

Kick, Push

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FADE IN

EXT. FRONT OF HOUSE - EVENING

LUCAS, 13, wearing a hoodie and vans sneaker, walks outside with a skateboard. He looks around to see if anyone is around or watching him. Fidgeting, he puts the skateboard on the ground. It is his first time.

Lucas gets on top of the board and as soon as he kicks his foot he falls backwards with the skateboard flying in the air.

Lucas's Mom, SANDRA, 32, beautiful, and young especially for a mother, comes out of the house.

SANDRA

Lucas!! Bring yo ass in here. Stop playing with that thing before you hurt yourself.

Sandra goes back in the house after yelling at Lucas, who is still lying on the ground defeated. Lucas comes into the house and heads straight to his room. He aggressively throws the skateboard in the corner and slams his bedroom door.

SANDRA (O.S.)

What I say about slamming doors in my house.

INT. BEDROOM - EVENING

Lucas is lying on bed when he hears a noise outside. He looks out his window and sees a group of kids around his age, 3 boys and two girls, riding their skateboards past his house.

Lucas admires them from his bedroom window as they do cool tricks with their boards. He studies everything they do - how they get on their boards, kick their feet, jump to do tricks, but there is one person in particular that catches his eye.

He is mesmerized by one of the girl skaters, watching her ride gracefully as the wind blows in her hair. Lucas's brother, JACOB, 17, wearing athletic gear, looks like he just came from the gym, walks into his room. This isn't the first time he's caught Lucas staring at the skateboard kids.

JACOB

This your new weird obsession now?

Lucas, a little startled, turns around trying to cover up what he was doing.

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LUCAS

What?

JACOB

You heard me. Why you always gotta be into weird shit. Why can't you just play basketball or something.

Lucas is clearly hurt by his words. Jacob notices.

JACOB (CONT'D)

Alright you don't gotta start crying. it was just a joke.

LUCAS

I wasn't going to cry.

JACOB

(condescending)

Yea. Ok.

Jacobs walks out. Lucas goes back to his bed and lies down staring at his skateboard across from him.

EXT. FRONT OF HOUSE - AFTERNOON

Lucas comes out the house with his skateboard for the second time. Again, he looks around to see if anyone is watching. He puts the skateboard on the ground, pauses and breathes.

Lucas begins remembering the things the skateboard boys did from yesterday and begins following it step by step.

He puts one foot on the front edge of the board, pushes, then puts both feet on the board as it rides down the street. Lucas smiles with excitement. He did it.

He boards back and forth down his street for the rest of the day.

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Lucas walks into his house. As he heads for his room, his mom stops him. Sandra is sitting at a table in the kitchen smoking a cigarette while doing crossword puzzles from the newspaper.

SANDRA

Lucas come here.

Lucas walks over to her with his skateboard in hand.

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SANDRA
How long you been out?

LUCAS
Just a few hours.

SANDRA
A few hours huh?

Sandra looks at the skateboard.

SANDRA (CONT'D)
The neighbors been complaining
about the noise you been making.

LUCAS
But I-

SANDRA
Look Lucas you're going to keep
riding that thing, you're gonna
have to go somewhere else. I can't
keep having the neighbors
complaining.

LUCAS
Ok.

EXT. PARK - AFTERNOON

Lucas is walking in a park with his skateboard. It is a big open park full of grass, trees, families, parent playing with their children, adults with dogs, people jogging by and also a concrete path that goes through the park.

As Lucas is riding along this path, he gets a side eye from a lot of people in the park. Although uncomfortable, he ignore it. As, he rides gracefully through the park with the wind blowing through his clothes, a girl catches his attention. She is holding skateboard, looking at him impressed.

Lucas feels like he's on a high, until a PARK RANGER, 50, in uniform, takes his job too seriously, stands in front of Lucas's path. Lucas, distracted from looking at the girl, doesn't see the ranger in front of him until he's 6 ft close.

He tries to stop the board but his feets gets caught with the wheel then trips and falls over on his face.

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PARK RANGER
Where are you parents?

Lucas starts to get up off the ground. He looks around for the girl but doesn't see her.

PARK RANGER
I said where are your parents. You do realize it's illegal to skateboard in the park.

LUCAS
Since when? People do it all the time.

The Park Ranger points to a nearby sign that says SKATEBOARDING NOT ALLOWED.

PARK RANGER
I'll let you off with a warning. But don't come back here with that thing or I'll have to call your parents. Alright?

