

"Rue's Eden"
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INT. BATHROOM DAY

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Lost in a sea of white ambiguous space. Nothingness. **RUE APPELEGATE(19)** is submerged in a sea of white, foaming bubbles.

RUE (V.O.)

I would try an hold myself under.

An explosion of water. Rue emerges from the bath coughing and gasping for breath. Catching it, she surveys the room revealing the fact that we are in a very large bathroom.

RUE (V.O.)

It was never long enough.

Rue takes great care putting on a large plaid shirt that hangs from the knob on the bathroom door.

We push in on Rue's face as she searches for a scent in the collar that is no longer there.

MALE (V.O.)

I miss your face like crazy...

Before buttoning her shirt all the way, she examines her body in the mirror.

RUE

I'm a fucking dalmation.

The shirt swallows her when she puts it on. It's obviously made for a man.

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INT. RUE AND JUNE'S DORM ROOM- `LATE AFTERNOON

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Chaos. Rue sits on her bed in the plaid shirt, caught in a trance. She nervously taps a pencil on the open page of a black sketch book. She is trying to focus on something, anything.

Rue's blonde roommate **June, (20)** sits on her bed by **Wyatt(19)** who is showing June how to smoke weed from a bong. Music is playing from a laptop that sits on one of the desks in the room.

June is whispering into Wyatt's ear and laughing. **Caden(20)** is laying on the floor tossing a stuffed cat in the air and smoking a cigarette.

WYATT

Ok when I light it, you're going to want to suck in the smoke as hard as you can. K. Ready?

Wyatt lights the bowl and June begins to inhale deeply. After several minutes. Caden stops throwing the cat, and sits up.

WYATT (CONT'D)

Ah, June?

June continues to inhale. She has obviously done this before.

CADEN

Awe ya.

June finishes the hit. Rue snaps off the music. Wyatt starts reloading the bowl.

WYATT

How bout it Rue?

Rue shakes her head no. Wyatt starts to inhale himself. June snaps the bong from Wyatt and shoves it at Rue.

JUNE

Don't be a pussy, Rue.

RUE

Sorry, but I know where your mouth has been.

Wyatt chokes on the smoke.

CADEN

(laughing) shit.

June snatches the cigarette from Caden's hand, takes a drag and then kisses him. Wyatt squirms.

JUNE

I've haven't gotten any complaints.

Elliot(20) Bursts into the room. Rue immediately closes her sketch book and begins to straighten her side of the room.

ELLIOT
Hey. Douche bags. You forget something?

WYATT
Shit. the Gig.

Wyatt, hits the back of Caden's head as the grab there stuff and leave.

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3. INT. RUE AND JUNE'S DORM CONTINUOUS

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JUNE
I want to come.

Rue gives her a look, but June ignores her as she quickly throws on some lip gloss, adjusts her bra and puts on her mascara. Elliot approaches Rue.

ELLIOT
Hey.

RUE
Hi.

ELLIOT
You coming, Rue?

Rue turns to him.

RUE
Unfortunately, not.

JUNE
You're wasting your breath, El.

ELLIOT
You sure? This is a limited time offer.

RUE
Oh yeah?

ELLIOT
Yeah, it's only going to happen if we keep getting hired.

RUE
You're that bad, huh?

ELLIOT
Terrible.

RUE
I'll have to catch the next one.

ELLIOT
Gonna hold you to that.

Elliot heads for the door but knocks into June, causing her to miss her lips with a tube of lipstick. Rue smiles.

JUNE
El!

ELLIOT
Shit, June, how long does it take?

Elliot smiles at Rue. Their eyes lock. June follows Elliot out. They exit.

4 RUE AND JUNE'S DORM ROOM CONTINUOUS

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Rue heads for her book shelf and pulls off a copy a text book off the shelf. Behind it is a bottle of Oxycodone. Rue pours the entire bottle into her hand. Examines them for a minute. Decides to take two. Then flops onto the bed.

She stares at her cell phone on the desk next to her bed.

LUKE (V.O.)
Spots... Call me. K.

Rue reaches for the cell and flips through a bunch of pictures of her and **Luke Conway 18**. The shirt she wears belongs to him.

Music begins to blare through the walls of the next dorm. Rue bangs on the wall. She is ignored. Rue closes her eyes and plays some music from her phone to drown them out. She begins to drift.

5 **MONTAGE** EXT. LAKE LATE AFTERNOON (DREAM SEQUENCE)

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-Rue opens her eyes and looks up at the trees swaying in the wind.

-Luke is by the laking skipping rocks off it's surface

-An empty fish tank full of water lies in the woods. Rue begins to walk toward it.

LUKE (V.O.)

You cold?

-Back on the beach Luke takes off his shirt and gives it to Rue then kisses her on the forehead.

-As Rue gets closer she notices the body of a person floats inside it.

-Luke smiles then skips another rock off the lakes surface.

RUE

Show me how to do that.

- Back on the beach Rue tries to give Luke back his shirt.

LUKE

Keep it.

