

INT. JENNYS LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

In a homely living room, adorned with family photos, and simple, modern decorations, there is a table covered with graph paper with a depiction of the Volcano and its surrounding area.

On the battle map we can see a large figurine of a red dragon, and three smaller figures. An Elf with a lute, A Armoured man with a sword, and a Tiefling wielding two daggers.

Around this table a group of teenagers are sitting at one end.

On the left, HAYDEN (16) in a Band Shirt with longer hair and a spiked belt.

On the Right, JULIAN (16) Wearing an open Flannel shirt over a white T shirt.

JENNY (16) is the opposite side of the table, dressed in a dark hoodie and jeans, leaning over a 'Game Master Screen'.

JENNY'S MUM (O.S.)
JENNY, You better get it all
cleared away this time!

JENNY
And we will have to roll initiative
next time guys.

The group grumbles in unison

JENNY (CONT'D)
I know, it took a bit longer to get
here than I thought, and I don't
wanna run only half the final
combat.

HAYDEN
So I kind of figured this would be
the last session and...

NATHANS'S MUM (O.S.)
JENNY, You better get it all
cleared away this time!

JENNY
Can it wait till Monday? Or are you
gonna let us down and take a week
off?

HAYDEN
Well... Speaking of letting you
guys down.

EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

Julian and Hayden walk together down the road in silence.
Each step emphasising the lack of conversation.

JULIAN
So... Your definitely leaving?

HAYDEN
Yeah

The pair fall back into silence for a few more paces.

JULIAN
Well... anywhere nice?

Hayden lights up.

HAYDEN
Yeah, Canada.

JULIAN
So no then.

Hayden laughs.

They walk into the night.

EXT. JULIAN'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Hayden and Julian stop outside a semi detached house
overlooking a small beach.

JULIAN
Well... this is me.

HAYDEN
I guess this is where we say
goodbye.

The pair stand in silence for a moment.

JULIAN
By the way, we wont replace you.

HAYDEN
You may need to if you want to keep
play...

JULIAN
(Cutting him off) Shut up, you know
what I mean.

Hayden nods in response.

Another moment of silence passes, before Julian opens up to hug Hayden who steps into it.

JULIAN (CONT'D)
Get home safe yeah?

HAYDEN
Yeah I will.

Julian releases the hug and steps into his house, leaving Hayden alone.

Hayden Spends a moment overlooking the beach before turning and walking into the house next door.

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - DAY

Julian, Jenny and Hayden, stand at the photos of each year group on display in on the wall.

JULIAN
Yeah I don't see anyone we can ask
man.

JENNY
Don't give up before we have even
started.
I mean anybody that plays games at
all is an option, or anyone we know
likes fantasy?

HAYDEN
I saw Kyle reading lord of the
rings on the bus once

JULIAN
And I heard him say it was shit.

HAYDEN
No accounting for taste

JENNY
What about Pete

HAYDEN

We played *Runescape* together when we were younger he could be into it.

JENNY

Yeah why not bring it up to him.

JULIAN

This is stupid

JENNY

Do you want to finish the campaign or no.

The School bell rings.

JENNY, is looking at the photograph, thinking. His eyes locked in on a photo from when he was in year 7. And Julian is grinning ear to ear with an arm around Hayden, and the arm around a boy with dark hair and wearing a PE kit.

JENNY (CONT'D)

Mark... Hey Hayden wait up!

Jenny chases after Hayden down the corridor.

EXT. SCHOOL GATES - DAY

Hayden and Julian are walking out of the front of the school together, other students can be seen wondering from the gate in small groups and pairs.

JULIAN

Mark?

HAYDEN

That's what she said.

JULIAN

Why Mark?

HAYDEN

I don't know, just thought you'd want a heads up.

The pair walk in silence for a few paces.

JULIAN

He'll say no anyway.