LUCAS
Yea.

Lucas picks up his board and walks away. When he reaches the exit of the park he puts his board down and starts riding out when KENSLI, 13, curly hair, with a baseball cap on backwards, the girl Lucas has been crushing on, rides past him on her skateboard.

KENSLI
Hey!

Lucas stops, watching her as she rides circling around him.

LUCAS
Hey.

KENSLI
That was pretty cool. You telling that Park Ranger to fuck off.

LUCAS
I don't know if I'd say I told him off.

KENSLI
Well that's not the story we're gonna tell people.

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LUCAS

We?

KENSLI

Calm down dude. I'm not asking you to marry me or anything.

Lucas looks embarrassed and tries to save himself by matching her sarcasm.

LUCAS

Yea I know. I couldn't marry you anyway. I don't think there's enough space on my board to carry the both of us.

Kensli stops her board, standing in front of him.

KENSLI

Why would I need your board when I got mine right here.

Lucas smiles, impressed by her wit.

KENSLI

Come on.

Kensli turns and starts skating away. Lucas hesitant but follows her.

LUCAS

Where we going?

KENSLI

You ask a lot of questions dude.

EXT. PARKING LOT - EVENING

Lucas and Kensli ride into some desolated parking lot with bright yellow street lights. There are no cars and people out. Just them two.

LUCAS

You know I never got your name. I'm Lucas.

KENSLI

I like to be mysterious. but since you already told me your name. Kensli.

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LUCAS

So is what is this?

KENSLI

Here you go with the questions again.

Kensli starts riding around doing tricks with her board.

KENSLI

Once I got into skating it's like I couldn't stop. My dad hated it. Said I made too much noise and I'd end up like one of them skateboarding delinquents or whatever. And everywhere I went I, always got the "you can't skate her" bullshit. One day I was riding past and found this place. No ones knows about it.

LUCAS

Not even your friends?

KENSLI

Not even them. I like to skate by myself sometimes.

LUCAS

How come you're telling me this?

KENSLI

I don't know. Maybe I see myself in you. Maybe I feel sorry for you. maybe because I know you've been spying on me overtime my friends ride past your house.

LUCAS

What, I haven-

KENSLI

Don't deny. Only makes it worse.

A POLICE OFFICER, 40, in uniform, can still see his receded hairline through his police hat, walks into the lot.

POLICE OFFICER

HEY! You kids can't be here!

Kensli instantly grabs Lucas and pulls him.

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KENSLI
Come on. Lets go!

Lucas follows her and they run from the cop behind an abandoned building nearby.

LUCAS
Wait.

KENSLI
What.

LUCAS
Why are we the ones who always have to run?

KENSLI
(confused)
What? Lucas this isn't the time to be feeling courageous ok.

LUCAS
No. It's not fair.

Lucas starts to head back toward the lot when Kensli stops him.

KENSLI
What are you doing?

LUCAS
Trut me.

Kensli looks worried but follows him anyway. Lucas quietly follows the cop as he walks back to his car. Once he gets close enough, he drop his board and begins riding towards him. the cop instantly turns around. Lucas rides past him, pulling his hat off his head.

POLICE OFFICER
Hey. Give that back.

Kensli comes up behind him placing her board two feet away.
Lucas

POLICE OFFICER
Kid, if I get my hands on you you're gonna regret it.

LUCAS
Oh really.

Lucas rides heading straight towards the cop and throws the hat at his face. While distracted from catching the hat, Lucas tilts the cop back. The cop steps back putting a foot on Kensli's board then slipping, and falling over on his back.

Lucas and Kensli laugh as Kensli picks up her board. They both ride away out the lot together.

EXT. FRONT OF HOUSE - EVENING

Lucas and Kensli ride to Kensli's house.

KENSLI

That was pretty cool.

LUCAS

Wow I don't think I'd ever expect hearing that from you.

KENSLI

Me neither.

Kensli opens her door then turns around.

KENSLI

We're gonna go skate downtown by Simmon's quarter if ya wanna come.

LUCAS

Are you kidding? They have like three signs saying "do not skate here."

KENSLI

Yea but you're not scared.

LUCAS

Of course not.

KENSLI

Cool. So I'll see ya tomorrow.

LUCAS

Yea. See ya.

Lucas watches Kensli as she goes inside her house. Lucas, smiles, puts his board down and rides home.

FADE OUT