-Luke puts his arm around Rue.

LUKE (CONT'D)

I missed your face, ok.

RUE

You missed my what?

LUKE

Your face.

-He kisses her forehead. Rue closes her eyes.

-Rue approaches the tank. She is looking at herself floating inside it

-Rue looks down at the rock she is holding in her hand then back at Luke as he skips more stones. She tightens her hand into a fist and then hurls the stone at Luke's head. It hits him hard. Blood trickles down from a gash on his head. Luke looks at Rue.

LUKE (CONT'D)

Spots?

ELLIOT (V.O.)

Shit, I can't get the key to work.

END MONTAGE

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INT. RUE AND JUNE'S DORM ROOM NIGHT

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Rue is jolted awake by the dorm room door as Elliot helps an intoxicated June into her room. Rue lies in her bed facing away from them.

JUNE
(Laughing loudly) That was insane!

ELLIOT
Uh Huh. Keep it down ok.

JUNE
Why?...Oh. Don't worry that'd be waking the dead. In fact..

June does her best to walk seductively towards Elliot.

JUNE (CONT'D)
We could do almost anything and she wouldn't wake up.

Elliot notices the books on Rue's night-stand. One of them catches his eye. "Siddhartha, by Herman Hesse."

ELLIOT
Hesse. Nice.

JUNE
Ya. I guess being an anti social bitch, Means you have good taste in literature.

ELLIOT
Why do you give her such a hard time?

Elliot continues going through Rue's things. Landing on the Art notebook.

JUNE
It goes both ways, El. Besides, it's how we relate to each other. When I'm nice to her, that's when you should worry.

Elliot flips through it staring at picture after picture of Luke. Finally towards the end there is a picture of Elliot playing his guitar. June begins to struggle with the chain of her necklace.

JUNE (CONT'D)
Could you help me with this?

Elliot walks towards June and helps her with her necklace.

ELLIOT
Would it kill you to be nicer.

June turns to face Elliot.

JUNE
Fine. I'll be nice. But I'm not
going to do it for her.

June tries to kiss Elliot but he dodges her.

ELLIOT
Your drunk. I should let you go to
bed.

June throws her pillow at Elliot.

JUNE
Prick.

ELLIOT
Thanks, been needing one of these.

Elliot glances at Rue, walks to the door, then throws the pillow back at June. June passes out. Rue turns towards her and begins to stare at her cell phone which reads 3:17am.

7 INT. DORM ROOM AFTERNOON.

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4:36pm. June is passed out on her bed, snoring loudly. Rue lays in her bed staring at her phone. Finally, she picks it up and listens to an old voicemail.

LUKE
Spots...I miss your face like crazy
right now. K. Call me.

Rue replays it. Again and Again. Searching for something in the recording that isn't there.

June's alarm goes off. Rue hangs up as June gets out of bed and heads toward the mini fridge.

June pulls out a leftover pizza box and a diet coke.

JUNE
Want some?

RUE
No.

June takes a bite of her cold pizza and starts to chug the coke.

JUNE
You alright?

RUE
Fine. Did you have fun with those jerkoffs?

JUNE
They're not so bad.

RUE
Wasn't actually a question. But since we are on the subject they're idiotic sex-starved morons.

JUNE
Geez, you can be bat shit crazy sometimes.

Rue gives June a look.

RUE
I'm the crazy one? You'll go for anything that smiles at you and maybe if you weren't so goddamned loud when you come home at night.

JUNE
Ooooh. I get it.

RUE
What?

JUNE
This is about El, isn't it?

RUE
Huh? No.

JUNE
It is. Dude, you could of just told me that you liked him.

RUE
Not everything is about a guy, June.

JUNE

Ok. What's it about then? Don't tell me it's about my friends cause you never had a problem with them before.

RUE

It's just so fucking claustrophobic in here. That's all.

June sits down next to Rue on here bed.

JUNE

Oh. Well, that I have the perfect solution for.

RUE

Oh yeah?

June gives Rue a look.

RUE (CONT'D)

Oh no. That's not going to happen. Just forget it.

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INT. CADEN'S HOUSE-NIGHT

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Music is blaring, as party lights keep time with the beat. The place is packed with wall to wall bodies. Smoke fills the air as people smoke weed, cigarettes etc. Rue is wearing a nice black dress with the shirt over the top.

Rue and June enter the house.

RUE

I'm not 90's.

JUNE

Please. You like exemplify the grunge movement.

RUE

Well, you didn't have to drag me here in the first place.

JUNE

Touch-ie. Come on, Rue what's say we bury the hatchet. Ok?. This is going to be fun. There's the guys.

Caden and Wyatt are attempting to dance to the beat but look more like they are experiencing a seizure.

JUNE (CONT'D)

You may be right. Totally sex starved.

The two girls share a laugh then walk up to the guys.

WYATT

Hey there.

CADEN

Sexy lady-ies. Welcome to my humble-whatever.

WYATT

How 'bout it Rue? You think you can keep up with these mad moves?

