

EXT. EMPTY SMITH-NINTH STREETS SUBWAY STOP - SUNRISE

Kai, 25, leans on a pillar, peeling, eating an orange, spitting out the seeds as he goes until...

Nessa, 25, pops up on the platform, looking out for her train before resolving to finish her book before work.

She sits, opens her book, tucks her hair behind her ear.

Kai, unseen, lowers the orange and marvels at her beauty.

Soft synth piano swells around him. He walks toward her, quietly singing...

KAI

(Singing. To self.)

I've got this little feeling  
Way down in my soul.  
This funny little feeling,  
Like you're someone I should know.

Nessa looks up from her book.

KAI (CONT'D)

Hi.

NESSA

Hi.

KAI

I... Uh. I'm sorry.

NESSA

Oh. No, you're...

KAI

I'm sorry for, like, disturbing  
your...

NESSA

Oh no. Not at all. I'm just..

KAI

I just..

Kai sits.

KAI (CONT'D)

I, umm... (beat) What are you  
reading?

NESSA

Oh. Umm. It's an essay, I guess.  
Braiding Sweetgrass.

KAI

Cool. What's it about?

NESSA

Hmm. Good question... Umm, hope.  
Survival.

KAI

Cool.

They quietly wait.

KAI (CONT'D)

(gesturing to his orange)  
Do you want some of...

NESSA

(giggling)  
Oh. Umm, no thank you.

He laughs a little. Sheepishly.

Pregnant Pause.

KAI

Did you ever use to... Hang on,  
I'll just...

He begins to pull apart the juicy orange with his teeth,  
fingers.

KAI (CONT'D)

Wait.. I'm almost..

She smiles.

He puts the orange skin in his mouth, furiously wipes his  
sticky hands on his pants, and smiles widely. A baboon like  
orange peel smile.

KAI (CONT'D)

(still with orange peel in  
mouth)  
Ta-da!

He removes the orange and they both giggle.

NESSA

You're funny.

KAI

Thanks.

They look at each other. Comfortably. For a long time.

The train begins to approach. Nessa gets up. Kai follows, wiping his mouth with his shirt.

KAI (CONT'D)

Hey. Is this your train?

NESSA

Uh huh.

KAI

Oh, I... I'm waiting for the G but, umm, I can get the F. I'll get the F.

Nessa smiles and moves to get on the train as it pulls up. Kai grabs her hand, gently pulling her back before leaning in to kiss her. Nessa turns toward him, putting her hands on his shoulders. Time slows as they move toward each other.

Before...

She grabs the back of his head and smashes her forehead into his face. She uses all her strength to push him as far from the closing doors as possible. Blood pours from his nose.

NESSA

(yelling to train  
attendant)

Close the doors! Close the doors!

Kai shakes his head, a low ringing ricochets from within. The train doors close before he gets back on his feet. Staggering toward Nessa, he slams his bloody hand on the glass window as the train starts to pull away from the station.

Kai and Nessa lock eyes, the synth piano tune begins again and continues as Kai watches the train pull away and the credits role.