

big bee

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the wild ones

Maggie, 18

lead singer

always been a leader

people have told her she'll be famous her whole life

Abby, 18

keyboard / vocal harmonies

in her heart

has dirt under her fingernails

Nick, 19

drummer

has nightmares about his dad

sweat it out

Bree, 17

lead guitarist

mom stabbed her dad when she was 6

scream it out

Jack, 18

triangle / other miscellaneous sound effects

is never taken seriously, doesn't usually mind

can make the best of things, most of the time

Starburst, 18

bassist

mostly wears hoodies

doesn't let most people know

setting

An extremely small town in the middle of nowhere, America

Lots of tall grass, lots of farms and fields, all surrounded by untamed wilderness

time

2010's

Scene 0.

*an abandoned spot out by the woods
on the outskirts of a town
that is surrounded by nothing*

*there's a broken down volkswagen bug sitting R
it was yellow when it was new, but is now caked in spots of rust
its last tire is sitting on the ground nearby, used as a seat or a toy
there's only one door still in tact
and all the windows have been shattered by the kids at various moments in the past*

*grass is growing pretty much everywhere,
in the car, on the door
it's thick grass
grass you could fall backwards into*

*there's all kinds of shit scattered around
old socks
beer cans
tons of cigarette butts
condoms
a rotten peach
a half-burnt pizza box
firecracker shells*

*The only person onstage is ABBY
She's lying down next to the bug
Her head resting on her backpack
Sitting on the bug's hood is a boombox*

*Abby lies there for a couple seconds
Watching the clouds.*

*She sits up and presses play on the boombox,
lies back down*

“Everywhere All At Once” by Post Animal begins to play

*All movement and actions taken in this song are peaceful
without any rush
It's their pre-show.
The music slows down any rapid waters they have*

*And they like that
It's like showing up at a lake on a really hot day*

0:10

*NICK enters, with a backpack and wearing a decently nice shirt
the two nod heads to each other
he puts his backpack down, unzips it and takes out a t-shirt or tank top
removes his shirt and puts on the new one
this process takes a minute*

0:25

*BREE enters with a backpack, throws it down
Bree and Abby murmur to each other*

0:31

*MAGGIE enters with JACK, he's talking about something stupid that he thinks is crazy
Jack asks Nick's opinion
Nick either sides with Maggie or just calls Jack a freak
Either way, Jack gives him a "fuck off" kind of wave away
Nick's new shirt is now on*

*Maggie goes over to Bree and Abby
They laugh at something*

Jack goes on his phone

0:44

*STARBURST enters, unseen at first, with a backpack
he puts it down somewhere safe*

0:51

*Nick, while stretching his shoulders, nods to Starburst
He nods back*

*Starburst takes his sweatshirt off
Takes his shoes off*

1:04

Bree notices the boys are stretching, gets up from the other two, walks to go stretch

1:12

*Abby and Maggie have a little moment
Maggie asks her a question like 'are you good?'*

*Abby tells her she is
Maggie places her forehead against Abby's and then walks to be with herself for a sec*

*1:19
Abby sits in that for a second*

*1:24
Gets up herself*

Maggie takes off her shoes

*1:28
Jack notices everyone, puts his phone down somewhere in the grass, joins*

*1:36
Everyone's stretching or moving lightly
Twirling their head around to loosen their neck
Soft swirls in the pond*

*1:44
Nick's doing little hops, having little quick feet, looks like a boxer
Maggie says hi to the bug, rubs it
Abby and Jack say hi in passing, they make each other laugh, that's just what they do to each other
Bree breathes, centers, eyes closed, she's really got some shit to let out
Starburst is bobbing his head a little to music, getting inside the rhythm*

*2:00
Everyone starts settling into a spot
Their starting point*

*2:10
People look around at each other one last time
Before lift off
You ready?*

*2:22
They let it come
They let it in*

“Gelatin Mode” by Post Animal begins to play

0:00

*The first guitar hit feels so good
Like a line of coke kind of good
“oh my god yes”*

0:13

*They’re amping
Starting to move around a little
Bree plays the first little guitar in the air*

0:19

*We’re really getting into it
Nick plays this little drum fill on the bug’s hood*

0:25

*We’re dancing
Dancing
Dancing
Hello body
Hello exhaustion*

0:37

Maggie climbs on top of the bug

0:43

*The kids accentuate the hit and vibe in place, staring at Maggie
All attention on her
Maggie mimes grabbing a stage mic and sings into it
She’s a rockstar
She mouths the words
“time slipping, i’ve been slipping up”
hits the two guitar strikes with her head
mouths the next line*

0:50

People jump around in this break

0:55

*The same attention to Maggie as :43
She mouths the words*

She's just so cool

1:03

*Everyone jumps around, dancing
Maggie punching it out on top of the bug*

1:10

Starburst goes over to his bag, starts getting two joints

1:14

*Maggie jumps off the bug
We're in a break
Maggie, Nick, and Bree go over to Starburst immediately
Starburst lighting one joint in his mouth
Hands the other one to Nick*

1:20

Both joints lit, they each take hits

1:24

*Nick passes it to Bree
Starburst passes it to Maggie
Abby is dancing with herself too much to notice
Jack's doing the walking-with-hands-over-head thing you do when you're exhausted*

1:30

*The girls exhale simultaneously -- there's gotta be some sort of smoke here
Nick and Starburst walk back out*

1:36

*Maggie puts hers down and goes back out
Bree takes one more hit and does the same
Maggie grabs her by the side of the head
"you ready?"
She nods, she knows
They both get bloody eyes
Do it eyes*

1:42

*Ramp back in
Everyone's starting to jump around*

1:49

Playing air drums
Jumping jumping jumping

1:55
They erupt jumping
Bree climbs on top of the bug

1:57

MAGGIE
YO BREE, DO I GOT YOU ON GUITAR?

BREE
You got me.

MAGGIE
ONE TWO THREE FOUR

2:01
The kids all accentuate the hit and focus on Bree
She plays that little guitar solo

Nick does the little drum-fill in the air

MAGGIE
(with the drum fill)
THERE WE GO

2:03
The kids go fucking crazy

MAGGIE
ONE MORE FUCKING TIME HERE WE GO

2:07
Same attention on Bree
She shreds that shit

MAGGIE
(during the drum fill)
THERE SHE IS

2:10

We're back to all dancing

2:20

*Maggie sings the first line looking at everyone, telling them to sing
They all sing the second line*

2:26

Dance Break

2:33

*"Lights flicker, time to start the show"
Is SCREAMED by all characters directly out to the audience
The theater's lights do indeed flicker with this
Cheering from the audience here is hoped for*

2:39

Dance break

2:46

*Head pounding, going hard
Starburst starts walking over to his bag to get the joints lit*

2:51

Second break

*Jack collapses onto the ground on the drum hit, takes his shoes off and throws them away
Nick and Bree are exhausted, both hands-over-head
They both take their shirts off, throw them down
They pass each other, Bree slaps Nick in the stomach
He looks at her, "Hey"
She smiles at him
The kind of smile that says,
"You literally wish"
Bree takes off her shoes*

Starburst, Maggie, and Abby go over and smoke more

3:05

*Abby exhales smoke
Maggie loves it
Laughs and wraps her arms around her, real koala love
Starburst and Abby laughing too*

3:14

*By this point,
Nick is UL
Bree is UR
Jack is lying center
Starburst is still at his backpack UR*

*Maggie gets up and walks out
Abby follows her with her eyes*

*3:19
Abby stands up, staring at Maggie
Maggie feels it, stops*

*3:25
Abby begins taking steps, circling
Jack just happens to be in the center of this hahahaha
Maggie does the same, turns to look at Abby
They're hunching
Growling at each other*

*3:33
In the little silence,
Maggie growls loudly at her
She immediately matches*

*3:41
In the little silence,
Abby growls and takes a step inwards, towards her
Maggie matches her, growls and steps forward
They walk towards each other until they're pressed together at the head
Like two rhinos locking horns
They're feeling each other's heads, pressing them into themselves
They lock hands, feeling each other press back and forth*

