

FADE IN:

EXT. BEACH - DAY

It is early summer in Laguna Beach, California. There is a slight, salty breeze that lingers in the air as the sound of crashing waves gently pass by. The sun is beaming. VANCE, a tan scruffy 25 year old, is finishing up surfing at a private beach. The only other people on this beach are SADIE, a beautiful yet fragile girl in her early twenties with perfect blonde beach waves, on the other side of the dunes closer to the shoreline with BEN, her youthful adolescent brother.

VANCE walks from the ocean to his towel, dripping wet with his surfboard under his left arm. As he finally settles down and is about to dry off, he hears a woman's shrill voice calling out in panic.

SADIE

Somebody! Help! Oh my god, Ben?! Help!

Vance immediately drops what's in his hands and runs towards the woman's voice. He runs straight towards Sadie to help her, but it is not her that's in trouble.

SADIE

My little brother! He - he got pulled out too far and I can't - he can barely swim it's too rough for him!

Vance quickly changes his focus directly into the ocean where he briefly sees a small head struggle to the surface of the water. Vance dives into the rough waters towards Ben. As soon as he reaches the area, Vance submerges himself underwater to try and find the boy. With having to come up for air only once, Vance is able to grab the boy and pull him to the surface on his shoulder.

SADIE

Oh! Ben! Oh my god!

Vance uses one arm to hold the boy and the other to swim the two back to shore. Both of them nearly out of breath, he lays the boy down just past the shoreline where Sadie is waiting for them, in tears.

SADIE

Ben, are you okay?! How do you feel, are you okay?!

BEN

(coughing, catching his breath)

Yeah, I think so.

Relieved, Vance pats him on the back while he catches his breath.

SADIE

Oh, thank you so much! I don't know what I would've done if you weren't over there. I can barely keep myself

afloat in the water (nervously laughs, sighs).

VANCE

Hey, don't worry about it. I used to get caught out there myself when I was his age. We gotta look out for each other, right kid?

BEN

(smiling, looking up to him)

Yeah for sure!

Vance and Ben fist bump while exchanging soft smiles.

SADIE

You're gonna be his new hero after this. Seriously, I cannot thank you enough. (Turns to Ben) We are gonna have to go buy you a life jacket to wear in the ocean now, buddy.

BEN

No, those are for babies! Please I'll be careful!

Sadie rolls her eyes, then looks over to Vance. She rubs Ben's back as he rests his head on her chest.

SADIE

Hey, let me take you out to dinner tonight to repay you. I need to do something, you just saved my brother's life.

VANCE

Not necessary, I-

SADIE

Oh come on please, if not for him then for me?

VANCE

Alright, alright. I'd be happy to have dinner with you.

Sadie and Vance both meet each other's gaze as they blush and smile at each other before glancing down to the ground.

SADIE

Oh! I'm Sadie by the way (giggles).

Sadie reaches her arm out to shake Vance's hand.

VANCE

Vance! Pleasure.

Vance reaches out to shake Sadie's hand back. They stare into each other's eyes with wide smiles, shaking each other's hands for a few seconds too long, caught in the moment.

SADIE

Tonight? 6 oclock? We can meet right out here by the cafe, and I can bring you to one of my favorite spots around town.

VANCE

Perfect, I'll meet you here!

Sadie blushes and nods her head. Vance remains where he is as he watches Sadie and Ben walk away and off the beach. Sadie throws Ben on her back as they giggle together, making Vance smile to himself.

VANCE

(mumbles under breath)

Damn.

FADE OUT:

Song: "Saturday Sun" by Vance Joy

Link to the song and lyric video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sm0mtcySDLA>