, but I just don't...don't...

FREDDY

Don't want to ruin our friendship?

ABBY

Yeah.

FREDDY

Abby, I thought the same. You know how much I like you as a friend, but I'd like to see where this might go.

(MORE)



FREDDY (CONT'D)

But there's absolutely no pressure  
and if you don't feel the same way,  
we can continue being just friends.  
It's cool.

Abby looks up at Freddy. She smiles.

ABBY

Yes, let's go for it.

Freddy beams. Abby hugs him.

13 INT. MIDDLE SCHOOL: HALLWAY - LATER

13

Courtney stands at her locker. She's putting on lipstick in her locker's mirror. Students fill the hallway and stand at their lockers, talking to each other. Freddy approaches her.

FREDDY

Courtney, I need to talk to you.

Hunter watches from his locker down the hall.

COURTNEY

(firmly)

Yes.

FREDDY

Yes?

COURTNEY

Yes, I'll be your date to the dance  
tonight.

FREDDY

Oh, no thank you. I have other plans.  
Thanks for the offer though.

Courtney slams her locker and turns to him. Hunter's eyes widen. The hallway students turn their attention to them.

COURTNEY

What?!

FREDDY

I wanted to tell you that I'm sorry I  
told our whole the class that I had a  
crush on you, but I don't anymore. I  
hope you have a nice day.

Freddy smiles and walks away. Hunter takes a step forward, but stops himself and turns back to his locker. Courtney stands there stunned. She looks at the students around her.

COURTNEY

What are you looking at?!

The hallway students slowly look away.

14 EXT. MIDDLE SCHOOL: COURTYARD - NIGHT

14

Freddy and Abby hold hands as they walk toward the school. Freddy wears a suit. He has a duct tape bow-tie, pocket square, and boutonniere. Abby wears a red dress and a duct tape corsage.

FREDDY

Sorry we're late. The duct tape items took longer to make than I thought.

ABBY

Haha. Oh don't worry. I'm just glad I'm here with you.

FREDDY

Me too.

Their eyes meet. They smile.

They pass by the side door to the gym. It is propped open. Music radiates from it. The music changes to a slow song.

Light snow begins to fall from the sky. They stop, look up at the snowfall, and to one another.

FREDDY (CONT'D)

Abby.

ABBY

Yes.

FREDDY

May I have this dance.

ABBY

You may.

SEQUENCE: ABBY AND FREDDY DANCE IN THE SNOWFALL

They slow dance. Abby slips on the snow. Freddy catches her. Freddy has an coughing fit. Abby helps him with his inhaler.

CUT TO:

15 INT. GYMNASIUM: SCHOOL DANCE - NIGHT

15

Courtney wears a pink dress and looks outside with her arms crossed. Hunter wears a reflective vest over sweats. Hunter ties a full trash bag inside a can.

COURTNEY

Why can't we do something like that?

Hunter lifts the big trash bag.

HUNTER

I'm a little busy here hon--

COURTNEY

Oh, shut up!

She turns and walks away.

HUNTER

Court--!

Hunter tries to chase, but drops the bag, slips, and falls in trash.

CUT BACK TO SEQUENCE:

16 EXT. MIDDLE SCHOOL: COURTYARD - NIGHT

16

Freddy and Abby continue dancing. They stare into each other's eyes as the song ends. They smile and hug.

END SEQUENCE

The music changes to a pop one. Freddy sees Garrett standing in the gym doorway. He looks off in the distance. Freddy waves to him to come. He perks up and walks over. Abby and Freddy end their hug, but hold hands.

Freddy and Abby extend their arms to greet Garrett. Freddy begins to dance, Abby joins in, and Garrett does as well.

The three dance to the music and laugh with one another.

CREDITS ROLL OVER THE SCENE

FADE TO BLACK

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