*3:47
Jack rolls over to his side, kneeling facing the audience*

*JACK
fuuuuuuck yes!!!!*

3:49

JACK

YOUR MIND, GELATIN MODE

*Jack SHREDS the guitar lead in
Maggie and Abby bounce at the same time to it*

3:57

*Maggie and Abby ERUPT out
Everyone joins back in
Going manically hard
Jack is head pounding still on his knees*

4:25

*Nick goes over to his back and grabs a can of beer
Everyone's still dancing*

4:34

Nick comes out vigorously shaking the can

4:41

*Nick opens the can and blows beer EVERYWHERE
Everyone cheers
He shakes the can, makes shit go wilder*

4:44

*He chugs the rest of it, or however much he can
And tosses the can away*

4:48

Everyone dancing really hard

4:57

Everyone knows what's coming

ABBY

OH MY GOD SHE'S GONNA **SHRED** THIS SHIT

MAGGIE

BREEEEEE

5:00

*Bree absolutely OBLITERATES the air guitar
Everyone could shatter concrete with how hard they're thrusting their bodies*

Abby goes to her bag and gets something

5:10

Comes back with a literal open bucket of paint

And rubs it all over Nick

Nick gives her a "what the FUCK" look

Then does it back

Jack dunks his hands and rubs it all over himself

Bree does it to herself too

If Maggie and Starburst don't want to be left out, they can get paint all over themselves too,

Just know you'll have to do the rest of the performance like this.....

5:19

They are all dancing hell away

With paint and sweat covering their skin

5:39

It's ending, some shaking jazz hands like tambourines

Some just walking it off

Some falling to the floor

Some standing in what they made

Starburst goes to his backpack and grabs a bottle of water and finds a place to sit

The song fades out so the lead into "Tire Eyes" is not heard.

Scene 1.

They're all standing or lying there

Panting

We hear birds in the trees

Some flies, a gunshot in the distance

The sound of what this place is without their song

MAGGIE

nice

NICK

very cool

MAGGIE

the paint

(panting)

was new

ABBY

found it in my garage last night,
figured why not

JACK

i think i got some in my fucking **dick**

ABBY

no one told you to roll around in it

JACK

no, it's not like
bad,
it just burns a lot

panting.

BREE

okay so did anyone –

STARBURST

the hot cheetos are in my bag

BREE

oh my GOD you are the king

*Bree goes over to Starburst's bag
She also grabs a bottle of water*

NICK

wait, so does that mean –

STARBURST

there's a coke in there for you, yes

NICK

but –

STARBURST

cherry coke,

obviously

NICK
all fucking hail

*Nick goes over and grabs a cherry coke
Also a bottle of water.*

*At the same time,
Maggie tries to go for a hot cheeto from Bree's bag
Bree bites her off*

MAGGIE
JESUS

BREE
bitch these are my babies

STARBURST
they're for everyone

MAGGIE
YOU BIT AT ME

BREE
i'll take your whole fuckin' hand off if you try comin for my spicy bAYBUHS

STARBURST
share it

*a moment
Bree extends the bag*

*Starburst falls onto his back
panting*

STARBURST
oh my god!!!
i am so tired

JACK
no yeah that one was no joke

BREE

yeah, good shit

ABBY

Can someone throw me a water?

MAGGIE

(still chewing the cheeto)

yeah

Maggie goes over and grabs two waters.

Tosses one to Abby

Goes and sits down by her

STARBURST

Jack,

JACK

(still VICIOUSLY panting)

present

STARBURST

there's a grapefruit in there for you too

JACK

all good actually, thank you though

a moment of collective disbelief

MAGGIE

buddy,

he said a grapefruit

JACK

(sitting up)

wait,

WHAT?

you have a *grapefruit*?!

STARBURST

dad got back from Florida yesterday, brought a ton back with him

JACK

OH MY GOD

Jack rockets over to his bag

NICK

I really do not get the obsession

MAGGIE

let the boy love what he loves

JACK

They are li-truh-ly the best fruit

ABBY

not better than strawberries
motherfuckin' nothing is better than strawberries

BREE

yeah and grapefruits are like, dry,
how is it even possible for a fruit to be dry

JACK

you're just not eating it the right way

BREE

excuse me?

MAGGIE

It's not like i'm putting it in my butt, how can you eat a grapefruit *wrong*?

JACK

no, listen, picture this
you're outside, lying somewhere in the sun
some like *really* warm sun, not hot, just hot tub kind of warm –

BREE

bitch you have never stepped foot in a house nice enough to own a hot tub

JACK

listen!!!
lying in sun
and then you have to be
have to be

....

completely butt ass naked

BREE

um?

JACK

and then you just

fucking *bite* that shit

and the juice just runs

and drips aaaall over you

damn!

that shit is better than **sex**, i swear

MAGGIE

okay take a step back

ABBY

yeahhhh, that just makes me think you haven't had very good sex

NICK

he hasn't

BREE

he hasn't

JACK

okay, hi!

STARBURST

shit just sounds sticky

MAGGIE

it's supposed to be

STARBURST

no, i mean the grapefruit

MAGGIE

oh

ABBY

(to Maggie)

it should be?!?!?

NICK

Wait, do you do that here?
have you been naked on this grass?

BREE
what are you talking about
we're naked out here all the time

NICK
yeah, // yeah, but that's different than marinating yourself in fucking grapefruit juice

ABBY
haha yeah

MAGGIE
(to Nick)
dude, our class hamster from 3rd grade is probably still somewhere in this grass
and, *please* don't take this as a compliment jack –

JACK
i won't

MAGGIE
but Jack is not as gross as the rotting corpse of our 3rd grade hamster

JACK
yeah don't worry, no compliment was received there

MAGGIE
okay, good

NICK
then it's just weird how sensual you make eating a fruit

JACK
buddy buddy buddy,
all i can tell you is your fear of exposing yourself to the rich sensuality you possess is holding
you back from one of the greatest physical pleasures this world has to offer

BREE
oh.
so like anal

JACK

exactly! Like – what?

BREE

like, everybody's culturally conditioned to be afraid of putting something in their ass but if everyone just got over that shit and just *tried* it bitches would be walkin' around with butt plugs in

NICK

no, she makes a fair point

MAGGIE

girl, bitches are walkin' around with buttplugs in

JACK

(re: Nick)

wait, what?

ABBY

i'm gonna have to call you on that, Bree
i've tried it, i'm just into it

BREE

that just means you didn't prep as much as you should've

JACK

(re: Abby)

wait, **what?**

ABBY

what? it's not like you can do anal wrong

MAGGIE

Um, you can *definitely* do anal wrong

JACK

okay!

can you raise your hand if you have ever put something in your ass

All 5 of them raise their hands.

JACK

Starburst?!

STARBURST

i'm a curious flower, dog, don't front

BREE

see?

STARBURST

boredom's a real bitch sometimes

JACK

jesus, you guys!

NICK

i can't believe fuck-a-grapefruit boy made it through high school without getting curious

JACK

yeah, well you're one to talk,

pool noodle boy

NICK

WATCH THAT SHIT

JACK

i didn't say anything!

i'm just gonna enjoy my grapefruit

he takes a bite.

a breath.

