

The Connection
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Character List:

Sean

Daniel

Waitress

Phone girl

[Scene 1]

[Two best friends at Chili's stumble upon a phone with no owner.]

Sean [bends down and picks up a phone]: Hey is this yours?

Daniel: No I don't own an iPhone. Pass it to the Host. Whoever is looking for it will come by and grab it.

Maybe.

[Sean and Daniel sit down around the table]

Sean [continues to examine the phone]: Dude who still owns an iPhone 6?

Daniel [attempts to read the menu]: don' know man. Check the screen.

Sean: It's a picture of toes in the sand and a corona bottle with a view of a beach. Doesn't really tell me much.

Daniel [while still holding the menu up]: bet she's hot

Sean: How can you tell?

Daniel [grabs the phone]: ankle bracelet, white nail polish and thin feet. Says it all man.

Sean: That doesn't mean anything. She could have small feet but look like Shrek up top.

Daniel: Not wrong not wrong.

[Long pause while Daniel figures out what to order. Sean continues to stare at the phone.]

Sean: You think we know her?

Daniel [still looking at the menu]: Buffalo wings or Potato skins?

Sean: I haven't seen a girl wear an ankle bracelet since high school.

Daniel: mhm

Sean: She must really like the beach since it's on her main screen.

[Sean turns the screen back on]

Hmm a beach girl. I guess that's common in Florida. Her white toes tell me she follows trends. Nothing wrong with wanting to be in style.

Daniel: Wanna split the 2 for 20?

Sean: Maybe she's a doctor or maybe she's in the military. I bet she works at one of the beach bars. Seems like a Mango's type of girl. Wrong. She definitely works at Shim Sham. A girl that likes to serve drinks, has the strength to serve annoying college kids but loves to dance.

Daniel [slams the menu on the table]: alright man.

[Daniel moves in closer towards Sean]

Chill. Just take the phone to the host and get on with your day. Right now it feels like you're falling in love with a phone and it's getting kinda sus. You're never gonna meet this girl. Hard facts man.

Sean: But what if I was meant to find this phone. Like some Cinderella shit. She could be the one.

Daniel: My dude. We don't even know if this is actually a girl. Could be a guy. Could be your dentist. Could be your mom.

Sean [Slams the phone down]: Dude what?

Waitress [interrupts the conversation]: Welcome to Chilli's! Would you like to start out with some drinks this evening?

Daniel: YES! Yes please I'll take uhhh house margarita please with an extra shot of tequila.

Waitress: Salt or sugar around the rim?

Daniel: Salt puhleas

Sean: I'll take a Corona.

Waitress: I'll have those right out. Would you like any appetizers?

Daniel: We'll do the 10 piece wings with ranch.

Waitress: Awesome I'll give you some more time with the menus and I'll be right back.

[Waitress walks away. Daniel begins to stare at Sean]

Daniel: You're lucky she walked away fast. Now I have to sit with your sad ass.

Sean: You just don't get it. Dating sites, parties, bars.

They just don't do it for me. I go and meet the same type of girls. Bro it's just not worth it.

[Sean picks up the phone and touches the screen]

[Pause]

Same basic girls that spend all their time and money at these same raggedy places. No aspirations. I'm over it.

[Sean puts the phone down face down]

Daniel: Yooooo switching teams? It suits you.

Sean: Uhm no.

Daniel: Don't fight the feeling.

Sean: Danny, what if this is her. What if I was meant to find this phone? This is it man. My chance finally. I have to return this to her.

Daniel: Or you just give it to the host and spare yourself the embarrassment?

[Waitress walks up to the table]

Waitress: Here you go fellas [places drinks and appetizer on the table] Watch out the plate is a little hot. So what are you all having today?

Daniel: I'll do the Cajun pasta with shrimp please

Waitress: Shrimp is extra hun is that okay?

Daniel: uh that's fine

[Everyone turns to Sean]

Sean: Same for me

Waitress: I'll put these orders right in for you guys. Let me know if you need anything else
[waitress walks away]

Sean [stares at the phone]: Maybe you're right. I'll let this go. For now.

Daniel: Cheer the hell up. You'll survive.

[End scene]

[Right stage faint image of friend having a meal. Left stage- stage crew prepares next scene.]

[Scene 2]

[Boys have finished their meal and walk to the car with to-go boxes]

Daniel [reaches for door while glancing at Sean's hand]: Dude really? Are you gonna keep that now? So now instead of being in love you're gonna be malicious and take it?

Sean [blows out]: Damn didn't even realize it. Hold the ride I'll take it back in.

[Before Sean takes another step the phone vibrates and a message comes through.]

Sean [looks down at the phone]: Ohhhhhh shit oh noooo oh no

Daniel: You good? What did you do?

Sean: It's her man, it's the girl. She just texted her phone I think.

Daniel: Sooo what does it say?

Sean: If you found my phone please return to 123 Wallow Way.

Daniel: Dang. Pretty brave of her to put her address on there. How far is that?

Sean [types in the address to google maps on his phone]: Dude that's right here.

Daniel: So? Gonna drop it off orrrrrrr?

Sean: I don't think I can.

Daniel: Sheen! This chick likes the beach clearly. SO DO YOU. This chick likes beer. SO DO YOU. This chick has feet.

[Pause]

Well my man you're a feet guy. What could possibly go wrong?
Besides her being a dude. Plus you said this was destiny. How will we know if it is if you don't at least try to return the phone?

Sean: Alright alright. You're coming with. Forceful backup.

Daniel: Always. Unless it really is a dude then I'm outty.

[End Scene]

[Curtains close. Crew places street lights in the form of a path. 3 houses are placed center stage]

[Scene 3]

[Boys walk down a dark street looking for phone girl's house]

Daniel: Really hope it's a girl cause' I didn't wear good shoes.

Sean: And that matters why?

Daniel: If it's a guy. A fast guy. I'm done for. We should probably share our location with someone.

Sean [abruptly stops]: I can't do this. Let's just go back.

Daniel: Man, I'm just messing with you. It'll be fine just keep going.

Sean [continues to walk with phone guiding them]: Dude this is it. Should be this white house. I uhm think that's her.

[Long pause. The boys stare at each other and then at the house.]

Daniel: Dude no way. Dude. Her? Can't be. Dude she's like a 12. Un-real.

Sean: I'm in love.

Daniel: Well damn me too. Let me have that phone. [Reaches for the phone]

Sean [slaps Daniels hand away]: Oh hell no. This is all me. I'm doing it. I'm returning the phone.

[Sean starts walking towards the front door. Sweat drips down his cheek.]

Daniel: Stay strong. Ask if she has a sister! Or a single mom shiiiiii

[Sean reaches forward and rings the doorbell]

[The door slowly opens]

[Suspenseful music begins to get louder and louder]

[Music stops. A silhouette of girl appears behind the door]

Phone girl: Can I help you?

Sean: Yeah uhm well I think I found your phone?

Phone girl: Oh my gosh yes! Thank you so much!

Sean: Left it at Chilli's. I was going to give it to the host but you know sometimes they don't even bother with lost things.

Phone girl: Yeah well I'm very forgetful but I'm glad you found it. Er would you like to come in?

Sean [Looks back at Daniel and smiles]: Uh I'd love to
[Sean enters the house]

[End scene]

[Orchestra begins to play 'Don't you' by Simple Minds as final curtain close closes the show]