

"SHH!"

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INT. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY - DAY

CLOSE UP -- A clock reads "7:04 AM".

KATE, a senior in high school, walks into the library for detention 4 minutes late. The doors make a loud noise, and the Saturday detention paper falls off the doors.

The LIBRARIAN, glares at her as she enters.

LIBRARIAN

Shh!

Kate doesn't really pay her any mind and takes a seat not too far away from GUS, the only other kid in detention today, who hasn't looked up from his sketchbook since before Kate walked in.

Kate pulls out her phone. The librarian grows a scowl and grumbles.

LIBRARIAN (CONT'D)

Gnngh!

She points to a sign that reads "NO CELL PHONES IN DETENTION!" Kate rolls her eyes and sighs. Gus chuckles.

LIBRARIAN (CONT'D)

You're late!

Kate shrugs.

KATE

Sorry.

The librarian grows more angry, and shushes her very loudly.

LIBRARIAN

Shh!

Gus laughs. Suddenly, a large wad of paper hits Gus in the head. He opens it and sees that it reads "NO LAUGHING IN DETENTION".

Gus puts his hands over his mouth, and Kate smiles. Everyone sits in silence for a bit, but Kate's eyes don't really leave Gus. She likes him.

Kate pulls out her backpack, and grabs a notebook and a pencil. The librarian is now visibly engrossed in a novel and partly distracted.

Kate writes a note to Gus, that reads "HEY, WHAT R U IN 4?" with a heart dotting the "I". She slides it to him.

Gus is excited to get a note and he replies on the same sheet with a little doodle. Though he stops writing when he sees the librarian look at him.

He looks around the library from his chair, and his face lights up with an idea.

Gus points to the "NON-FICTION" section sign, Kate sees that, and nods.

Gus looks around a bit more and then points to the art section and then motions drawing. Kate looks confused.

Gus then points to the late sign that fell on the floor. Kate shrugs.

Gus is visibly annoyed she doesn't get him, so he picks up his pencil and writes late. Kate whispers back.

KATE

You were late to-

GUS

Shh!

The librarian looks up from her book extremely confused. She and Gus stare at each for an uncomfortably long amount of time. The librarian picks up her book and mumbles to herself quietly.

LIBRARIAN

That's my job.

Gus looks back at Kate and nods, he picks up his sketchbook and writes "DRAWING IN CLASS I WAS LATE IN, TEACHER DIDN'T LIKE ME."

Gus draws a funny sketch of the teacher and lifts it up to show Kate.

Kate mouths an "Oh". Gus nods and then points to her.

Kate points to the "YOUNG ADULT" section and the "CRIME" section. Gus looks very confused.

Kate makes a "making out" motion and then draws an "X" in the air. Gus doesn't get it. The librarian sees Kate make the making out motion and looks visibly disgusted but very unsure of what to do. She continues reading.

Kate pulls out her notebook again and writes "MAKING OUT WITH X", and passes it to him.

Gus mouths an "Oh".

Kate starts to write another note when suddenly, a book from across the room hits her. The book is ironically about good manners and etiquette.

The librarian glares at Kate. Kate mouths "SORRY" to her.

Kate looks at Gus and rolls her eyes.

Kate picks up the book and starts looking for the word "SINGLE", the librarian thinks Kate is reading that book and smiles before returning to her's.

Kate finds the word, and points to it as she shows Gus.

Gus looks a little confused. Kate takes the book back and circles "SINGLE" and writes a little heart next to it.

She hands it to Gus and he gets it. He nods. He points to her, and she nods back too.

Kate develops a shy grin. She points to a CALENDAR hanging in the room. Gus gives a confused look. The librarian leaves the room to go to the bathroom, but neither of them notice.

Kate looks around and then points to the "ROMANCE" section and then at the two of them. Gus is confused and shakes his head.

Kate looks around for ways to communicate. She picks up the book again. Gus looks anxious. She looks for words that ask something along the lines of "WANT TO GO ON A DATE?"

After circling a few words that only sort of communicate what Kate wants. The words she finds in the book are "WANT TO GO BOWLING, MATE?" she hands the book to Gus.

Gus looks very confused, and mouths "BOWLING?" Kate shakes her head.

Kate points to him, and then her, and makes a heart with her hands. Gus's eyes widen.

He writes in his sketchbook "YOU WOULDN'T WANNA DATE ME". He lifts it up and shows it to her.

Kate shakes her head. She picks up his sketchbook and writes "Yes I would, plus your cute." She uses the wrong 'your'. She shows him hers. Gus is mildly annoyed and just shouts.

GUS

I'm gay!

The librarian enters just as he says that. She looks stunned and confused as only the sound of a flushing toilet fills the room.

FADE OUT.

THE END