ABBY

so that's it, i guess

MAGGIE

damn.

damn!

we literally never have to step foot in that school ever again

NICK

well don't leave Bree out, ms. retaking chemistry over the summer

BREE

YO FUCK MR. DAVIS

MAGGIE

yeah i can get behind that

ALL

fuck Mr. davis

JACK

you're just mad because you have a shitty memory

BREE

i'm mad because he wouldn't give me a literal two day extension on the final project when my fucking mom tried to kill herself

JACK

to be fair you had been procrastinating that project up until then anyway

BREE

yeah well at least i know how to sit on a toilet properly

JACK

YO

MAGGIE

daaaaaaaaaaamn

JACK

OKAY IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S A CLASS ON WHICH WAY IS FORWARD

MAGGIE

you're both fucking weird, just let it be

ABBY

the hardest part is over at least

BREE

yeah, the hardest part *is* over

STARBURST

now we're just out into our summer

NICK

to our last summer

i just don't get why you have to fly all the way to new york
if you're already like....already bomb as you are
just record some shit in your room, put it online, and everyone will lose their fucking minds
that's how it works nowadays, anyway

MAGGIE
that's not how it works

JACK
i mean it like,
kind of is

ABBY
and everyone falls in love with you once they hear you
it's just a matter of people hearing you
you know that

MAGGIE
yeah
thanks
yeah
i just feel like
going to new york like,
i really think that *is* the best way for
like the best chance of people hearing me,
and like
the *right* people hearing me, you know?
and new york just has the right people
[intended as a joke]
i mean, as much as i love y'all, it doesn't matter if people in this town fuckin' know me

a moment

JACK
wwwwhy not?

MAGGIE
no, not like –

BREE
not like we don't *matter* matter, but

MAGGIE

no, right, exactly, but –

BREE

but we don't *matter* matter

MAGGIE

no.

that's not what i'm saying

ABBY

you know she's saying no one in this town has money

no one in this town has connections to like, anyone

no one in this town knows Beyonce

but...if she goes to New York

i mean sooner or later you're bound to run into her like, niece or something

JACK

okay, i was with you for a second there

BREE

no, i know i know

ABBY

you're allowed to just be sad that she's leaving.

a thud

she said it.

BREE

okay, yeah, damn

i'm sad you're leaving, duh

didn't think we needed to say it

MAGGIE

bree

BREE

what?

DAMN!

didn't have to get all fuckin' quiet!

why is it always the one time i talk about how i feel everyone gets fuckin' quiet!!!!

MAGGIE

i'm not tryin' to put you on the spot

BREE

OKAY COOL

THEN DON'T PUT ME ON THE SPOT

JACK

it does suck that you're leaving....

sometimes it doesn't really feel real

like who are we all....gonna be? with you gone....

MAGGIE

yeah.....i know....but....

NICK

but?

STARBURST

but this place is a dead-end and there's no life here

and this isn't where you wanna be

MAGGIE

i was just gonna say that change is inevitable

that eventually everybody moves on

NICK

you don't see any of us moving on

MAGGIE

was that *my* choice?

NICK

what? no, i'm just saying // we fucking hate this place as much as you

MAGGIE

just, if you guys wanted to

i'm saying if you guys want to leave – !!!

like, why don't you just leave

NICK

what are you....

why would say some dumb shit like that

if you know the answer.....

like, you know why i can't leave....
right?

MAGGIE
yeah, no
i'm sorry, nick

NICK
not all of us get to even think about leaving
that was weird, Mags

....

ABBY
guys,
we've got this summer though
we do still have that

JACK
we are gonna do so many drugs

STARBURST
oh my god we are gonna do so many drugs

BREE
we're still doing acid tomorrow, right?

MAGGIE
please

JACK
oh shit that means I can finally take you guys to the little lake by – !

*Suddenly,
A shattering in the sky
A bubble popped and a full hurricane has erupted
The ground is trembling
Massive winds are tearing through the air*

BREE
WHAT THE FUCK

JACK

HOLY SHIT!!!! HAAAAAAAAAAAAA HOLY FUCKING SHIT

*Abby, Maggie, and Starburst go over to the car and steady themselves
Nick and Bree drop to their knees
The two of them kind of like how strong it is.*

*Jack tries climbing on top of the bug's hood to stand on it like a cliffside
Is knocked over by the wind
Falls to the ground
And just lies there*

It settles

*Then,
A deep and tremulous thud
The thud of a mountain landing on earth*

MAGGIE
what.....

JACK
(lying on his back)
IN THE FUCK WAS THAT HAAAAAAAAAAAA

NICK
was that a fucking earthquake?

BREE
earthquakes don't have hurricanes inside them

NICK
yeah well hurricanes don't cause the ground to fucking shake like that

JACK
HOLY. SHIT.
I CAN'T FEEL MY FUCKING FACE

ABBY
is everyone okay?

JACK
I'VE GOT DIRT IN MY LUNGS

STARBURST

Jack.
chill out

JACK

oh
sorry

BREE

jesus that got me sober

JACK

i could probably find the j if you gave me a minute

STARBURST

Jack

MAGGIE

we should really find out what that was

Abby's phone rings.

she answers it

ABBY

hey, mom.

what?

wait, what?

[to them, relaying]

something.....landed in the center of town, is what she says

MAGGIE

landed?

STARBURST

what the fuck, what?

JACK

ohhhhhh my gosh this is an alien story

ABBY

mom, what is it?

....

what?

JACK

(whispered but still explosive)

OHHHH MY GOSH IT'S A FUCKING ALIEN STORY

ABBY

wait, mom, say that again.....

like just an ordinary.....but....holy shit what?

seriously?

MAGGIE

what is it?

ABBY

[to them]

it's a bee

[goes back to the phone]

JACK

wait what?

who's uhbee?

BREE

she said a bee, dipshit, like a bumblebee

i think

JACK

wait like....so....alien story?

ABBY

yeah i'll come home

i love you too

don't worry

yeah

okay

i love you too

because you're my mama

thanks

....

i love you too

okay

okay bye

i love you too.

She hangs up.

ABBY

um

okay

so.....

there's a.....

um, don't know how to say this....

there's a 400 foot tall bumblebee in the center of town

beat.

JACK

what?

ABBY

a bumblebee

that's like, 400 feet tall, apparently

just landed in the center....of town

MAGGIE

Are you kidding?

BREE

like a....bee? like the 'buzz buzz' kind of bee?

ABBY

yeah she says it's just like....an ordinary bumblebee,

but if that bumblebee was like

the size of a blue whale

and like, then a lot bigger

JACK

is it doing anything?

ABBY

i don't know, it like,

just lande

it sounded like it's just sitting there, though

but i don't know

she said it landed right on top of the general store

MAGGIE

wait, like

ABBY

yeah she said it's like....gone

like completely gone

STARBURST

what about Tony? was he inside?

ABBY

oh shit

STARBURST

or Mikey?

BREE

oh my god

probably, right?

NICK

wait what the fuck?

are they dead?

ABBY

yeah i really gotta go take care of my mom

MAGGIE

you're not gonna go see it?!

ABBY

uhh, when my mom tells me to "come home" it's because she's having a panic attack

and if my sister tries to help her it just makes it worse, so

as much as i'd love to....

NICK

you think that shit blew over our houses?

ABBY

luckily we live kinda a little outside of the center of town, but.....

STARBURST

but holy shit, it's a 400 foot tall fucking bumblebee

BREE

i think i'm gonna go check it out

MAGGIE

can i come with?

ABBY

oh

BREE

yeah totally

MAGGIE

(re: Abby)

what?

ABBY

um....

nothing

STARBURST

i mean i am interested....

NICK

yeah i definitely wanna see it

MAGGIE

is that cool with you?

ABBY

yeah. sure, totally

i'll probably be able to see it from my house, anyway, so

MAGGIE

okay....

JACK

oh

wait

um

are we still...?

are we still gonna do acid tomorrow?

ALL BUT JACK

woooooah.

There is a pause here

Where they all genuinely think about if they should

MAGGIE

maaaaaan

STARBURST

i don't knowwww

NICK

yeah i don't knowwww

BREE

like

MAGGIE

if there's a giant bee in town....

JACK

maybe?

ABBY

yeah, maybe....

STARBURST

but also....

MAGGIE

yeah but also we could postpone it like a day just in case this turns out to be like,

not a fun thing but like

a *thing* thing

NICK

yeah, i mean it is a *huge*.....bee

JACK

hahahaha yeah like a *HUGE* bee apparently

ABBY

that would probably be a lot to handle on acid

STARBURST

or....i mean it *might* be like, really fuckin' cool also

The gang thinks

MAGGIE

we can play it by ear

BREE

we'll play it by ear

NICK

cool

JACK

cool

ABBY

i'm cool with that

pause

STARBURST

um.....

guys?

everyone looks to him

STARBURST

what....

the fuck?

Blackout.

Scene 2.

*Everyone is here, but it's the next day, so everyone's in new positions
New shirts if we're able to change super quickly*

*there's some silence among the whole group;
Jack's kickin' some grass....
it's a little awkward
someone has to break the silence
once it's broken, they're back to rapid talk*

JACK
can i....?
just
400 feet seems like it's kind of low-balling it?

MAGGIE
no yeah, i'm with you

NICK
it felt like....probably closer to 6 or 7 hundred

BREE
i mean, to be fair i haven't seen a *lot* of 400 foot tall things –

NICK
yeah, that's true

BREE
but if a house is, like what, 20 or 30 feet tall or something?

NICK
holy shit, that would be like –

MAGGIE
oh, well it was at *least* like 30 houses tall

BREE
at least!

ABBY
also....
hahaha
can we talk about the tongue?

NICK
yeahhhhh the tongue is weird

BREE

it makes it look dumb

MAGGIE

it's kind of funny

JACK

it's like...kinda weird how funny it looks

ABBY

oh....

cooooool....

MAGGIE

what were you gonna say about its tongue?

ABBY

no it's just that like....

it did look

kinda...i don't know

i guess kinda....soft?

BREE

OH MY GOD, ABBY

MAGGIE

oh. my god

JACK

OKAY WAIT, IT DID

ABBY

wait **really**

JACK

I DIDN'T WANNA SOUND WEIRD

ABBY

WELL OF COURSE NOT, ME NEITHER

BREE

BUT LIKE –

JACK
YEAH IT LOOKED LIKE YOU COULD LIKE, FALL ASLEEP ON ITS
HAHAHA ITS LITTLE TONGUE

BREE
STICKIN' OUT ALL
:P

ABBY
AND IT KINDA –

NICK
ABBY
are you gonna say the smell?

ABBY
YES!! IT SMELLED LIKE HONEY

NICK
IT – YES, IT SMELLED LIKE HONEY????

ABBY
HAHAHHAAAAHA OH MY GOD WHAT THE FUCK IS GOING ON

JACK
what the fuuuuuuck is going on

MAGGIE
i can't believe you guys have a crush on the bee

BREE
chill we are not INTO it

ABBY
it just
you think it doesn't look goofy?

MAGGIE
no i definitely do, i just also think it's like, a monstrous alien fucking BEE that's leveled like, a
whole section of our town???
the fact that it's...silly? makes it kinda scarier...i guess

JACK

yeah that's....yeah i know what you mean

.....

STARBURST

yeahhh i don't know about doing acid today

NICK

fair call

ABBY

i feel like i'd just jump directly onto the bee

MAGGIE

OH MY GOD!!!

ABBY

i'm just saying it'd probably be so softttt

JACK

wait it would probably be **so soft** oh my god

MAGGIE

guys, chill.

ABBY

it's funny!

MAGGIE

it's like – ! i don't know

it feels like it's just gonna be funny until it isn't

i mean, my parents already really aren't chill about it.

they started like, *praying?*

ABBY

oh my gosh your parents are so not religious

MAGGIE

that's what i'm saying!

NICK

yeah, the adults seem to all be going kinda haywire about it

BREE

my mom is kind of, yeah,
actually losing her mind over it

NICK

ohhhh damn, i bet

BREE

cause she watches all these alien shows already, you know?

STARBURST

wait is the show ancient aliens??

NICK

right

BREE

i...don't know, why?

STARBURST

oh

nonothingit'sjustacoolshowihear

BREE

uh

yeah, i don't know,

she's just saying it's here with a purpose and we need to find out what it wants and all this crazy
ass shit

it's scary

hearing her really mean it

MAGGIE

yeah, i mean...

ABBY

i mean it kind of *is* from another...place, i don't know...

STARBURST

yeah well, it's definitely not from here

BREE

last night i woke up at like, 3 in the morning and found her in the living room and just...

she was just like, staring out the window at it? just staring....at it – ugh god, it makes me feel so
creeped out just remembering how she was...it was just really weird

and i was just like 'mom?'

and she looked at me and just

smiled,
she didn't say anything, didn't....didn't even like pretend like she wasn't just out here staring at
this thing
bro it was creepy!!!!

NICK
hooollly shit, what?

BREE
yeah, and i mean, nancy's always been crazy, but...

ABBY
i mean, my mom has been similarly...i don't know...awestruck?? by it? i don't know if that's the
right word, but....
yeah, adults are taking this way more....seriously? than us?

BREE
we're all just too fucking traumatized to take anything seriously anymore hahaha

ALL
oh daaaamn, preach

BREE
do you think this means we're gonna get a bunch of tourists and stuff now?

MAGGIE
assuming it stays docile

BREE
true

NICK
the mayor told all the businesses in town to expect a pretty massive influx in customers, so...
i don't know, this place may start blowin' up

JACK
when did he say that?

NICK
he held a meeting today with all the shop owners in town so my dad was there

JACK
damn. this shit's for real.....

STARBURST

it's not gonna be tourists....
they're locking down the city tomorrow

ABBY

woah, what?

STARBURST

the mayor is probably referring to military personnel or news teams or something like that, i don't know
something unexplainable and like, this huge? just like physically enormous?
the government will not waste any time in containing and letting as little contact happen with it as possible

BREE

jesus, saying bummer shit with confidence does not make it any less of a bummer

MAGGIE

how did you hear all that?

STARBURST

my dad's guys...

MAGGIE

dude, what? what does your dad even *do*?

STARBURST

none of us know
the man just gives us drugs and fruit
we don't ask questions

JACK

my guess is he's a spy

STARBURST

noted

JACK

like, i know we may never find out
but on the slim chance we do
i just want everyone to know
my money's on him being a spy

STARBURST
no no, i hear you
noted.

ABBY
do you think it wants anything?
le monsieur bumblebee

STARBURST
i don't know.....

MAGGIE
like tangibly wants? like it's here specifically for something?

NICK
i mean, isn't that why things go to places? to like, get something?

STARBURST
not always, sometimes things just go places

BREE
that doesn't make any sense
nothing just goes somewhere without looking for something that an old place couldn't give them

JACK
right, like how Mags is going to New York

a half-breath

JACK
i realize....that was maybe an inopportune way to bring that up

MAGGIE
it's okay....

another half breath

STARBURST
look, can we just smoke or something?

MAGGIE
yes

ABBY
yeah

NICK
please

JACK
yes

BREE
please

MAGGIE

hey

uhhh, sorry....

like definitely go on and hang but uh

I've just gotta go home for a little but then I'll meet up with you guys like later tonight if that's cool?

NICK

what, you got homework or something?

BREE

oh wait i do actually have chemistry homework

MAGGIE

no i have to, uh

my mom and i said that we'd start.....

packing

today

so

BREE

oh

NICK

oh

JACK

you're...?

MAGGIE

what?

JACK

you're still

gonna go?

to college?

MAGGIE

what do you –

i didn't –

do you think I'm just not going to college anymore?

ABBY

i don't know....

i guess i at least thought it'd be up in the air?

i mean a massive bumblebee alien just landed in our town

MAGGIE

i mean

that's kind of all the more reason to leave....

right?

NICK

jeez

BREE

damn

MAGGIE

what?

right?

JACK

i mean, if this thing is gonna become a worldwide hotspot, just like couldn't you just like....record yourself singing in front of it? i mean, that'll be more publicity than you'll ever get going out to new york

MAGGIE

yeah, but there's like,

rules on how you like,

grow into this whole like, business, and get into it all, like....

also we've just...we already paid the tuition....so

ABBY

i mean, no harm in asking if they can get it back

MAGGIE

yeah but....

i mean i do still wanna go to college

BREE

we literally know

MAGGIE

i don't....

do you guys think that i *want* to leave?