RUE

Nah, I think I'll grab a drink.

As Rue leaves the group, June shakes her head at Wyatt's moves.

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INT. CADEN'S HOUSE-KITCHEN-NIGHT

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Rue finds the kitchen and pours herself a shot of vodka. June begins to "teach" the guys how to freak dance. Wyatt begins to kiss June's neck. Rue takes another shot. Music pulsates as hands fly in the air.

Rue reaches into her pocket and pulls out a couple of pills. Rick starts feeling up June's skirt. Rue takes the pills, with another shot. Hips swing. Smoke. Music. Rue closes her eyes. Luke flashes before her.

Elliot finds Rue in the kitchen.

ELLIOT

Hey.

Rue opens her eyes to find Elliot there.

RUE

Hi.

ELLIOT

Glad you came out.

RUE

Ya well, wasn't exactly my choice.

Rue reaches for another shot Elliot takes it from her.

ELLIOT
Care to dance?

Rue looks at June, Caden, and Wyatt who are all three getting pretty into the song.

RUE
Not really my thing.

She pours another drink.

ELLIOT
Why don't we go somewhere?

RUE
Now?

Elliot leads Rue out of the house.

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EXT. HIPPIE FORT-NIGHT

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ELLIOT
Not a big fan of parties huh? It's
right through here.

Elliot helps Rue down the trail and onto the banks of a small creek. EDEN is written on a piece of plywood hung from a tree. A couch lies in the center of the clearing.

Thousands of broken mirrors hang from the branches over the embankment. Garden gnomes and childhood play things litter the ground. Rue examines a few of the items laying on the bank.

ELLIOT (CONT'D)
Isn't this great. Found it a couple
of weeks ago.

RUE
Amazing. For your information I
happen to be a big fan of parties.

The two sit on the couch. Electric silence. Nothing can be heard but the creek passing over the rocks.

Rue leaps at Elliot and the two begin to kiss passionately. Things pick up and soon the two are undressing each other.

First, Elliot removes Rue's shirt and tosses it on a branch. Then Rue removes Elliot's shirt and so on.

Elliot begins to caress and kiss Rue's bare skin as the two begin to have sex. Soon Elliot begins to turn into Luke.

MONTAGE

-Luke

-bare legs

- A rock skipping across the lake.

-Elliot grabs Rue's hand.

-Luke smiling, laughing, as Rue caresses him

-Rue at peace in the tank.

-Elliot kissing on her neck up towards her ear.

-Luke on the edge of a bed.

LUKE (V.O.)
I miss your face ok.

-Rue squeezing her hand around the rock.

-Rue eyes her shirt lying on the branch.

RUE
(whispers)Stop.

Elliot doesn't hear her. He is caught up in the moment.

MONTAGE (CONT.)

-Luke holds a gun in his hand.

-The water in the tank begins to turn red.

-Luke brings the gun to his head.

-Rue opens her eyes in the tank. She becomes aware.

-Luke lying on his bedroom floor in a pool of blood, gun in his hand.

[BACK]

RUE (CONT'D)
(Hysterically) GET OFF ME!

Elliot, finally hearing her jumps off, pulling up his pants as he stands up.

ELLIOT

Shit.

Rue puts back on her shirt and sits starrng into the dark.

ELLIOT (CONT'D)

What happened? Did I do something?

RUE

No. Leave me alone.

Rue is silent. The air fills with the RUSHING of a nearby creek.

ELLIOT

Look, I have a right to know if...

RUE

A right? You think because I let you fuck me..

ELLIOT

Let me? Are you, seriously?! First off usually you get to finish. Secondly, You jumped me, remember.

RUE

You brought me here for what? To discuss climate change? No I don't think so. You probably thought man, 'I know a great place for an easy lay, why don't I grab June's crazy roommate? She'll be a good time.'

Rue walks away from El.

ELLIOT

Is that what you think this is?

RUE

Don't. Really, I'm ok.

Elliot walks towards Rue.

ELLIOT

I care about you. A lot.

RUE

Just go.

ELLIOT

Rue. I'm not just going to leave.

RUE

Ya well...He did. He cared too. We made plans together, big plans. It wasn't enough for him, I was never enough.

Elliot reaches for her, Rue pushes him back.

RUE (CONT'D)

You think I'm so wonderful, Why'd he do it, El? Why? I wasn't enough.

Elliot grabs Rue and holds her as she lets out everything.

RUE (CONT'D)

Please. He's gone.

11 INT. ELLIOT'S CAR MORNING-A PARKING LOT 11

Rue is asleep in the passengers seat. Elliot grabs her hand and gently wakes her up.

Rue squeezes his hand back. The two exit the car.

12 DREAM SEQUENCE-FINAL 12

-The tank is completely empty.

RUE (V.O.)

I used see how long I could hold myself under.

-The lake is completely still and empty.

-Rue walks to the edge of the lake. She is alone. In her hand is a stone with Luke's name written on it. She skips it across the lake.

RUE (V.O.)

I don't do that anymore.

END.