

Scene for CATHERINE and ELLIOT

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BBC Switch

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CATHERINE:

Catherine (17) is a unique and alternative girl. She lives for music, but she's never found anyone at school with the same level of obsession. On the outside she may appear shy and sometimes withdrawn, but under the surface she's got the passion and drive to take over the world...or The Cut, at the very least.

ELLIOT:

Popular Elliot (17) is the sort of person all the girls wanna have and all the guys wanna be. He's laid back, charming...and oh, of course he's really good at sports too. But not everything's as bright as it seems: along with a growing fear about the future, this boy has serious commitment issues. For a guy like him, what is there beyond high school?

INT. CINEMA BOX OFFICE - DAY [17:40]

ELLIOT (17) and CATHERINE (17) are at the front of two queues, both leading up to the Cinema Box Office. Both independent. Both on their own. A few feet ahead, one lonely BOX OFFICE WORKER waves the next person on. Ever the gentleman, ELLIOT turns to CATHERINE -

ELLIOT
You go first.

CATHERINE
It's ok -

ELLIOT
Please.

She smiles a thanks and walks to the BOX OFFICE WORKER.

CATHERINE
500 Days of Summer.

BOX OFFICE WORKER
Just the one?

CATHERINE
Uhuh. On my own.

BOX OFFICE WORKER
Lucky. Last one.

ELLIOT rolls his eyes. He wanted to see that too -

ELLIOT
Last one?

CATHERINE
Wanted to see that too?

ELLIOT
(Shrugs it aside)
I'll see something else.

CATHERINE
I don't mind -

ELLIOT
It's cool. I'll see *Avatar*.

CATHERINE
(Looks at the schedule-
screen above)
Avatar's not on for an hour.

ELLIOT
Well there's only the one, you
take it.

CATHERINE
I could sit on your lap?

ELLIOT
I don't think they'd go for that.

CATHERINE winks.

CATHERINE
Shame.

She turns to the BOX OFFICE WORKER and hands over a fiver. ELLIOT looks at an alternative showing, decides he doesn't fancy it, and makes to leave.

CATHERINE (CONT'D)
(Catching him before he
goes)
Deaconsfield, right?

ELLIOT
(Stops, turns)
Yeah.

CATHERINE
Mr Andrews's class? You're doing
English?

ELLIOT
Trying.

CATHERINE
I'm Catherine. Just joined.

ELLIOT
(Clocking just)
Ah yeah, cool. (Squinting) Think
I recognise you.

CATHERINE
(Seeing right through
him)
No you don't.

ELLIOT smiles. She's right. He has no idea who she is.

ELLIOT
Elliot.

She holds out her hand. They shake.

CATHERINE
So you're just gonna go?

ELLIOT
Probably watch the game.

CATHERINE
Who's playing?

ELLIOT
(Dismissive)
It's football.

CATHERINE
Who's playing?

ELLIOT
Manchester derby.

CATHERINE
Want company.

ELLIOT frowns. Girls and football go together like fish and icecream.

CATHERINE (CONT'D)
Don't stereotype mate, I know my Fabio from Rafael.

ELLIOT smiles. Clearly she's not your average girl.

ELLIOT
You just bought your ticket.

CATHERINE hands it back to the BOX OFFICE WORKER.

CATHERINE
Sell it on.

CATHERINE flashes ELLIOT a smile. They could be good together. He nods for the door. They go.

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