

Synopsis:

Joel invites his friends, Kate and Taylor, over to the diner Joel's Mom both works at and manages. It's a special occasion as it's only been a few days since the first **Weekend** and Joel plans to share the details with his friends.

I couldn't help but fidget with excitement! Both Kate and Taylor were meeting me at my Mom's diner. I couldn't wait to share the news with them! It's only been a few days since Daniel left but after this past weekend, I knew it wouldn't be the last! I saw my Mom coming with the soda I asked for earlier.

Julia

Here you are sweetheart. Are your friends almost here?

Joel

Thanks Mom, and yeah! They should be here any minute!

I faintly heard the bell sound as the front door opened.

Julia

Oh, perfect timing.

I turned around and saw my friends! I waved at Kate and Taylor to come sit down.

Julia

Hey guys, good to see ya. Want something to drink?

Kate

Hi Mrs. Mustard, I'll take a water.

Taylor

Can I get a Dr. Caffeine please?

Julia

Coming right up.

Kate

Thanks.

My Mom walked off to get them their drinks. I couldn't help a smirk sneak its way across my face! Luckily, Kate started the conversation.

Kate

So, what's going on? You said you have some "incredible news" to tell us.

Joel

Well, I do...You remember my old friend I told you about? Daniel.

Kate

The one you had a crush on forever? Didn't you say you two were talking again?

Joel

Yeah, and well, I invited him over this past weekend...

I couldn't help but get lost in the thought of what happened. How it made me feel. Even though it was just a few days later, I was still overjoyed about the whole situation. I didn't even realize it but I paused as I collected my thoughts. Taylor then interrupted.

Taylor

...so...that's cool...

Joel

Dammit! Sorry. So you both know I...

My mother came back with the drinks my friends ordered. Gosh! This was going to be harder than I thought.

Julia

Here we are. One ice cold water and a glass of Dr. Caffeine.

Kate & Taylor

Thanks!

Julia

No problem! So, what will it be guys? Burgers and shakes or the sandwiches this time?

Joel

Definitely a burger for me.

Taylor

Same!

Kate

I'm gonna go for the sandwich actually.

Julia

Okay...and done. Coming up shortly! Be right back.

My mom finished writing it all down. I stared at her as she left, making sure she was far enough away so she couldn't hear.

Kate

So Taylor, how was your weekend?

Joel

Hey, I wasn't done!

Kate

Then stop stalling and just say it!

I took a deep breath.

Joel

So as I said, I finally got Daniel to come over. Luckily, my mom also had to work that night so we actually got the day mostly to ourselves...

Kate

I thought your mom didn't work on Saturday's.

Joel

Well for some reason, she got called in that day. I don't know maybe they were busy.

Taylor

This place is never busy, it's why we come here. Well, apart from the free meal.

Joel

Ya, you're welcome by the way. Anyways, so the night was pretty much normal. We played some video games and just sort of caught up.

Taylor

**sigh* My weekend sounds more eventful than this...*

Joel

Hey! I'm getting there! So anyways, it was getting late and we got in bed and I mean, I'm laying right there next to him. We were so close and...I thought he was sleeping so I uh, I decided to give him a little kiss.

Kate

What?! JOEL ARE YOU...(Kate lowered her voice)...are you fucking serious!?

Joel

I couldn't resist. I mean he was right there! I haven't seen him in years. You have no idea how much I missed him. It didn't help he only got cuter over the years too.

Taylor

**sigh* So let me guess, he wasn't asleep and he flipped out. Fucking shit man...*

Joel

Well, not quite. Turns out he wasn't asleep, but he didn't flip out. He...lunged at me and kissed me back!

Both Kate and Taylor were now frozen now with their mouths wide-open. I thought something was wrong.

Joel

Um, hey are you guys okay?

Kate

Bullshit.

Joel

What?

Taylor

Ya, bullshit. Good one Joel.

Joel

No! I'm not lying! I swear!

Kate

*So you're telling me that your childhood best friend, who moved 6 hours away when you were twelve, who you just so happened to reconnect with, was actually in love with you the entire time? *chuckles* Sounds like one of those cliché romance comics.*

Joel

Well uh, ya! Look it really happened, okay? I promise!

Taylor

Eh, he was probably just curious.

Joel

What do you mean?

Taylor

Well, I'm not gay but every straight guy watches gay porn every once in awhile. And don't you fucking tell anyone I said this either, but sometimes you just want something a bit different. Maybe that's what he was doing.

Joel

Well uh, we didn't just kiss ya know...

Again, both their faces froze. I didn't think that the story seemed that ridiculous!

Kate

*What else... *caught*...did you uh...do?*

Joel

He...touched...me.. All over. And...I touched him. We both undressed. And...

Kate

Oh my God...

Joel

...And we did it. Together. He told me he loved me. That he...always...loved me...

Taylor

You gotta be shitting me. Little Joel isn't a virgin anymore?!

Joel

Ssshhh!!!!

I could tell that Kate was really shocked! All she could manage to do was laugh. I have to admit, it was funny seeing her speechless like that.

Kate

So uh, who did who in the uh...you know?

Taylor

Kate!

I couldn't help but laugh. I could tell Taylor wasn't interested in knowing the fine-details so I did him the favor of ignoring Kate's question.

Taylor

Well, I mean...congrats dude. That's just...wow!

Kate

I'm very happy for you Joel, really.

Joel

Thanks guys. But fuck I mean, I'm still surprised it happened. I used to dream about him. It's been almost 7 years since he moved. And I missed him so much. Just to have him back, and not just back but to have him...be mine...I mean...it's amazing really.

Kate

So when are you going to see him next? I assume his visits will be more regular.

Joel

I don't know. We didn't talk about what we did or plans for the future. I just walked him to the bus stop and he went home. But we're going to talk to each other tomorrow about everything. So uh, I hope it goes well.

Kate

That's smart.

Taylor

Hey, I've got an idea.

Joel

What?

Taylor

Remember that annual Adventure Camp? It's coming up again in a few months. Tickets are going on sale next week. How about all of us go, and Joel can bring Daniel.

Kate

You've been trying to get us to go to that thing for years.

Taylor

Well, ya! Look, it'll be fun!

Joel

Hm...I don't know.

Taylor

Aw, c'mon Joel. You and Daniel will have your privacy, plus it gives us a chance to meet him and hang out. Everybody wins!

Kate

Looks like you have this all figured out.

Joel

Hm, you have a point. Eh, what the hell. Sure, I'll ask him.

Taylor

No, you gotta tell him. You have to take charge Joel. Don't just be the man, be THE MAN.

Kate

I have a feeling Daniel was THE MAN last weekend.

Joel

Kate!

My mom saved me from the awkwardness as she walked up and placed the food on the table.

Julia

Alright guys, here we are. Oh, Joel you feeling okay? Your face is all red.

I guess I was blushing hard from telling them the news.

Joel

Wha, oh-um, I'm just hungry. Thanks Mom.

Julia

Hm, okay. Let me know if you need anything else, okay guys?

Kate grabbed her glass.

Kate

Guys, a toast to Joel's new boyfr...wait is he your boyfriend?

Joel

I uh, I think so. I mean I hope...

Kate

...A toast to Joel's new...relationship.

Taylor & Joel

Cheers!