

1 EXT. CAMDEN TOWN — EVENING

WE OPEN on a damaged Camden town bench, overlooking the colourful town which is illuminated by the streetlights.

CUT TO:

2 BENCH

We see the bench in the foreground of a miserable grey representation of the town.

EMILY

(to Daniel)

Funny how five years ago, this was all we dreamed of.

Surely my immense expectations were bound to be shattered. I was just so unaware.

She gazes towards Daniel, disapproving of his demeanour and surroundings. She is mid-cigarette.

DANIEL (V.O)

We always dreamt of leaving Somerset — the place we once called home. It was time to move on — please don't say this dream is ending.

DANIEL

(to Emily)

Won't you just give it a rest? What about looking at how things used to be? A sparkle would appear in your eye whenever you mentioned Camden. Now, you're miserable.

EMILY

(to Daniel)

I used to view this as a place of opportunity. I guess there's only so much to see, huh--

She gets quickly interrupted by Daniel, who is becoming increasingly annoyed by Emily's comments.

DANIEL

(To Emily)

Only so much to see? Are you serious? You've built up a wall around yourself. Camden has provided us beyond my

wildest dreams. Sure, not every day is perfect but was home even ever close to perfect?

EMILY

(To Daniel)

But home was home. Camden is *not* our home. It's not that 'perfect utopia' you painted – not even close in fact. Why are you so defensive? Times have changed, Daniel.

DANIEL

(To Emily)

Yes. Times have changed but so have we. Don't the vibrant streets still make your heart sing? My excitement for the town is reignited with every new visitor. Camden is a shining light that will never go out – we'd be foolish to take it for granted.

Emily stubbed out her cigarette and began to look at Daniel attentively, no longer preoccupied with disappointment.

EMILY

(To Daniel)

I long for the excitement we had exploring these streets for the first time. The shop facades looked as they have for decades: pristine, beautiful, untouched. I guess in life, people come and go, and they leave. I just wasn't ready to settle into city life. Perhaps I am just having trouble keeping up.

DANIEL

(To Emily)

You expected Camden to stay the same forever, but that was never possible. Adapting to new ways of life can be challenging, but ultimately extremely rewarding. That is yet another thing that has attracted me to this city. Doesn't it thrill you that Camden is always evolving? You can go on adventures, discover new places, and make new friendships that could last a lifetime. Please Emily, don't close yourself off to opportunity.

Without a single interruption, Emily stares into Daniel's eyes.

EMILY
(To Daniel)

You're right. Perhaps I am too set in my ways. Maybe I had a skewed perspective on things. I'm not ready to give up just yet. We can explore Camden in a new light - one with no preconceived notions. I don't know what I was thinking. Of course, things won't remain the same around here. At home, it was the familiar that brought me peace, but maybe the only constants in this town are me and you.

DANIEL
(to Emily)

Here's a moment to start over, so let's embrace it. As of today, we become strangers to Camden. Let's discard the assumptions we once made. I promise you that this can be as special as day one. Are you willing to start fresh with me?

The pair holds hands as they stand up. They look into each other's eyes and smile before walking into the distance.

FADE OUT: