

The Journey

A screenplay treatment

Emily (GRACE) - a nerd
 Sarah (AVERY) - unaware of her funniness
 Mackenzie (REGINA) - a shy troublemaker
 Riley (TIM) - brother to Mackenzie
 Laci (ARIA) - a caring leader
 Abigail (HARPER) - a shy artist

Noah (KIRKLAND) - a romantic
 Kyle (JACK) - a provider
 Laura (DANIELLE) - a bully
 Donovan (JAMES) - a lazy follower
 Allee (MAYA) - a teller of simple truths
 Seonaid (CHARLOTTE) - Miss Sarcastic

SCENE	DESCRIPTION	WRITERS
1	AT MACKENZIE'S HOUSE - Mackenzie is an evil character, quite jealous of other kids. We see her, in her bedroom, on her cellphone, watching videos of her "friends" enjoying their lives (namely, Emily, Sarah, & Laci). She texts her friends, but they don't respond....She gets into a fight with her brother, Riley. Mackenzie is very upset! Why don't her friends ever give her any of their attention?	Mackenzie Jenna
2	BETWEEN HOUSES - Mackenzie is seen running away from her house and over to Donovan's. Donovan seems really tired all the time and lazy. He's eating chips, drinking pop, and burping. Mackenzie asks him if he would do her a big favour. She wants him to dress up as a zombie to scare some of her friends in the woods along The Canal. Donovan agrees but he is so lazy we know he will never get the energy to do it. We see him text Riley and ask Riley an important question.	Donovan Jacob
3	IN ELA 8 CLASS - Mackenzie tells Emily, Sarah, & Laci that she has a big secret that she needs to share with them! We get glimpses of Abigail (drawing), Noah (looking lovingly at Emily in class), Kyle (giving away his chips), Laura (bullying), and Allee (giving advice). Donovan just looks very tired and Seonaid looks fed up with everything.	Emily Karley
4	IN A STAIRWELL AT SCHOOL - Mackenzie tells her "big secret", that she needs to show something amazing to her friends (Emily, Sarah, & Laci). Mackenzie explains how they have to walk along The Canal to find something gross at the end of the trek. When Mackenzie leaves, her friends are dubious about her "secret" but agree to go Saturday morning with her anyway.	Riley Joshua McKay

5	<p>FURTHER UP THE STAIRWELL - The camera pans further up the stairwell (following the previous scene) and we see Allee and Abigail eating lunch on the stairs, and they have overheard Mackenzie's plan! They look at each other and wish they could get included in the trek. What if they were already up on the canal, maybe painting up there and they would be asked to go along on the trek?</p> <p>Later in the hall Noah asks Allee about how to ask a girl out. Allee gives him advice. Seonaid overhears too!</p>	Allee Heather
6	<p>SATURDAY MORNING - A STREET - Allee and Abigail gather their art supplies and head out, hoping to meet up 'by coincidence' with the other group.</p> <p>We see Kyle and Noah gather their fishing and picnic gear...</p> <p>Riley and Laura are just hanging out...</p>	Sarah Kaylee
7	<p>SATURDAY MORNING, A STREET - We see Mackenzie assemble her friends. Laci admits that she was doubtful about this bizarre walk up to The Canal to see... whatever it is Mackenzie has in store for them, but that upon waking up this morning, Laci feels wide awake and refreshed. Laci's positive attitude irks Mackenzie who is unable to hide her anger. Laci leads the little team which includes Emily, and Sarah.</p> <p>We see Riley and Laura watch the girls as they leave.</p>	Kameron Kevin
8	<p>DONOVAN'S HOUSE - Donovan is sound asleep in bed. He has a serious case of bed head. He looks like a zombie!</p>	Brady Matthew
9	<p>THE CANAL (beginning) - Laci is still going on about how happy she is today and what a great idea it was for Mackenzie to come up with this marvelous idea. Mackenzie warns her to prepare herself for what's about to happen. Laci: "What? What's going to happen? This is a beautiful, wonderful day!" Emily would rather be back with her books. Sarah says something stupid (but doesn't think what she says is stupid).</p>	Laci (Seonaid, ed.)
10	<p>THE CANAL (artist encounter) - Noises come from the bushes, and Sarah freaks out! Then two figures appear suddenly - it is only Allee and Abigail with their lovely paintings, laughing and giggling! The group are amazed at their great work - all except Mackenzie is complementary to the artists. Laci asks if the girls want to come along, but Allee and Abigail are actually enjoying making their art and decide to finish their work...</p>	Abigail Joshua Moore

