

TEASER

Fade In:

WHAT FOLLOWS ARE CLIPS OF SCENES FROM EPISODE 213, "STOPWATCH", TO RECAP THE END OF LAST SEASON:

CLIP -- VICTOR & VAUGHN -

in Victor's office. Victor takes the chi gong ball out of the telescope, it hovers above his hands. Victor carefully floats the ball to Vaughn.

CLIP -- JOSIE -

hiding in the office and seeing Vaughn with the ball. We see her shock and disappointment. She takes a moment, looks at her watch and PULLS THE STEM OUT. Time stops.

CLIP -- JOSIE, VICTOR & VAUGHN -

As Josie speaks to the "frozen" Vaughn about how she trusted him and won't make that mistake again.

CLIP -- JOSIE -

as she takes the floating chi gong ball and replaces it with the OTHER CHI GONG BALL. A DARK HOODED FIGURE watches Josie.

CLIP -- VICTOR AND VAUGHN - LATER

As Vaughn picks up and turns the dead chi gong ball over in his hand. As he looks, he notices THE SMALL CHINESE SYMBOL and realizes that Josie replaced the ball.

CLIP -- JOSIE & LUCAS -

in Josie's room as she pulls THE JAR OF SKATEBOARD PARTS out from under her bed.

JOSIE

Remember last semester, when I traveled back in time to 1977? Victor was a student at Blake Holsey then...

Lucas nods. Josie uncaps the jar AND LIFTS OUT THE FLOATING QIGONG BALL.

JOSIE (CONT'D)

Well, this ball went with me. But it's been missing ever since. Last night, I found out Victor had it. And I think Vaughn knew all along.

Suddenly, Josie and Lucas are frozen mid-sentence. Time has stopped. The door opens and in walks, THE DARK HOODED FIGURE. It's... JOSIE2, her identical clone from the "Culture" episode. Josie2 plucks the ball out of Josie's hand and pockets it.

JOSIE2 (CONT'D)

Time to make sure this goes back to where it belongs.

The CLIPS END as we HOLD ON JOSIE - frozen...

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. UPPER HALLWAY -- DAY

Josie2 walks past the frozen Janitor...only...he's not frozen. After she passes, he follows her. Josie2 doesn't even look back at him as she walks.

JANITOR

Are you sure you know what you're doing?

JOSIE2

Once this is back where it belongs, the timeline is restored.

JANITOR

You never know...

Josie2 narrows her eyes at the Janitor and then pushes the stem back in on her own TIME DEVICE and disappears.

INT. JOSIE'S & CORRINE'S ROOM -- DAY

...as TIME RESUMES. Lucas and Josie look at where the ball USED TO BE.

LUCAS

What just happened?

Josie gets it...or, at least she thinks she does.

JOSIE

Vaughn...

OMITTED

INT. MAIN HALLWAY -- DAY

Kids are scrambling to get to class. Josie is on the march. Looks angry. Lucas walks beside her.

LUCAS

Josie, we gotta talk about what happened yesterday. I've got a theory about what happened to the...
(looks around)
...floating thing.

That's when Josie sees Vaughn standing in the hall. Waiting for her. She's mad now.

JOSIE

I've got my own theory. Excuse me, Lucas.

Josie leaves Lucas standing there and marches up to Vaughn.

VAUGHN

Josie...

Josie gets close to him. Lucas watches from a respectful distance.

JOSIE

I'm surprised you had the guts to show up here today.

Vaughn also seems mad. Less intense than Josie, but still mad.

VAUGHN

I was thinking the same thing...about you. I don't care how you took it, but my father needs the ball back.

JOSIE

I don't know what you're talking about.

Vaughn holds up the powerless chi gong ball.

VAUGHN

Are you sure? I think you replaced my dad's with this one.

Josie looks at the ball. Grits her teeth.

LUCAS --

Continues to watch them from a short distance away.

JOSIE

Hey...if anyone should be mad at someone, it's me.

VAUGHN

Don't turn this around on me. I
didn't do anything to you.

JOSIE

I'm sure not.

VAUGHN

It's the truth.

JOSIE

We both know you were searching my
room, so you saying "it's the truth"
is just plain insulting.

BRRRIINNNNG! The BELL RINGS. Josie turns and starts to walk
away.

VAUGHN

Josie, wait, I need your help...

