

PROOF OF LOVE

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EXT. NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT

The entrance door of a nightclub is decorated in Valentine's Day style, red balloons and red hearts are everywhere.

People in the queue are around their twenties and are dressed up. They are clearly grouped as couples.

A guy in his early twenties approaches the nightclub with indecisive steps, as if he does not have a fixed destination. It is HENRY, 20, wearing geeky glasses and his haircut suggests that he hasn't changed it since middle school.

At the entrance there is a large sign that reads COUPLES GET IN FOR FREE. It has caught Henry's attention. He proceeds to check out the people lining up and he spots a girl at the back of the line who stands out as she is on her own. It is DALIA, 20 years old. Her dress is terribly old fashioned and hides her femininity. She seems uncomfortable being by herself, surrounded by chatty happy couples.

Henry walks towards Dalia who has not spotted him yet. His steps are very cautious as if he could change his mind any moment and turn around.

He gets to the back of the line next to Dalia who is so deep in her thoughts that she does not notice him.

Henry glances over with hesitation.

HENRY

Pretty interesting, isn't it?

DALIA

What?

Henry points at the sign. Dalia looks at it, apparently reading it for the first time.

DALIA

(shy)

Yeah. I guess.

HENRY

Are you here with anybody?

DALIA

(slightly embarrassed)

My friend Sara is also here. But she is already inside so technically I am alone - I mean right now.

HENRY

Right.

DALIA

How about you?

HENRY

Ah, I am here and there, you know.
Checking out what's going on.

DALIA

(not really understanding)
Ah.

They smile at each other and then look away, obviously out of the discomfort of not wanting to make it apparent that they like each other.

INT. NIGHTCLUB

A CASHIER sits behind a desk, an overweight woman in her thirties with a bored expression on her face. The party guests pay 10 pounds to proceed.

Dalia and Henry arrive at the desk. There is another sign reading COUPLES GET IN FOR FREE. Henry and Dalia both stare at it and then look at each other, noticing that they caught each other simultaneously. This revelation makes them blush.

CASHIER

Yes?

HENRY

I think we get in for free.

CASHIER

Ok. Do you have proof?

Henry and Dalia look at each other, caught off guard. Their eyes meet. They smile nervously. Finally, Henry pulls his head in a little and so does Dalia. Their heads incline even more. They purse their lips and then they kiss - very awkwardly and very short and no tongue involved.

Henry looks triumphantly at the cashier who is not impressed at all - she still has the exact same expression on her face.

The cashier points at a sign that reads MUST BE 18 - HAVE YOUR ID READY.

CASHIER

Proof of age, do you have it?

Henry glances shortly over to Dalia then back to the cashier, very embarrassed. They pull out their wallets and show their IDs. The cashier looks at them, nods and both of them disappear into the club.