BREE

you do.

you literally just said that

MAGGIE

no, but i don't want to leave *you* guys, though!

BREE

i fail to see how those are different

MAGGIE

bree, damn, what?

STARBURST

guys!

jesus christ,

we're all super tense

there's a big

thing

happening that's making us all really confused

and scared

and sad

and most importantly

sober

so let's just –

Maggie, you go start packing

and when you're done, come over to Nick's, of course we all want you there

JACK

yeah, of course

ABBY

yeah, come, sorry

thanks starburst

STARBURST

i got y'all

MAGGIE

it's cool....

thanks

....

....

things feel kinda weird

BREE

things *are* weird

MAGGIE

no, i mean *things feel weird*

BREE

yeah, and i mean *things are weird*
there's a goddamn bee in the middle of town

ABBY

a bee that i still say
is also kinda cute

BREE

yeah i know....
that's the weird part.

a single moment of pause.
Blackout.

Scene 3.

Maggie's on.
it's nighttime.
crickets are chirping everywhere
she's drinking from a thermos
Abby comes on

ABBY

there she be

MAGGIE

who dat be

ABBY

is ya girl!

MAGGIE
abby c!

ABBY
and it's ya girl –

MAGGIE
maggie p!

ABBY
and she's –

MAGGIE
fucking!
shitfaced.

ABBY
already?

MAGGIE
you took like *years* to get here

ABBY
(looks at watch on her wrist)
i am without exaggeration....90 seconds later than when i said i'd be here

MAGGIE
yeah but *i* was here 10 minutes early because i wanted to SEE you and you *weren't* here 10 minutes early so technically you were late for ME....so

ABBY
you really wanted to see me....? 🙄🙄

MAGGIE
shut the fuck up you only like me for my jungle juice

ABBY
it's nasty!

MAGGIE
but she treats you right

ABBY

no she treats me baaaaad, which, IS treating me right

MAGGIE

ohhhh pleaaase come sit on my lap

ABBY

:)

where is everyone?

MAGGIE

i don't knowwww

probably traffic on the – you know – the *wide* open field you gotta cross in order to get here

ABBY

yeah it gets really bad in the middle of the night, lost souls hoggin' all the traffic space

MAGGIE

kay, i asked you like three minutes ago to sit on my lap and you just *never* responded and i don't want you to think i didn't notice

ABBY

(kneeling down and holding Maggie's face)

she a wasted little puppy?

MAGGIE

(a little sweet whiney)

mayyyybe

ABBY

maybe baby?

MAGGIE

maybe just a little puppy who wants to curl into a little ball and –

she begins nuzzling her face under Abby's head, chest, stomach, into her lap

MAGGIE

just nuzzle inside right here and close the door behind me so that – 'no thank you' to anyone who wants in. no thank you....

Maggie's in Abby's lap

soft.

ABBY
jungle juice?

Maggie, without opening her eyes, reaches the bottle out to Abby

MAGGIE
(still so comfy)
slap that shit back baby girl

*Abby takes the bottle and downs it
She starts coughing and has to get up
Maggie, in a daze*

MAGGIE
noooo, ugh

ABBY
(coughing)
what?

MAGGIE
ughhhhh
are you liiiike
mad at me?

ABBY
(still coughing)
no i'm choking on jungle juice
what?

MAGGIE
you're like
you've been acting weird
right?

ABBY
oh

MAGGIE
and you haven't kissed me in DAYS

ABBY
y – yeah

MAGGIE

so....

what's up?

ABBY

i don't know....

do you want me to kiss you?

MAGGIE

ugh, because i *asked*?

yuck

ABBY

but you just said –

MAGGIE

i'm saying you're being weird!

ABBY

you're leaving, Mags!

....

and

i don't know...

i'm trying to keep my

expectations....healthy

MAGGIE

so you're just like, pretending that you don't like me?

or do you just not like me anymore?

ABBY

no.

Maggie

you're just leaving!

and i'm just...

there's a lot going on...

and i just feel like

if i use you, like

if i try and find comfort in you like i usually do

right now....

i feel like

what am i gonna do once you're gone?

you know?

MAGGIE
like, no....
just kiss me

ABBY
you said you didn't want me to!

MAGGIE
it was just a weird moment,
do you still want to? i don't wanna like, *make* you

ABBY
of course i do!

MAGGIE
okay!
....

ABBY
....
i don't want you to think i don't like kissing you

MAGGIE
well you aren't kissing me!! so

ABBY
Mags, it's.....
you're really drunk

MAGGIE
well you got here late!!!

ABBY
i literally did not!!!

jack comes on,

JACK
guys, i have NEVER taken a shit in the forest before, have you guys ever taken a shit like right
out in the forest!?
(*sees them*)

oh.
for sure

ABBY
my man....

MAGGIE
i feel like that was the worst way to possibly enter into a conversation

JACK
what?? i feel like i could think of 10 worse ones like, right now

MAGGIE
please just shut up

JACK
okay
is thaaaat.....gorilla juice?

ABBY
you are a force of nature, my guy

JACK
what can i say i'm
(sings this and does a little dance)
stoned out of my fuuucking mind
juice me!

*She throws him the bottle
And he hands them a joint that was tucked behind his ear*

JACK
and a joint for the ladies

MAGGIE
baby jack!

JACK
baby jack comin' in with that weed

ABBY
thank you so much

JACK

but seriously, have you guys ever taken a shit in the forest?

MAGGIE

like once a day

ABBY

like once a day

They both smile

JACK

absolutely that has to be a lie; once a DAY?!

MAGGIE

long walks

ABBY

loooong walks

JACK

see i've never fucked with long walks

i don't have the attention span, it's like a tree! oh! a tree! oh look, another fucking tree!

....

what were we saying?

Nick screams from offstage

MAGGIE

oh my god, was that nick?

ABBY

ohhhhhhhhh

he totally stepped in your shit

JACK

i cannot confirm nor deny that to be true

MAGGIE

that's....not what that means

NICK

[offsage]

oh my god jesus christ!!

JACK

hey, i told you nothing about me taking a shit in the forest

ABBY

whatever, you'll just end up accidentally owning up to it

JACK

it was the **bee**, okay?

MAGGIE

it was *not* the bee, jack

ABBY

the bee doesn't even – wait a second, does the bee shit?

MAGGIE

do bees shit?

ABBY

no, but does *the* bee shit?

Nick comes on

NICK

jack why the FUCK would you take a shit in the middle of the path!!

JACK

(shaking his head)

.....s'weed

NICK

S'WEED?!

ABBY

JACK

NICK

DID YOU JUST SAY

S'WEED?!?!

MAGGIE

you didn't even do it in the bushes?

JACK

well how do you know it was *me*, tough guy?

NICK

no one eats as much corn as you do

ABBY

jack! you said you eased up!

JACK

i will not be forced to defend my diet to you again!

NICK

well *you're* cleaning my shoes

*he throws a shoe at jack
it hits him in the stomach
and kinda sticks to his shirt for a sec
he gags*

ABBY

NICK

MAGGIE

JESUS

JACK

oh my god i'm gonna –

He gags

JACK

oh my god my sense of smell is so intensified right now

NICK

oh shit

is he stoned?

MAGGIE

he's ALWAYS stoned, nick!

JACK

the smell is mushy and it's in my EYES

NICK

oh that's a party foul on me then

*Jack begins to very carefully take off his shirt
Starburst comes on*

STARBURST

jack, you said you laid off the corn

Jack gags

Starburst sees the situation

STARBURST

oh shit...

oh shit, that's hilarious

JACK

(shirt halfway over his head)

BREATHING THROUGH YOUR MOUTH MAKES IT WORSE

STARBURST

also heads up Bree's on her way right now and she's....
not doing super well

NICK

like, what kind of not doing well

STARBURST

like....she's quiet

NICK

what???

MAGGIE

oh jesus

ABBY

oh fuck

NICK

she's quiet???