Holding the ball in one hand, Vaughn grabs Josie's hand with
his other. BLACK HOLE ENERGY RIPPLES THROUGH VAUGHN, THE
BALL, AND JOSIE, AND IS "SUCKED" OUT OF HER AND INTO VAUGHN!
Lucas sees this, unsure of what just happened.

Josie pulls away, startled. She looks at Vaughn, who is left
rubbing his tingling arm. On shaky legs, Josie leaves him
and enters the science room. Lucas follows her.

Vaughn looks around the hallway. A change comes over his
expression. More assured, more dare we say it?...intelligent.

FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

Fade In:

INT. SCIENCE ROOM -- DAY

As Professor Z looks on, Corrine makes a presentation to the class. She has a display board labeled "COLD FUSION" which includes a diagram for a cold fusion reactor, a SMALL MODEL of which is being passed around the class.

Corrine points to a section of the display which shows two H₂O (that's water to you) molecules in close proximity as she talks.

CORRINE

All molecules have potential energy which is stored in the bonds between them. In the water in this design for a cold fusion reactor, for example, there is energy stored in the bonds between the oxygen atom and the two hydrogen atoms that make up each water molecule. And when they get close enough together, and touch...energy is released.

LUCAS & VAUGHN -

As they are in the class. Vaughn is taking notes furiously. Really studying what Corrine has up on the board. Lucas watches him, dumfounded. This isn't like Vaughn.

Lucas turns and looks at Josie, sitting by herself. She seems distracted. In a fog.

Corrine steals a glance at Marshall as Professor Z chimes in.

PROFESSOR Z

Which is only one of the many things that is so impressive about cold fusion. If someone were able to build a cold fusion reactor, he or she could use simple tap water as the 'fuel' to create unlimited amounts of energy. Cleanly and safely.

VAUGHN

What happens to the water?

Heads turn. Vaughn doesn't usually ask questions. Professor Z indicates for Corrine to answer.

CORRINE

As the reactor releases the potential energy from the water molecules, eventually, the water would be used up. But all you'd have to do is go to the sink and turn on the tap to keep your 'reactor' running!

VAUGHN

Excellent.

CORRINE

But, like I said, cold fusion is only hypothetical.

VAUGHN

(smugly)
Of course...

BRIIING!! The BELL RINGS and everyone closes their books and stands.

PROFESSOR Z

Thank you, Corrine. And let's not forget your reports are due Thursday.

Vaughn remains at Corrine's display, studying it. Lucas goes to Josie who has remained sitting at her desk.

LUCAS

Josie? You okay?

JOSIE

(startled)
What?

LUCAS

Class is over?

JOSIE

(recovering)
Sure. Right.

She stands up. Starts to gather her stuff. That's when Lucas notices...

LUCAS

You didn't take any notes?

JOSIE

Notes! No.
(sure of it)
I'll make them later.

LUCAS

(whispers)

When can we talk about last night?
I've got a couple of new theories.

JOSIE

Last night?

LUCAS

About what happened. With the Chi
Gong...

(silently mouths the
word)

...ball?

JOSIE

What ball?

Heads turn. Vaughn looks over at them.

LUCAS

(covers loudly)

Right! What a ball science is, huh?

(quietly to Josie)

Let's talk later.

Josie nods, starts to exit, leaving her books on the desk.

LUCAS (CONT'D)

Josie? Aren't you forgetting
something?

Josie looks at the books. Laughs at her forgetfulness.

JOSIE

I don't know where my head is at.

Josie gathers her stuff up in front of the worried Lucas.

The CAMERA WHIPS to the front of the room where Vaughn is
studying Corrine's reactor model.

VAUGHN

Cold fusion. Unlimited power. Maybe
we don't need the ball after all,
dad.

EXT. BACK PATIO -- DAY

KIDS sit at tables -- eating, talking, reading. And there's
Vaughn talking to Marshall, who looks over a list that Vaughn
has given him.

MARSHALL

Oxygenated water? Palladium wire?
What do you need these for?

VAUGHN

That's unimportant. Can you get the
items for me or not?

MARSHALL

Sure...they're one phone call away.

VAUGHN

Good.

Marshall looks at Vaughn and narrows his eyes.

VAUGHN (CONT'D)

What?

MARSHALL

There's something different about
you. You seem more...and please
don't take this the wrong
way...intelligent.

