

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

JACK  
the eternal summer

ABBY  
the rest of our lives

BREE  
*(teasing)*  
well hey, not *all* of us are in eternal summer, let's be considerate

MAGGIE  
chill, damn, i can still cheers to being done with high school

NICK  
hey, no shame here! no shame.  
nothing wrong with wanting to crawl back under the thumb of a booming capitalistic institution

MAGGIE  
it sounds like there's a little bit of shame in there

BREE  
bitch anyone with high-waisted jeans and a tucked in t-shirt can get into NYU

NICK  
yo0000

JACK  
yo00000

MAGGIE  
that – that literally has nothing to do –

STARBURST  
Mags makes good music, chill

ABBY  
*(to Bree)*  
yeah and i see you dancing to it

BREE  
i'm not – bitch, this girl could sing me into a heroin overdose and i'd have no complaints

ABBY  
pretty sure that would feel good regardless....

BREE

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!!!! HAHAAAAAAAAHA 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 HAHAAAAAAAAHA

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

*a moment.*

BREE  
wait –

ABBY  
did no one bring *anything* with them?

BREE  
oh my god what are the odds

ABBY  
i would think not good considering we're *us*

STARBURST  
we can just go back to mine and smoke there

ABBY  
iiiiii don't know how much i wanna hang around ur government daddy right now  
sorry if that's weird

STARBURST  
no, that's chill

NICK  
we can go back to mine and fuck around with fireworks

JACK	ABBY
YES	YES

*they look at each other.*

ABBY  
there's something about you and i.....

JACK  
motherfuckers who know how to have a good time

*they hi-five*

NICK  
okay, well they're *my* fireworks, so.....

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                      ABBY  
like once a day              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