	Shot of Donovan asleep still....	
11	THE CANAL (the bountiful encounter) - The group are complaining about being hungry and thirsty but no one brought any food! They turn a corner, and there is Kyle and Noah having a time fishing, with a load of food and drinks. Kyle offers to share and the group is grateful!	Kyle Blake
12	THE CANAL (romantic encounter) While enjoying the picnic, Emily starts to choke on her food - Noah jumps to action with the Heimlich maneuver to save her! Noah builds up the courage to ask her out, and she says yes. Mackenzie seems jealous. We see a shot of Donovan, fast asleep still!	Noah Will
13	THE CANAL (the bully encounter) - Mackenzie tells the group they are getting closer... Mackenzie expects the zombie Donovan to emerge from the woods, but nothing happens. Everyone is waiting in anticipation, and as Mackenzie glances around, she begins to feel embarrassed. The girls seem fed up. Mackenzie is about to confess to the group when Laura and Riley show up. Laura bullies Emily and Sarah, the nerds. Mackenzie stands up for her friends. Riley picks on Mackenzie (his sister).	Laura (Laci, ed.)
14	THE CANAL (the zombie encounter) - After Riley and Laura back down and move on, the girls are surprised at how Mackenzie stood up for them. Mackenzie feels guilty after her friends show her genuine thanks, and she admits to her silly plot to get their attention. Laci, Emily and Sarah are shocked, and they give Mackenzie the cold shoulder. Then on their way back home they meet up with Seonaid says she is sorry she was late, and asks them how their day went... The girls start to tell their side of the story but then Mackenzie tells of the journey they had all been on, of the art, the fun, the food and friendship....Seonaid puts it in perspective when she reminds them that they had been ignoring their friend, and that Mackenzie stood up when it mattered - and all is well again! As they leave, Sarah wonders about the Zombie. Cut to image of Donovan who has just gotten up, trudging from his room, looking like a zombie!	Seonaid (Laura, ed.)

