

Lisa sits down on the bleachers by herself. She looks around to see who is here. Mark comes over and sits next to Lisa.

MARK

Why aren't you out there dancing?

Lisa nods toward Luke.

Luke hangs out with his Friends.

MARK

You could dance with me.

LISA

Where's your date?

MARK

Nancy's out there taking pictures for the yearbook. We came just as friends.

LISA

Yeah, well when I asked Luke, he insisted that we go as "just friends." But what he really meant is that he wanted to go to the dance. Just, not with me.

Lisa looks over at Luke. He's dancing with one of Julie and Krissy.

LISA

He's been avoiding me for the past two weeks. I wasn't even sure if we were still going until he got in my dad's car this evening.

MARK

Maybe he's not interested in girls.

LISA

I wasn't imagining he'd kiss me. That would be like kissing one of my cousins.

MARK

Then why did you ask him to the morp?

LISA

He always says the most interesting things in class.

Lisa looks at Jeff hanging around with his Friends.

Jeff is looking at Lisa, looks away and nervously whispers to Dan.

LISA

I should've asked someone else.

Mark stands, takes Lisa's hand. Lisa gets up.

They dance to a fast song. Lisa smiles. Mark does a funny dance move, they laugh. Lisa gets into the song. They're having fun.

INT. GYM

Shot of a few couples slow dancing, most of the kids are hanging around on the bleachers.

Lisa and Mark slow dance.

Jeff, Dan, and Friends yell, punch each other. Jeff sees Lisa and Mark, suddenly stops and stares for a moment, gets punched, then looks away. He stops goofing around and withdraws from Friends.

Lisa's arms rest against Mark's chest. Lisa notices something in his chest and puts her hand on it for a scientific examination.

LISA

I can really feel your heart beat.

She examines some more.

LISA

Is it always this fast?

Mark feels his own heartbeat.

MARK

Not always.

LISA

Is it OK if I listen to your heartbeat?

MARK

Sure.

Lisa places her ear against his chest while they dance. Her eyes are open - this is a scientific activity.

Dan notices Jeff is withdrawn, looks toward whatever Jeff is watching. Dan sees Lisa and Mark, stops messing with friends and stares. He goes over to Jeff. Their friends walk into the gym lobby, but the Nostrams stand in the middle of the floor by themselves staring.

Mark holds Lisa closer and strokes her hair. He rests his cheek on her head, closes his eyes.

Jeff's shoulders drop. Dan puts his arm around Jeff. They continue to watch Lisa.

Marnie sits on the bleachers with Kelly and Luke. Marnie notices Lisa and Mark.

Marnie's POV: Mark strokes Lisa's hair again. Jeff and Dan still stand alone in the background staring, but they're out of focus.

Marnie gets Kelly's attention, points to Lisa and Mark. Kelly turns to watch them.

LISA

Now you're breathing fast. Are you feeling OK?

Mark puts some distance between them.

MARK

I'm fine!

Lisa is taken aback, stops her scientific analysis.

Kelly notices Jeff and Dan. She points them out to Luke.

MARK

Isn't your heart beating hard?

Lisa places her hand on her chest.

LISA

No. Just normal.

Lisa puts Mark's hand on her heart. Mark is startled.

LISA

See. Normal.

From Jeff's POV, it looks like a meaningful moment instead of a scientific analysis.

Jeff looks away, crushed. Dan notices Luke staring.

Lisa moves Mark's and her hand off her heart.

LISA

Do you want to hear my heartbeat?

Mark laughs nervously.

MARK

Uh, no. That's OK.

LISA

I guess that would look weird. Maybe later. When no one's looking.

Mark is shocked. What is she suggesting?