Jack's shirt is now off

*He bunches it up and throws it away,
Lies down on his back*

STARBURST

yeah, i don't know what's up, just –

Bree walks on

Stops

Looks at everyone

BREE

hey

It's tense

MAGGIE

hey

ABBY

how you doing?

BREE

fine

what?

what?

NICK

what's wrong?

BREE

jack isn't wearing a shirt

JACK

(in his own world and so relieved)

i feel so much lighter

BREE

what's up with that?

NICK

that – there literally could not be something more normal than that
what's going on with you?

BREE

guys i didn't come here to be fucking cross-examined!
can i have a joint or something??

Whoever has the joint passes it to her

BREE

i'm fine

She smokes it

BREE

do you guys have any alcohol or?

The bottle is handed to her.

BREE

damn

thanks

fuck

Drinks

BREE

FUCK

She walks around for a sec

BREE

ughhhhh guyyyyssss

The group is silent.

BREE

GUYYYSSS

ABBY

what is it?

BREE

i.....

i like the bee.

STARBURST

...that's it?

MAGGIE

what do you mean you "*like*" the bee?

BREE

i don't know!!!

i don't fucking know

i'm just a freak

She sits down, knees to her chest

ABBY

hey, girl, i like the bee

i think it's...it's a weird and unexplainable thing

and it's also cute and seems pretty....harmless?

those combination of things are....ya know, i like that

plus it is just kind of a cutie

BREE

yeah.....

but like....

what about like....

UGH I FEEL CRAZY

NICK

bree, you can just say it

BREE

but i don't know what it is!!!!

i don't even know what i'm feeling....

it just feels important

like the bee....

i don't know!

feels....important

it just feels....

UGH IT'S JUST A BEE!

my mom's like, talking about it like some GOD or like,

the LOOK in her eyes is so creepy!!!!

makes my fucking skin crawl....

and it's **creepy** cause like

i sat with her last night and looked at it with her and i fucking....saw it too!!

the bee is like, beautiful!
it looks like.....AGH

.....
i wanna get blackout, does anyone wanna go hard with me?

JACK
(still on the ground, has not been listening)
yo, i'm always down

ABBY
jack, shut up, you're not even listening

JACK
that is true

BREE
stop looking at me like i'm crazy!!!

ABBY
bree, we're not
you're just freaking out
you can just...like the bee

STARBURST
bree, it's a supernatural entity that's bigger than any living organism on our planet
on top of that it does seem to be....docile
nobody knows how to feel about it
i'm honestly surprised the country hasn't blown it the fuck up yet.
this shit is crazy, bree.
you can feel however you feel

ABBY
hey, i...i mean, i sang it a little song, if it makes you feel any better.

MAGGIE
what the fuck, you did *what*?

ABBY
i went on a little walk and....last night i walked by it...and just sang it a little song
i don't know...it feels a little like the moon
really big, unexplainable
and the moon feels important to me
i don't think there's anything wrong with it feeling....important

BREE
yeah
yeah....
but what if i said i like.....
no. no
nevermind.
i don't wanna talk about it

MAGGIE
you sure?

BREE
yup. i've hit my limit, i just.....
i just wanna just move on

NICK
that's chill

BREE
jack, you still gettin' black out with me?

JACK
giiiiirrrl
you're gonna have to bring that shit over to me, because i am SO fucking high

BREE
tough luck, i am not coming out of this ball

JACK
that's all good, man. i'm just chillin'
.....
we're just chillin' here....
you're chillin'

*lights slowly fade to black as Abby goes over and hugs Bree
and Starburst lights a joint*

Scene 4.

*Daytime, days later
Bree, Maggie, Starburst, and Jack are all on*

*They're all staring off, glazed over
They stay like this for a short while
Abby comes on. Everyone looks to her.
She looks back,
No one says anything
We all look back to our own thing*

ABBY
guys
what.
the fuck?

BREE
i know
i don't know
i don't know

ABBY
what....
what????
Jack,
.....
are you okay?

JACK
yeah.....
not really
no
no.

It's quiet.

ABBY
did you....
did she say anything to you?

JACK
nope.
i heard about it from my dad.
he said she just,
walked out the front door and just....went

ABBY

and....what? i mean how did she know to....what?

JACK

i don't know.

i mean she's still there.

i went and saw her like an hour ago,

she just looks like she's velcrowed to it....

like she just walked up to it and like....stuck to it, i don't know.....

everything, it looks like her whole body is just *glued* to it, like her *face* is just pressed.....

i mean she was *breathing*, though, i don't.....

she's just like....on it....yeah

she wouldn't say anything, i tried....god it was like....

really fucking weird i feel really fucking weird honestly

ABBY

holy shit.

i'm so

sorry, i'm sorry

JACK

yeah, i don't....i don't even know like....

it's not even like.....am i supposed to be sad? like what?

my mom is just.....stuck to an enormous bee? but like....it seems like she *chose* to?

what the fuck?

what the fuck???

i feel like it's not funny anymore

Quiet.

MAGGIE

have people like.....has anyone tried just taking her off? like....just pulling her off?

JACK

uhhhhh yeah, i don't.....

yeah, i don't think i can talk about it anymore

MAGGIE

yeah, totally. sorry

JACK

i just feel like.....two days ago it was still funny

like, YESTERDAY it was still funny

i mean is it *still* funny?? is my mom just the next like....funny addition in the story???

FUCK

i mean its fucking tongue is still out, right?
but now it has my fucking mom like velcrowed onto it FUCK

Jack gets up and paces a little bit

*Nick enters while he's doing this
Everyone looks at him, he nods, looks to jack
Jack sees him*

JACK
hey

NICK
hey, dude
you doin' okay?

JACK
ugh
i wish people would stop asking me that, no i'm not okay, my mom is seemingly dead

ABBY
that's not what's happening

JACK
no,
you're right,
she just inexplicably has stuck her entire body onto a gargantuan fucking BUMBLEBEE

Nick starts walking over to jack

JACK
what
what are you doing???
DUDE

*Nick hugs and holds jack
Jack squirms*

JACK
DUDE WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CHILL
I'M GOOD!
I'M GOOD!

FUCK OFF I'M –
FUCK OFF!
FUCK off

*He releases into the hug,
Maybe cries*

JACK
no no no no
what the fuck
dude what the **fuck**

NICK
i'm so sorry, jack
i'm so, so sorry

JACK
bree is this what you meant by it felt important???

Huge energy shift.

BREE
what?

JACK
a couple of nights ago when you were like “the bee feels important,” is this – ?
like, do you wanna attach yourself to it?

BREE
what are you doing right now, calm down

JACK
i just don't get it!!!! why did she just get up and do that!!!

BREE
(flustered)
jack, breathe, just....calm down

MAGGIE
jack, it's okay

NICK
i know...i know....

JACK
why.....
i just don't get it

Long pause.

NICK

remember when we were gonna take acid?

MAGGIE

hooly shit

JACK

ha

maybe we should've

maybe this would've made more sense

BREE

i think i do.....

Thud.

JACK

you do what?

BREE

i.....

guys i don't know, i need you guys to not –

jack

i don't know

i don't know what i'm

feeling, honestly....

jack i don't even know what i'm feeling and like....that scares me....a lot....and maybe that's how your mom felt too! i don't know i just....

i just need to know like, you guys will like, just hear me out and not like....freak

ALL

(quiet murmurs)

yeah

BREE

i like.....

yeah okay, had been feeling.....whatever, drawn? to it?

and my mom's been like....going crazy about it, like talking all day and night

some crazy like, poetic shit

she's never speaks like that, never never

and.....

it just makes me feel something in my stomach....

like....like it's just right, i don't know.....and
and that wasn't like calling me to actually *do* anything.....like i had no...desire to like go to the
bee or anything

.....

.....then my uh

mom told me this morning....

basically just said that your mom....gave herself over to the....bee, that's how she said it
said it in this tone like

“eurika” or something, like....someone figured it out
and.....i don't know

.....

do you guys hate me yet?

