

Self-Aware Wolf

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EXT. SCHOOL - MORNING

Two siblings, MACKIE and DIANA, walk on the sidewalk approaching a large, intimidating school building.

Mackie is nervous, hunching over while holding his backpack. Diana is practically skipping with excitement.

DIANA

First day of real school, I've dreamed of this day!

MACKIE

Funny, I've had nightmares about it.

DIANA

Oh, c'mon, Mackie! Aren't you sick of homeschool? Excited for a fresh start?

MACKIE

The only thing I'm excited for is to get this day over-with and go back home.

DIANA

Look, I know it's all-

Diana <word vomits>.

-you know, but here's a chance to finally make some friends.

MACKIE

But what if people don't like me? What if "it" gets in the way?

DIANA

Then..

She takes a moment to find an answer.

DIANA (CONT'D)

Don't let them know. As long as you can find a way back to your clothes, you'll be back to normal. School isn't *that* big. You'll be fine.

Mackie hides in his hoodie, but Diana undoes it to look at him.

DIANA (CONT'D)

Don't worry.

MACKIE

But that's the only thing I'm good
at, Diana.

Diana lets out an awkward chuckle before noticing A GIRL walking past the siblings wearing a hipster shirt with a full moon on it.

DIANA

Oh, Hey! I like your shirt!

Diana follows the girl and they start chatting, leaving Mackie alone, small and overwhelmed.

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAYS - MOMENTS LATER

Tension builds as Mackie walks through the halls. The sports bros are as tall as trees, and the gossiping girls voices are high pitched as sirens. Mackie's heart begins to race and his breathing becomes shallow.

The camera begins to cut faster and faster, alternating between the overwhelming environment and increasingly close close-ups on Mackie's eyes.

Mackie's eyes open to reveal slits, after which he runs past the crowd, pushing back people if he has to.

Mackie finally makes it to the locker room, sweating, sitting down, and steadying his breathing. He catches himself looking at an open locker near the ground.

MACKIE

Time to let off some steam.

Mackie's clothes fly off. His hands, shoulders, then face turn wolf-y and grow covered in fur.

In his wolf form, Mackie looks determined. But, as he leaves the locker room, the camera lingers on the open locker with his clothes in it.

EXT. FOOTBALL FIELD

Mackie runs across the field, challenging himself to jump over the goal and succeeding, the sun shining behind him.

INT. LOCKER ROOM

A BOY nervously digs through his backpack.

BOY
I can't believe I left my uniform
at home-

The boy notices the open locker, looks around at the empty room for potential witnesses, then back at the locker.

EXT. LOCKER ROOM

A tired wolfy Mackie sneaks his way back inside the locker room, his paws pattering on the cold ground.

INT. LOCKER ROOM

Calmly, Mackie walks over the locker, but opens it to realize it's empty. He double checks, but no luck.

MACKIE
(inner monologue)
No. Oh, no. This can't be
happening.

He starts spiraling again.

EXT. LOCKER ROOM

Mackie leaves in a hurry, looking both ways before running forward. He accidentally crashes into a trash can and knocks it over, garbage flooding the floors.

INT. CLASSROOM

TEACHER
So you see, every reaction has an
equal and opposite re-

A loud <crash> is heard and interrupts the TEACHER's lecture. Students crowd the door to see where the sound came from, and see Mackie running down the halls. The camera focuses on a worried Diana.

DIANA
(under her breath)
Oh, no. I never should've left him
alone.

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAYS

Mackie runs down the halls, shocked students moving out of the way.

A POLICE OFFICER enters the scene and blows her whistle. Mackie scrambles to the other direction, his claws scratching the floors and his tail making a dent in a locker.

POLICE OFFICER
Get back here!

While trying to escape the police officer trying to catch him, Mackie leaps off of a WATER FOUNTAIN over a student's head.

In a slow motion shot, a rainbow is cast from the water fountain behind Mackie mid-air, as the student looks on in awe above him.

KID 1
Woah man, did you see how high that suspiciously humanoid big dog could jump?

KID 2
Yeah, that thing could be our next quarterback!

KID 3
I wanna make a TikTok with him!

KIDS 1, 2, and 3 start to follow Mackie down the halls. He notices them, and keeps running.

EXT. SCHOOL

Mackie heaves and looks around, and finds himself surrounded by students, some taking out their phones, others whispering amongst themselves.

There's an arc shot around Mackie to show how trapped he is and overwhelmed he feels.

He growls at the people, who step back. Realizing he's pushing people away, he cries and tries to hide his head in his paws.

The camera focuses on Mackie's tearful eyes, which suddenly open to reveal Diana hugging him.

DIANA
I've got you.

Mackie joins the hug. Meanwhile, a familiar face notices the crowd and gets a closer look; the boy wearing Mackie's clothes.

BOY

A werewolf goes to our school?

A beat. Mackie dreads what words come next.

BOY (CONT'D)

Dope!

Mackie and Diana share a look, shocked.

MACKIE

Is that my shirt?

BOY

And he can talk too?! This day just
keeps getting better!

The boy suddenly hugs the big, fluffy Mackie, who smiles, then howls as the camera pans up to the sky, the sun glinting.