**MAIN IDEAS/CONCEPTS:**

complexity of interpersonal relationship

facing fears/ overcoming fears  
self-discovery and being lost

**FOOD FOR THOUGHTS**

what is it that every teenager wants?

* recognition from others
* to make a name for themselves
* to chase their own dreams
* to enjoy and to have fun

**CHARACTER NAMES:**

Guy:

Jasper

Girl A: Abi

Girl B: Beth

**NARRATIVE - VERSION 1**

Going somewhere, chasing for the bus

a friend of mine used to say: “…”

[to past]

A quiet boy in school I was. I never really liked staying in school. I mean, who does? Unless you have friends to be with that is. Not me, I enjoy staying in my own world. Perhaps too much, meh. Not that it matters anyway, it's the season again and I will be busy with my end-term assignments. But yeah, sometimes this lone feel can become suffocating.

Trapped in my own world, I like to [...], I’d always find a corner in the school to do that. It’s therapeutic for me. Well, perhaps it looks boring to some but I like to spend time with myself, being in the world of [...]. Finally, school has ended. I went out of my ‘hiding place’ and [girl A] came over. Talked to me for a bit.We were from the same class. Then girl B interrupted out of nowhere, she reminded me of our date tonight. Ugh.

We went to a relatively fancy restaurant - man, she’s pretty high maintenance. And I was quiet and didn’t talk much. I

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She *was* someone important to me. Now all I wish for is that she remains a friend. Yet, I never had the courage to tell her that. These kind of things, it’s never easy. I look at her as she pleads, I just want to get out.

I just want to get out.

The next day, as I was about to leave the house, I was greeted with a little package; and a note.

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You know, we used to hear people say: don't make yourself stoop so low, you are way beyond their level. It sounded logical, it seemed almost like the perfectly right thing to do, so that you can be good to yourself

[*to now*]

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Why was she here?

Discussion

Guy breaks up with Girl B

Guy tries to tell girl b nicely but unintentionally said something hurtful to b

B tries to understand why guy did this and does keeps pestering guy

Guy goes to girl A for comfort

Girl A is sad by Guy situation and comforts him, Girl A has a crush on guy

Girl B could not contact Guy thus went to Girl A

Girl A knew Girl B before, went to talk with her

But A did not want B to get together with guy

Guy misunderstood that A is helping B to get back with Guy

Guy becomes angry with A and leaves her

Guy feels lonely and reflection, apologise to B and A

**NARRATIVE - VERSION 2**

at the busstop, as guy sees a bus coming and starts to make a run,

**NEED TO DEVELOP MORE**

he recounts:

“…enclosed in my own world…”

**{*to past*}**

Guy holding a book, reading something and being a norm kid. guy sits up, laments about life, school and relationships and not understanding things with Girl A being beside her @ the library or smth

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end off appropriately (eg. A cries in room by herself)

at the restaurant, B is excited as she waits for Guy to come. Guy appears but its almost as if he's not there. With a little of a push from the girl, he breaks the news to her. (heated convo) B leaves the restaurant.

**…. FILL GAP……**

To Girl A; she feels very threatened at home, she wanted to go out for some reason (?), as she was about to run out, her mother tried to stop her and they had another conflict. ran out of the house and calls Guy.

Guy decides to meet A and they talked. A told her what happened again and how she could not stand it anymore. Guy listens to her until she felt better, then he offered to accompany her home. She is scared and tired of her mother. Guy brings her home and stood outside her doorstep. As she enters, mother was ready with a cane and wanting to lash out at her. A suffered a few hits and Guy intercepted for her, receiving one of the harder hits. Mother is stunned for a while at what happened. A shouts back at Mother and told Guy to leave. She gave Mother an intense stare, with tears, before running back into her room. She looks at her own scars, feeling the hate for her mother, before opening a box of memorabilia associated with Guy, affirming her affection for him. Guy walks home, look back at A’s unit, and then looks at the scar that he tanked for A.

B starts out her investigation as she feels indignant, wanting to understand why Guy want to break with her (**TO BE DEVELOPED**)

**(Extract 1)** After some stalking, B approached A and want to find out more from A. A was initially wary but soon agreed to listen to B, in which B unintentionally manipulated her words in an attempt to want Guy back, planting a seed of doubt in A.

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**… FILL GAP *about Guy and how he starts to miss B* …**

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B feels really bad for A but she believes that love is selfish. She reached out to Guy again and it’s as if they are friends again and even though Guy does not want B back, Guy starts to talk to B again. (*they resolved their issues / conflicts eg. how B pester Guy after a htht*)

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At this point, A is living in a torturous ways as her support system starts to crumble. She is very down and everyday feels like a battle to her. A did something to herself (self harm?). *It is also at this point that her mother realize that she has been too harsh on her daughter.*

Guy knows about it and feels guilty. He went to find A to find out more and apologize, realizing that it was B behind all of this. He confronted B, even revealing to B about how she has hurt A, which made B feel guilty. B went to apologize to A, A forgives her but made it clear to her that she does not want to see B again. B, knowing that staying will only hurt others more, decide to leave them.

**Something happened to A and Guy and under the influences of fate they eventually broke off and went their separate ways. FILL IT UP - NEEDS TO BE HEAVILY DEVELOPED**

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Guy is feeling unease over what happened. He knew his words were harsh but he did not have the courage to confront A. Many a times, he is caught up in his own world, in his own room in a very stressed manner. He felt so restrained, almost as if losing control of his world. It sucks but he keeps going back to B because she felt like solace. Even though he was doubtful of B, but he himself have no one else to go to too. He misses A yet he did not know what to do. Increasingly, he becomes colder to B. B felt it too. B felt that even though she has Guy, but his heart was never there. Guy becomes entrapped in this cycle.

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**(Extract 3a & Extract 2b)** B felt really guilty, and one day she decided to check out on A (*we need a motivation for this*). She wanted to apologize, and it is here that she realizes that A has been living in hell, A forgives her but made it clear to her that she does not want to see B again.. Guilty, conflicted, she has been fighting with her own demons and decided that **(Extract 3b)** she needs to tell guy, in which Guy flared up and was angry at her. At this point, B revealed everything about her ‘manipulative behaviours’.. Guy went to find A to clear things up, but things are no longer the same. Things have become slightly numb.

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