VAUGHN

Well, intelligent is as intelligent
does. I'll be in my room.

Vaughn leaves. Marshall studies the list.

EXT. SCHOOL -- NIGHT

To establish.

INT. VAUGHN'S DORM ROOM -- NIGHT

In CLOSE SHOTS we see SHIPPING BOXES now litter the
floor...VAUGHN hard at work on...something.
Wire...water...cables. And a strange, WHITE GLOW.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. SCHOOL -- NIGHT INTO DAY (TIME LAPSE)

The sun comes up over Blake Holsey High...

INT. JOSIE'S & CORRINE'S ROOM -- MORNING

Corrine is getting her stuff together for another day of
academic excellence.

CORRINE

Josie, hurry up. We can still grab
some breakfast.

Corrine turns. A curious look comes to her face.

CORRINE (CONT'D)

Josie?

Josie is still in pajamas. She holds up two plaid school kilts. Identical.

JOSIE

I...uh...can't decide which one to wear. What do you think?

CORRINE

Josie, they're both exactly the same.

JOSIE

The same...Of course!

Josie continues to stare at the two kilts as Corrine gathers up her books.

CORRINE

Are you all right? You've been acting really bizarre lately.

JOSIE

I'm fine.

And then, Josie holds up both kilts and asks as if it were the first time...

JOSIE (CONT'D)

I can't decide which one to wear. What do you think?

Corrine looks at Josie, now worried.

INT. STUDENT LOUNGE -- DAY

Lucas sits with Corrine, studying. A few students listen to music and they study. The TV is on in the background.

LUCAS

I'm telling you, there's something off about Josie. Haven't you noticed?

CORRINE

Well, this morning she couldn't decide between her plaid skirt and her plaid skirt.

LUCAS

Yesterday, by the time we left Z's class she already couldn't remember

(MORE)

LUCAS (CONT'D)

enough about your presentation to make notes on it. It's like...her brain is getting sucked dry.

CORRINE

Lucas...c'mon. Strange things happen around here, but "Her brain is getting sucked dry?" This isn't another one of your conspiracy theories is it?

LUCAS

Vaughn did something to her yesterday before Z's class. I don't know what, but I saw it. Now he's holed up in his room, working on something.

CORRINE

What?

Suddenly, the lights in the Lounge begin to glow brighter. A nearby BOOM BOX playing softly, BLARES. THE TV FRITZES WITH STATIC as electricity surges through the school's wiring.

LUCAS

I don't know, but ever since last night, that's been happening all over school. And it's getting worse.

Lucas produces a NOTE BOOK, makes a notation. Corrine reads the list of notations over his shoulder.

CORRINE

(reading)

Five ay-em...Transitory electrical surge...five fifteen, sudden surge, boys dorm...

The BOOM BOX POPS, THE TV SHORTS and smokes, students react. There are louder SOUNDS from ABOVE.

CORRINE (CONT'D)

...That's coming from upstairs.

LUCAS

I'm telling you, Vaughn's up to something. Come on!

He jumps up and runs out, Corrine on his heels.

INT. MAIN HALLWAY -- DAY

Lucas and Corrine race into the hall. All of the lights in the school are glowing white hot! KIDS shield their eyes from the glare.

CORRINE

What's going on?

They race down the hallway.

INT. MUSIC REHEARSAL ROOM -- DAY

Marshall is with WILL and JARROD. They have their equipment plugged into amplifiers. Ready to rock.

MARSHALL

Okay guys...let's try it again.

ANGLE - LUCAS AND CORRINE

As they race to the open door. Lucas sees Marshall. Knows what's about to happen. Marshall gives the count.

MARSHALL (CONT'D)

One...two. One, two, three!

LUCAS

Marshall, don't!

Will and Jarrod strum a SINGLE POWER CHORD. The resulting SOUND is like a bomb going off -- as their speakers EXPLODE in a shower of sparks. When the smoke clears we can see Will, Jarrod and Marshall faces black, hair smoldering. Marshall looks stunned. Will and Jarrod look at each other for a moment and then...

JARROD

Dude! That was awesome.

Will and Jarrod high five each other. Lucas and Corrine help Marshall up.

CORRINE

You okay?

MARSHALL

What happened?

LUCAS

Come on.

The three race out of the room.

