



Stagebox Online Audition

STRANGER THINGS

Scene 75

INT. BYER'S HOME - EL'S BEDROOM - ON GOING

She's packing her stuff. In the closet she sees a TEDDY BEAR on the top shelf. She tries to reach it, but it's too high up.

She stands back, THEN TRIES HER POWERS.

Nothing.

Mike comes in.

MIKE

They'll come back. I know they will.

He reaches up and gets the teddy bear for El.

MIKE (CONT'D)

You packed your walkie, right?

EL

Yes.

MIKE

Because you know that I'm going to steal Cerebro from Dustin and call you so much you're gonna have to turn it off, right?

They share a chuckle.

EL

Did you talk to your mom? About Thanksgiving?

MIKE

Yeah, yeah, yeah. I got the okay.
I'll be there. And then I was thinking maybe you could
come up here for Christmas. And Will, too.
You can come before or after Christmas, or whatever Mrs.
Byers wants, but I was thinking Christmas Day could be
super fun, because we'd have cool new presents to play
and, uh...sorry. That made me sound like a seven-year-old.

EL

I like presents, too.

Getting awkward.

MIKE

Yeah, cool. Yeah. I like - I like presents, too.

EL

Cool.

El walks to the door, still clutching her teddy bear.
Mike is angry with himself. He shakes his head in
disbelief.
El stops, then turns to face Mike.

EL (CONT'D)

Mike?

Mike Turns and faces El.

MIKE

Yeah?

EL

Remember that day? At the cabin, you were talking to Max?

MIKE

I don't think I follow.

EL

You talked about your - your feelings. Your Heart.

MIKE

Oh! Oh yeah, that. Man, that was so long ago. Um - that was really heat of the moment stuff, and we were arguing and - I don't really remember. What did I say, exactly?

EL

Mike?

El walks up to Mike - they're face-to-face. She places her hand on Mike's face.

EL (CONT'D)

I love you too.

She leans in and they kiss.

After a few seconds, they separate.

El turns toward the door and smiles.