ALL

no, not it all, girl

BREE

it just

before i felt shock? or.....before i was like....sad?

i felt.....

guys, excited i don't fucking know!!!!

....i don't know....like

oh that feeling makes sense now?

i don't even know

yeah

A long while.

JACK

do you....

so do you think you're....

going to?

BREE

.....do you?

JACK

no....

i don't –

no

BREE

i don't....i don't know

MAGGIE

hey uh

i'm gonna ask something crazy but i have to, cause everybody's looking kinda....
everyone's looking really similarly like contemplative and sad
is there anybody who definitely feels like they *don't* want to do that?

No one says anything

MAGGIE

i'm sorry?

guys?

do you need more time to think or.....?

sorry, are all of you about to go stick to the fucking bee?

NICK

no.

JACK

my mom is on that thing, i don't know, Mags, i feel crazy right now

ABBY

i don't think we're saying we're....going to

i just.....would be lying if i don't

get what you [*Bree*] mean...when you say

the bee just....

feels right

yeah

that's all.

and i don't know what that feeling....means

A beat.

Maggie starts looking more frantically at them all

MAGGIE

what

what is happening right now?

what are you guys doing right?

ABBY

literally we're not *doing* anything, Maggie, calm down. we're just saying we all feel crazy

MAGGIE

Starburst?

STARBURST

yeah

MAGGIE

what's goin' on with you?

STARBURST

i don't know, man.....

why are you the only one who seems so sure about everything?

MAGGIE

i don't know!!!! that's why i'm asking

STARBURST

yeah man.....

i don't know.....

i just feel like i don't know what's going on

i don't know what i feel....like, at all

my dad's been acting weird as hell

....man, i've been acting weird as hell...

ABBY

[to Maggie]

we just don't know, that's all

MAGGIE

neither do i

BREE

then why don't i feel like you get me?

if we both don't know

why do i feel like you're a million miles away?

MAGGIE

....i don't know

BREE

yeah, well

neither do i

Slow fade to blackout.

Scene 5.

*Bree, Abby, Jack are on
Jack is pacing around
Abby's lying down*

JACK
i don't feel good about this

BREE
it's fine

JACK
we've never excluded someone from a hangout up here

BREE
yeah well, there's good reason

JACK
like....i knowwww
but like, *this* place?!!! like, can't we just do this at Nick's house or something?

ABBY
this is the only space where we don't have to worry about someone....
we can speak freely here

BREE
yeah, true until a few days ago

ABBY
hey, that's not –
that's harsh

BREE
look, it's weird how she's the *only* one who doesn't get what we're feeling at ALL

ABBY
yeah....
it is

JACK

it also kinda makes sense?

ABBY
what do you mean?

JACK
like....well,

Nick and Starburst come on, passing a joint back and forth

JACK
hey,

*whole group has a group "hey"
the two boys pass the joint onto Abby, she passes, gives it to Bree*

JACK
i mean.....uhh
i don't remember what i was gonna say

ABBY
you were saying how it's not surprising // that Maggie doesn't

JACK
oh yeah! just that –

ABBY
wait! wait!
sorry to cut you off

JACK
yeah, alright

ABBY
just, we're all finally here now.....i just
.....
how serious do you guys feel about this? about...actually doing it?
this....bee thing

NICK
i don't know....
i think
pretty serious....

ABBY
really?

NICK
i don't know...
yeah
i think

BREE
i feel.....yeah i don't know
i think i feel pretty sure, too
i don't like....
i still don't feel *totally* good about how much i....want to do it, but....
i feel like every day i'm just getting *more* okay with it as opposed to fluctuating back and forth,
you know? which makes me think it's just steering towards....yeah

JACK
woah, yeah
woah

ABBY
okay, but are you guys worried at all about the like.....i don't know
about what will happen?
what....like, are you worried about the like....repercussions of what sticking our bodies to an
800 foot tall bee will be?

BREE
damn, can i be honest with you?
no
i'm...not

ABBY
you're not

BREE
no....
i don't know
i think like,
i just know that i don't know
you know?
but i also know that.....
yeah it just still feels.....right

and i've never felt that kind of "right" about anything before

STARBURST

i feel that

ABBY

but!

okay like,

but what if that's just some....

like what if,

if this bee is some alien,

who's to say it's not like,

a specific kind of like, brainwave manipulation kind of alien

to make us *think* that it's comforting but actually it's just like trying to eat us?

NICK

literally all it does is sit in one place with its tongue out

STARBURST

if it wanted to eat us i'm pretty sure it could just eat us

ABBY

not unless the mouth is a decoy!

maybe the only way it can.....

what?

NICK

"maybe the mouth is a decoy?"

ABBY

yeah....

NICK

abby

.....

it's just a big bee

and we all....

everyone in town,

except for maggie, i guess

feels

wants to like

i don't know

merge? with it
that's the word i've been.....
god it sounds so fucking weird out loud

ABBY
but
it just seems like there's no way to go back

BREE
yeah

JACK
yeah

STARBURST
yeah

JACK
but also
both my parents, your sister, bree's mom, nick's dad....
i mean a lot of our family is already on it

BREE
jesus what the fuck is going on

ABBY
i don't know
i don't know!

.....

NICK
remember when we were dancing?
remember the day it showed up? how fucking hard we were dancing before?
why does that feel so far away now?

BREE
oh god
fuck man, what are we doing?

.....

ABBY

listening to our bodies? i think?

STARBURST

i think we should say goodbye to Maggie
i think we owe her that

BREE

what? like altogether?

STARBURST

yeah.
i think it'd be easier if we were all here
would give us all some strength to not back down
plus then we could like....go together
all go to the bee
and that feels.....right
i don't know....feels important to me

JACK

what is going on.....

STARBURST

i don't.....know

.....

but this really is something we all want to do?

everyone looks around to everyone else

STARBURST

like,
okay,
if we erase the idea that this is a weird thing
or a scary thing because of how weird it is....
if we just
think about how it makes us feel?
how does it.....ya know, feel?

*they all sit for a second,
overwhelmed by
excitement, giddiness, curiosity, awe, excitement*

STARBURST

damn.

ABBY
it feels good

BREE
exciting

NICK
feels really good
it feels safe

JACK
yeah it makes me
yeah it's like summer camp
it's like water parks

ABBY
it's like....easy
sunshine
rivers

BREE
hugs
a really big hug
just right

JACK
just feels right

STARBURST
yeah
....
yeah

Blackout.

Scene 6.

*Starburst, Abby, Bree are on
Starburst is pacing, checking his phone
Abby with her phone to her ear*

BREE

[to Starburst]

yo, can you chill with the pacing, you're freakin' me out

STARBURST

where is he???? she's gonna be here any second

BREE

i don't know, but you pacing isn't helping

ABBY

(putting her phone down)

he's not answering

STARBURST

fuck!

BREE

star,

i

i think we should just go

STARBURST

what? no, we

we need to say goodbye to her, she's our friend

BREE

jack and nick aren't even here

STARBURST

what are you saying right now? we are saying goodbye to her

BREE

i just

i have this feeling,

i just think we should go

ABBY

it's not like the bee's going anywhere

BREE

i know....

so why do i feel like,

rushed?

STARBURST

fuckfuckfuckfuckfuck this is bad why wouldn't they have shown!

BREE

Star –

Jack comes on in a jog

JACK

hey guys i'm so sorry –

STARBURST

JACK!

he hugs him

*this shocks everyone,
including Jack*

JACK

oh gosh

uh, hey, starburst.....thanks

STARBURST

i thought you fuckin' left man!

JACK

hey hey, listen

starburst releases the hug

JACK

nick is....

nick wasn't at home....

he.....

i think he might have already....went

ALL

what?!?!?

JACK

yeah,

i mean i don't know! but
there was no one inside his house and....
i mean there's gotta be like....
i don't know, fuckin' 200 people on the bee at this point?
i didn't look at the people who were on too hard to try and find him cause i wanted to make it out
here but....
yeah, i just –
i think we need to go

STARBURST
what the fuck, why would he just go?
why would he go without us?!?!
without saying anything?!?!

