

Guess What Happened to Me Last Night

Excerpt from the short story:
When the World Rushes In

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Summer, 1987. Valerie and Bonnie, both 13 years old, are walking home early morning after coincidentally running into each other the morning after sleep-overs at different houses. They haven't spoken in over a year, but were best friends prior to that. Valerie doesn't know why it ended. It was not Valerie's decision to end the friendship. The girls live in a southern, rural, gated community and are shortcutting home on the golf course. Mosquitos are out in droves, but there are bursts of wind here and there indicating a near-future change in weather.

Fx: Cicadas, songbirds, dragonflies, mosquitos, southern summer morning. Footsteps of the girls along a golf cart path. Occasional wind.

BONNIE
(Taunting)

Guess what happened to me last night.

VAL

(dorky southern accent)

Whuuuut?

BONNIE

I lost my virginity.

VAL

What?

BONNIE

I had sex. Last night.

(Fx) Valerie makes an oh-my-god noise. Bonnie spins on her heels to walk backwards, smirking at Val.

BONNIE

Mmmmm-hmmmm.

(Fx) Bonnie turns and picks up her pace with a skip. Valerie fast-walks to catch up to Bonnie, holding on tightly to the shoulder strap of her duffle bag, zipper jingling.

VAL

Oh! My god! B! Who?

BONNIE

You'll never guess.

(Fx) A swift breeze picks up the air and they smell gardenias. They are on the thirteenth green and the white flag of the pin is flapping like a trapped gull.

VAL

Oh, c'mon, please? Who was it?

BONNIE

(Smiling)

Richard Buntz.

Val takes deep breath and fakes a great big grin. She forces her eyes as wide as they can go and gasps.

VAL

Oh my god! Richie Buntz!

BONNIE

Mmm-yeah, echo much?

VAL

How old is he?

(Fx) High-pitched insect. Val flicks a mosquito off of her cheek. Effort noise: iyugh.

BONNIE

He'll be a Senior.

VAL

Oh my god, did it hurt?

BONNIE

Yeah, it hurt. It killed. It hurt so much, I screamed, but he put his hand over my mouth so no one could hear.

(Fx) An odd laugh shoots out of VAL's mouth and her hand flies up to cover it. She has to stop walking.

VAL

Wait. Wait. What?

BONNIE

(as conversational as possible)

Deena's brother had a birthday party and she invited me to stay over, and her mom? Oh my god, her mom let us put our sleeping bags in the living room with the boys—I mean, can you even believe that? And Richie, he like, like woke me up. In the middle of the night. And I think everybody else was sleeping. I mean, I hope. And he just...unzipped my sleeping bag and crawled inside. And, oh my god, I had to, like, sneak the retainer out of my mouth. Oh god. It was so embarrassing but I don't think he saw me do it.

VAL

(forced titter)

Uh -Oh! D-did, I mean, did he, like, take off your clothes? Like in *Endless Love*?

BONNIE

No, he just pulled my panties to the side.

(Fx) High pitched buzzing. Bonnie slaps a mosquito on her upper arm and kills it, leaving a smudge of blood. Effort sound.

BONNIE

Ugh. I'm gonna have welts.

(Fx) Valerie is trying hard not to laugh. She takes in a breath to speak, but has no words. A strangled noise comes out of her nose. She stifles laughter.

BONNIE

What's so funny, Valerie?

VAL

Nothing! I think I have some bug spray.

(Fx) Val unzips her duffle and retrieves the bug spray aerosol can.

Val

Here. Stick your leg out.

(Fx) She begins to spray down Bonnie's legs.

Bonnie

You're getting it on my shoes!

Val

Sorry! *(Spraying stops)* Other leg.

(Fx) Bonnie steps her other leg forward. But Val doesn't spray.

Val

Uhmmm, so, d-did he have ... a rubber?

BONNIE

Nuh-uh. But he took his thing out before
he... It all came out on my nightshirt, ya
know?

VAL

(She doesn't know.)

Oh. Yeah.

(Fx) Val picks back up with the spraying

Bonnie

Oh my god. That stuff stinks.

Val

It's supposed to smell like lemons.

Bonnie

Well, it smells like pine-sol and pee.

(Fx)Val still spraying. They both giggle.

Bonnie

Hurry up!

Val

I'm done!

(Fx) Finish spraying cap goes back on and bottle goes back in the bag.

Bonnie

Good.

(Fx) they start walking again. And giggle a little more.

Val

So, was Richie a good kisser?

BONNIE

We didn't kiss.

VAL

(stops walking)

What? Why not?!

BONNIE

I don't know! We didn't wanna wake anybody
up, okay?

VAL

Okay! That's, I'm, it's okay. It's okay.

*(Fx) A beat and then they begin to walk
again. Footsteps for a bit with a beautiful
soundscape. Walking in silence until they
arrive at Bonnie's house. They stop.
Awkward.*

BONNIE

Well...this is...

VAL

Yeah.

BONNIE

I guess I'll see ya then.

*(Fx) Steps. Bonnie starts to leave, but
Valerie runs to catch up to her.*

VAL

Wait! Um... can I hug you?

Bonnie

(awkward)

Well...I don't rea—

(Fx) Valerie doesn't wait for an answer and embraces Bonnie as hard as she can and for as long as she can. Bonnie let's her. Effort sounds.

BONNIE

I gotta take a shower.

(Fx) Bonnie backs out of the hug. Valerie is holding back tears.

BONNIE

Ok. Um. Bye.

(Fx) Bonnie start walking away but she turns back.

Bonnie

Hey, Val?

(Fx) She trots back to Val.

VAL

Yeah?

Bonnie

Don't tell anybody, ok?

Val

O-okay.

Bonnie

Thanks.

Val

Um. Sure.

(Fx) Bonnie walks away. Valerie stands on the golf cart path, crying for her friend.

Val

G'bye, Bonnie.

(Fx) Beautiful southern summer soundscape.

The End.