Studied Abroad and Fell in Love, What's a Girl to Do?

Working title · Work in progress · Blue Lagoon scene

EXT. BLUE LAGOON - ONE HOUR LATER

The group slowly exits the boat for a short hike to the Blue Lagoon, a small cove on an island off of Malta.

Vienna walks with Andrew and Jack up a rocky hill. She briefly pauses and turns around, searching for Lalo. As he catches up to her he greets her with a smile.

LALO
You waiting for me?

VIENNA
Maybe a little.

Lalo quickly changes the subject.

LALO
I'm excited to explore this place.

VIENNA
Me too. I think they said we have an hour and a half here.

The whole group is ahead of them, walking towards the beach they stop at a food truck serving cocktails in pineapples.

Lalo and Vienna meet up with the group. Vienna turns to Lalo.

VIENNA
What are you gonna get?

LALO
Not sure yet. Maybe a Pina Colada.

Andrew, already drinking his Pina Colada served in a large pineapple intrudes.

ANDREW
It's so good. And refills are 5 euro.

VIENNA
Sounds worth it.

LALO
Might have to get involved.

VIENNA
I'm gonna stick with a strawberry daiquiri.

LALO
That sounds great. Pina Colada for me.

They order, but Vienna simultaneously starts up a conversation as they wait for drinks.

VIENNA
Do you mind if I ask you more questions, maybe this time I'll do a better job at remembering your answers.

LALO
Please, ask away.

VIENNA
What were you like in high school?

LALO
Shit.

VIENNA
Shit?

LALO
I was awful in high school.

Vienna sticks out her card for the bartender, she signals that they are paying together. She gives him an "okay" symbol and winks. Lalo nods and smiles.

VIENNA
Wasn't everyone?

LALO
Yeah. But I was like a total loser.

VIENNA
Me too.

LALO
You? Really?

VIENNA
Me. Really.

LALO
Tell me.

VIENNA
I mean there isn't much to say. I was a theatre kid, so I stuck with my crowd. I was the most popular of the theatre kids, sure. Everyone knew me and liked me, and I did a good job. But, I didn't do anything else. I loved my dorky friends but I never really partied or drank or went to football games. Now you go.

LALO
I mean, you had it made compared to me. I truly had no friends. Not many clubs, I didn't do much. But I wanted to lock in for college. I think high school just wasn't a good environment for me. Didn't think I had much potential.

VIENNA
And look at ya now! You're doing so much cool shit.

LALO
I am. I'm sure proud of how far I've come. It's nice to finally have real friends.

VIENNA
Awe. I love hearing that.

They get handed their drinks and take sips. Vienna coughs from the alcohol.

LALO
That strong?

VIENNA
I think they're trying to kill me.

She puts her fingers around her straw, indicating for him to have a sip. He does.

LALO
Woah. Fuck. Mine's not like that.

He hands it towards her. She takes a sip.

VIENNA
Mmmm. And I hate coconut.

They smile. Her face jokingly drops out of her smile.

VIENNA
You owe me. For this drink, by the way.

She quickly smiles.

VIENNA
I'm kidding. Oh my god, I'm kidding.

LALO
I will be buying you a drink.

VIENNA
Oh, really? Trying to get me drunk over here?

He laughs and points to the drink in her hand.

LALO
If that doesn't do the trick, then I sure won't.

She giggles.

VIENNA
So. Study abroad. How has it been? Everything you could've dreamed of and more?

LALO
More or less. It took me a while to find my footing, but I'm enjoying it more each day. My roommate is fine, I've made some new friends which is great. How about you?

VIENNA
Took a while to start to enjoy it. I'm definitely less lonely nowadays. No roommates so some days get very lonely. Specifically wednesdays. No classes, eating my dinner alone. There's ups and downs.

LALO
I'm usually not doing anything on wednesday evenings. Would you like to get dinner this wednesday?

She smiles.

VIENNA
I would. Yes. Thank you.

LALO
Of course.

She smiles to herself, he glances at her blushing and smiles to himself. She catches him smiling.

They continue to walk towards the beach and meet up with their friends, who are all drinking and laughing together.

They sit down at the beach beside each other. He gets called into the water by Jack, where he takes off his shirt and swims in the bright blue water.