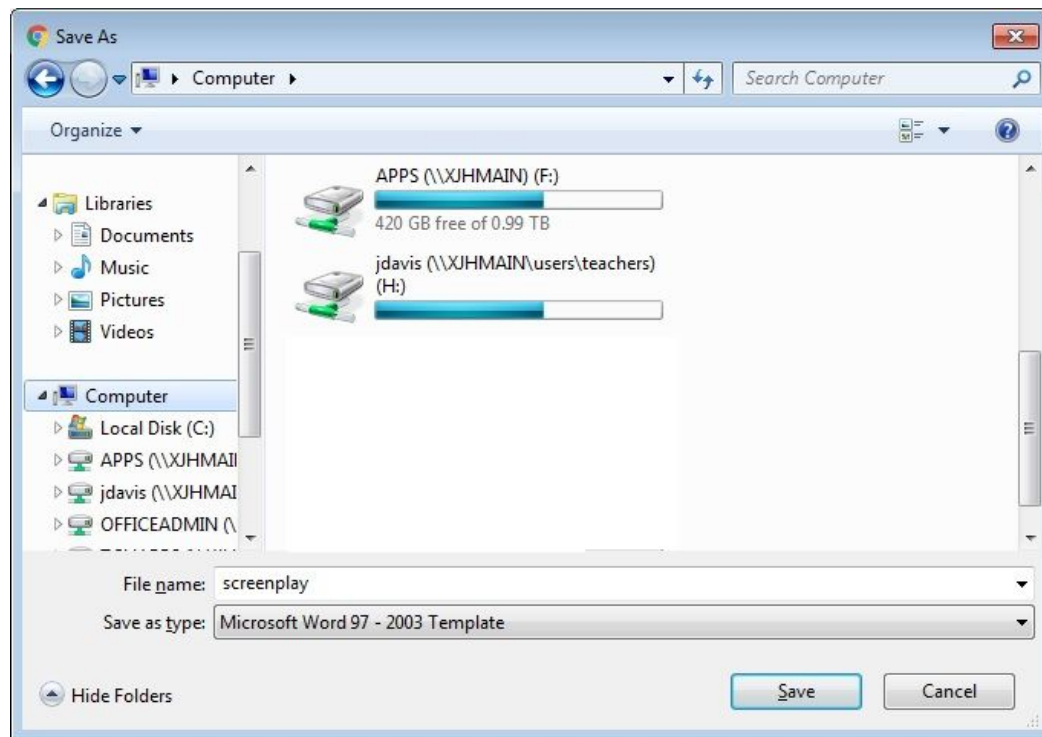
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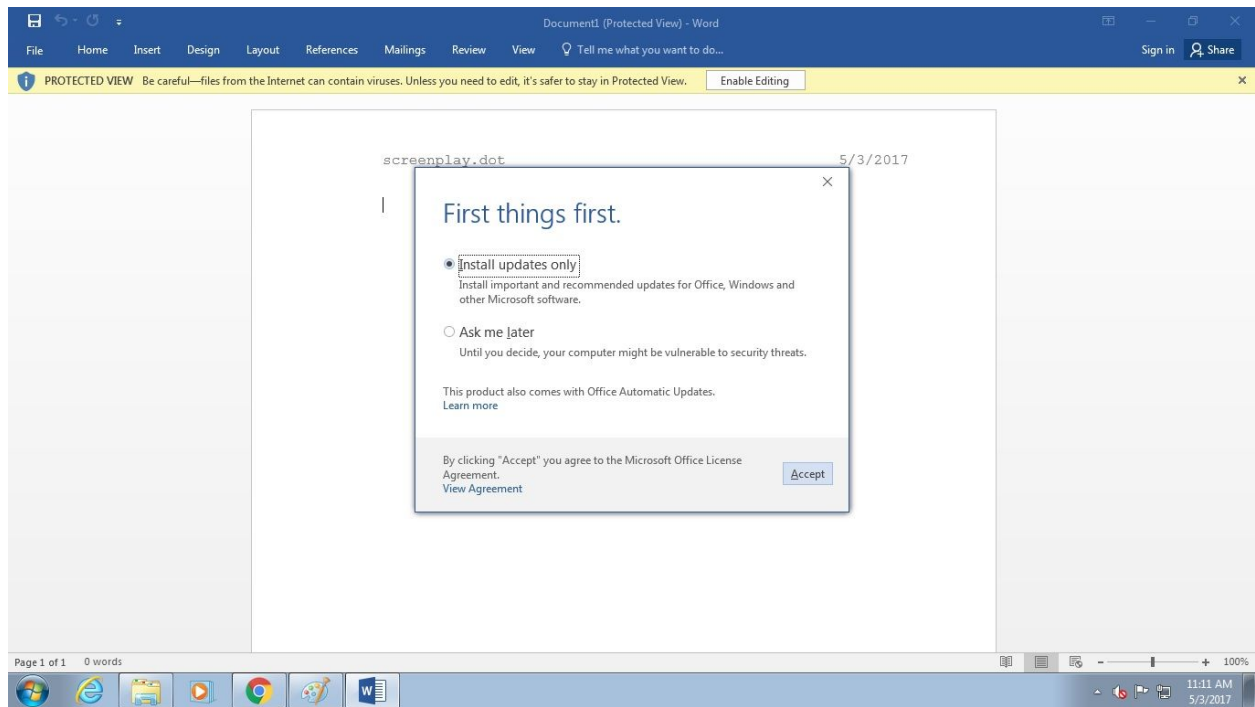
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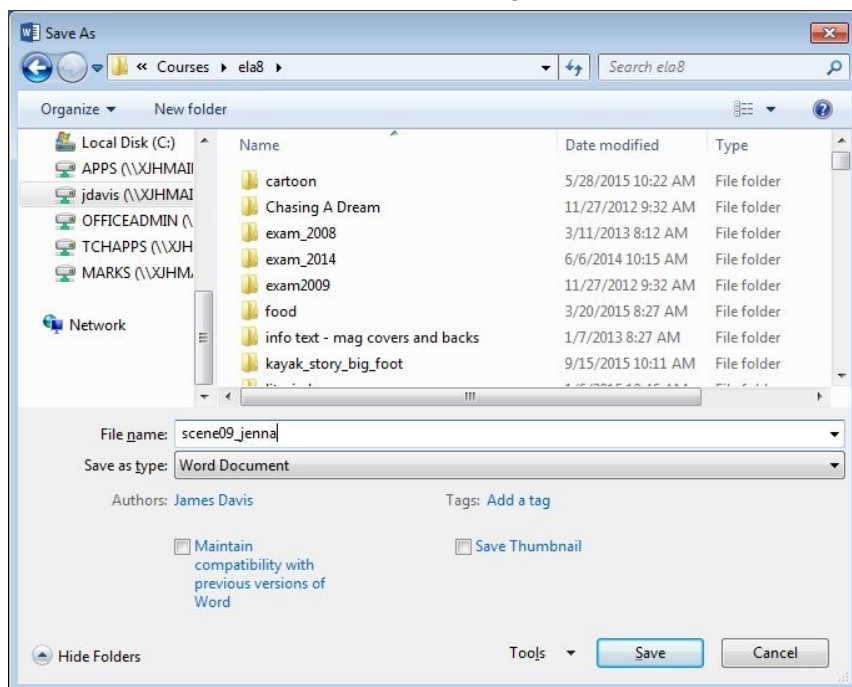
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