

SCENE 11: BUS STOP

just a bench

(Downstage, FLETCHER rolls his suitcase and pet carrier up to a bus stop and scans the schedule. Then he sits on the bench, suitcase at his feet and a pet travel case on his lap. ADAM enters in a Pinewood Falls Hedgehogs sweatshirt and passes FLETCHER.)

ADAM

What's up, man?

(takes a video of himself with the bus stop behind)

Hey, hunters. Next clue. Happy hunting!

(notices FLETCHER is a kid... with a suitcase... alone)

Hey, little dude.

FLETCHER

Hey.

(notices Adam's sweatshirt)

You go to Pinewood Falls?

ADAM

Yeah.

FLETCHER

That's where my sister goes. Do you know Ellie Blake?

ADAM

(smiles at hearing ELLIE's name, then tries to act cool)

Shyeah. Ellie Blake.

(a bit bummed)

Ellie Blake.

FLETCHER

(dejected)

She hates me.

ADAM

No way, why?

FLETCHER

She called me a weirdo.

ADAM

Oh man, that's nothing. My older brother used to call me a weirdo when he was nice to me. As a compliment.

(ADAM)

*(looks at FLETCHER's suitcase)*

Are you running away?

*(FLETCHER nods.)*

Wow. Where you headed?

FLETCHER

Hollywood.

ADAM

All by yourself?

FLETCHER

*(indicates pet carrier)*

Me and Presto.

ADAM

Hey. Don't you think your family's missing you right now?

*(FLETCHER shakes his head no.)*

I think you're wrong, little dude. Lemme tell you something. My brother used to be pretty mean to me.

FLETCHER

Did he chase you out of his room?

ADAM

Only every day! But you know what? Now that he's off at college, I really miss him.

*(beat)*

I guarantee that right now your family misses you and is worried about you.

*(FLETCHER looks at his shoes.)*

You think I could maybe take you home?

*(After a beat, FLETCHER nods. ADAM and FLETCHER exit.)*