JACK
i don't know!
i don't know....but

STARBURST
FUCK!

Maggie walks on

MAGGIE
hey guys
what's wrong?

everyone's frozen.

MAGGIE
....
guys?
....
guys.
....
okay
....
you're being weird
....
um HELLO?!

JACK
hey

ABBY
hey,
sorry

MAGGIE
what's going on? did someone die?

silence

MAGGIE
wait
did someone die?
where's nick?

ABBY
he's okay

MAGGIE
oh my god, okay

ABBY
he's on the bee

MAGGIE
(disbelief)
what?

ABBY
he's....on the bee,
he went and....he's on the bee

MAGGIE
what are you talking about he's on the bee? since when was he gonna be on the bee??

ABBY
Maggie, most of the TOWN is on the bee don't act like you don't know what's going on

MAGGIE
i'm surprised??? i'm like
what? i'm BLINDSIDED, because that means i'm never gonna get to talk to him again!!!
it basically means he's dead!!
why are you guys being so chill about this!!

Silence

BREE
Maggie, we're going too

silence

BREE
we're all going
he just went before us
....
you know,
he wouldn't be dead if you just wanted to come with us
we all want you to come

MAGGIE
i don't **want** to go on the fucking bee!
what the fuck are you guys talking about it's a huge BEE

BREE
yeah

JACK
yeah

MAGGIE
this is for real? WHAT?!
are you guys – ?
what is going on right now!

BREE
you're making this into such a big deal

MAGGIE
YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU'RE GONNA MERGE WITH A GIANT BEE

BREE
none of us had temper tantrums when you said you were going off to college

MAGGIE
YOU CANNOT.
CANNOT TELL ME THOSE ARE SIMILAR

ABBY
they....kind of are

MAGGIE
WHAT
WHAT IS **HAPPENING** RIGHT NOW

BREE
[to the rest of the group]
can we go now?

ABBY
bree, chill out

BREE
i wanna go

JACK
i'd go with you

MAGGIE
jack!

ABBY
jack

JACK
sorry,
i feel really....restless
i just really think i need to go
i really want you to come, Mags

MAGGIE
no jack! i.....jack, i have to go to college!!!

JACK
yeah, well
i said it before and i'll say it again...
i'll miss you

Maggie is speechless, mouth agape

MAGGIE
you're....
what....?

JACK
(to Bree)
you wanna go?

BREE
(to Starburst and Abby)
yeah
are you guys coming?

ABBY
not yet

STARBURST
yeah, i'm not done

MAGGIE
starburst, you are not going on a fucking bumblebee!!

Starburst just takes a big breath, he doesn't say anything

BREE
suit yourselves
Mags,
can i give you a hug?

MAGGIE
what?
....
yeah
what the fuck?

Bree hugs her.

BREE
i'm gonna miss you

MAGGIE
(to herself)
what?

BREE
i love you, girl.

chase those dreams

*Bree lets go and steps aside
Maggie is entirely speechless*

*Jack hugs her
And lets go*

JACK
i don't.....
i really just gotta do this
i really hope that'll make sense at some point...
i won't forget you
i also just hope you change your mind....
fuck
ah
you've been a real one,
i love ya, Mags

MAGGIE
Jack shut the fuck up don't fucking go? please

JACK
i...i really gotta

MAGGIE
no, you really don't!

BREE
Jack, we gotta go

MAGGIE
guys!! what the fuck!!

BREE
bye, Mags
(to jack)
let's go

Jack and Bree jog off together.

MAGGIE
wait!! wait!!!!

They're gone....

Starburst and Abby watch her for a sec

Maggie is hyperventilating

Abby goes over to her, stops her and hugs her

ABBY

it's okay, it's okay, // it's okay, it's okay it's okay

MAGGIE

no it's not, no it is not, no it's not

Maggie cries into Abby for a sec

MAGGIE

fuck you, are you seriously going?

ABBY

yeah

yeah

i really am

i know it's what i want

MAGGIE

Starburst

guys, what happened?

why didn't you fucking tell me!

STARBURST

Maggie,

can i be real with you for a sec?

MAGGIE

i'm sorry, have we been being fake up until now?????

STARBURST

i was just being courteous

MAGGIE

dude just talk

STARBURST

why don't....you want to come with us?

MAGGIE

...jesus, i don't know, i don't want to merge with a fucking enormous BEE sorry if that sounds CRAZY

STARBURST

.....

and what happens if you're not a successful musician?

A pause.

MAGGIE

what?

STARBURST

are you....i feel like you're staying....

i feel like part of the reason you're hanging back is because you've got this like....plan

and it's a really cool, plan....and i think it could work out....

but.....

i don't know

i just can't shake the feeling that all these people, everyone in this little town

who seem so boring and purposeless...

all seem pretty spiritually signed up for this bee thing,

but the *one* person,

the *one* girl who.....who has a reason to *want* to leave....is the one who wants to stay

MAGGIE

yeah

STARBURST

just.....is there something really so wrong in.....in just.....i don't know

just merging with a big bee? like...

being a part of something....bigger than yourself?

bigger than just Maggie or just Starburst?

i mean i feel like our friend group is kinda like that....i think i'd never be....as much of who i am

as i am now without you guys....without being a part of this....thing that we all made....

why is the bee any different?

MAGGIE

i....i think you're reading too much into this

STARBURST

yeah....i don't know

just, you and your parents are the only people in town who seem to be so readily against hopping on....
and it's like.....it's like you're your own bee.....
and your parents are like.....your parents are latched onto you a little bit, right? helping you do *your* thing?
which is.....love
but.....yeah
i guess if we're all.....if all the people you....love? are going onto this one? helping this guy fulfill its dreams?

MAGGIE

and why are we trusting the dreams of some big ass bee?

STARBURST

i don't know....
sometimes you just get a vibe

Silence.

ABBY

i don't think there's any right answers here
i don't know....
none of us know what's gonna happen
in any scenario
i don't know, maybe it'll suck being on this bee.
maybe....
no, sorry,
i just really don't think it will!!!
i just...think it'll be awesome
and i can't tell you why!
maybe it's because i know everyone i really fuck with is gonna be there
and! maybe it's because i know *i'm* gonna be there, and i like, know that wherever i go i can make it a really fucking good time
and so
if you think
that staying here?
will let you have the best time in the world?
then stay the fuck here, girl
but you better rock your fucking heart out
and....
yeah, if you think...i don't know
you seem kinda set on it...
but....

if there's like, any part of you that thinks it could be fun?
i guess i just.....
i just wanna say that i think it'd be fun too
i think we'd make it fun like we make everything fun....
cause it's us.....

*It's quiet
For a minute*

MAGGIE
this feels like a really big decision
that i just have to make in like, a single second

ABBY
yeah...
it kinda is, i hear that

MAGGIE
i don't know
i don't know what to do!
.....
i just feel like –

*and just like that, –
Suddenly,
Another shattering in the sky
A bubble popped and a full hurricane erupts
The ground trembles
As we hear what sounds like an 800 foot-tall bumblebee
Flap its wings and
Soar into the sky*

*The three of them look up as they try and steady themselves,
And watch the bee
Fly into the sky
It takes a minute
For the wind to fully fade,
For the bee
To totally disappear*

*All three of them have their mouths wide open,
Utter shock.
No one looks at anyone else*

Abby covers her mouth,

STARBURST

(really quietly)

no

no no no no no

no

no

ABBY

what?

what?

STARBURST

no

Maggie has her hands on her head

Starburst is just standing, looking up

MAGGIE

i am so sorry

oh fuck i'm so sorry, you guys

ABBY

wait but why would it...?

i don't get it why would it....?

what?

MAGGIE

i shouldn't have....

but how was i supposed to know!!

i didn't know it was gonna do that!!!

how did.....

how did they know, why didn't they.....tell us.....

Silence.

ABBY

it didn't even.....

my mom.....went

i don't