INT. UPPER HALLWAY -- DAY

Lucas dashes up the stairs from the main hallway with Marshall and Corrine. Suddenly, all of the lights in the hallway begin to glow brighter. STEREO's BLARE behind dorm room doors as electricity surges through the school's wiring. A few bulbs in the hall go white hot and then BURST. STUDENTS jump aside.

Lucas points at Vaughn's closed dorm room door.

LUCAS

Look!

WHITE LIGHT dances from all around the seams of Vaughn's dorm room door. Lucas, Marshall, and Corrine burst into his room to discover...

INT. VAUGHN'S DORM ROOM -- DAY

...Vaughn, wearing safety glasses with smoked tinted lenses standing amidst a highly efficient and complex web of wires surrounding a COLD FUSION GENERATOR. We know what it is because it closely matches the model that Corrine had in Z's class the day before...with a few modifications...which is now on Vaughn's desk. The reactor glows and shimmers with white light. Inside the clear (thick) glass shell, glowing water bubbles furiously.

Vaughn looks up. He throws a switch and the reactor shuts down. Lights around the school return to normal.

VAUGHN

Don't we knock anymore?

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

Fade In:

INT. VAUGHN'S DORM ROOM -- DAY

The scene continues from where we left off.

MARSHALL
(amazed, excited)
That's a cold fusion reactor!

CORRINE
You built my cold fusion reactor.

Corrine's attitude takes a 180. She picks up the model of the reactor that she had made for class.

CORRINE (CONT'D)
Wait a minute...you built my cold fusion reactor?

VAUGHN
Now, now, Corrine. The concept of the cold fusion reactor is hardly yours.

CORRINE
You stole my plans.

Vaughn puts a chummy arm around Corrine's shoulder.

VAUGHN
If it's any consolation...your plans were fundamentally flawed. I had to compensate for some pretty shoddy computations, I must say.

Corrine pushes his arm away. Storms out of the room.

MARSHALL
You're a jerk Vaughn you know that?

Marshall leaves the room after Corrine. Lucas looks at Vaughn for a moment and then follows as well. Bothered by this exchange, Vaughn goes back to his work a little less assured.

EXT. BACK OF SCHOOL - PATIO -- MOMENTS LATER

Lucas joins Marshall and Corrine. Josie sits nearby. Corrine is in the middle of a tirade. Aimed at Marshall.

CORRINE
What do you mean you got him the supplies?!

MARSHALL

How was I to know that he needed oxygenated water and palladium wire to create a hypothetical power source?

LUCAS

Vaughn's cold fusion reactor is no hypothetical power source. It's a monster. And don't ask me how, but I think somehow Vaughn's new ability with fusionable materials and Josie's mental decline are connected.

JOSIE (O.S.)

(scared)
Mental decline...?

Corrine, Marshall and Lucas look at Josie, concern on their faces growing...

INT. PROFESSOR Z'S OFFICE -- DAY

...Josie sits across from Z. Lucas, Marshall and Corrine watch. Worried. Z looks like he could use a shave. He's tinkering with some electrical device on his desk that he's trying to fix.

PROFESSOR Z

How long did you say she's been like this?

LUCAS

Since yesterday. But she's getting worse.

PROFESSOR Z

Okay...so, what happened yesterday?

LUCAS

You mean before or after Vaughn built a working cold fusion reactor?

PROFESSOR Z

Hold it. Did you just say that Vaughn built a cold fusion reactor?

LUCAS

Vaughn has been testing it all morning. I have no idea what he's up to with it.

Professor Z shows the gizmo he's been working on. It's an electrical razor that looks like it was shorted out big time.

PROFESSOR Z

That would explain what happened to my electrical razor.

(and then)

You know, Vaughn doesn't strike me as the "cold-fusion-reactor-building" type. He's just not...

MARSHALL

...Smart enough? That's what makes no sense about this.

Corrine, Lucas, and Z all turn to look at Josie. They get it at the same time.

CORRINE

Josie started 'losing it' at the same time that Vaughn started building the reactor. What if the reactor is getting a little boost from an outside source? Josie.

PROFESSOR Z

The human brain is electrical in nature. As crazy as it may sound...and in this school, NOTHING sounds crazy...Josie's brain power may be helping to power the reactor.

MARSHALL

There's only one way to find out for sure.

LUCAS

We gotta trash it.

From OUTSIDE THE ROOM, we hear...

VICTOR (O.S.)

Careful with that...

Everyone looks at each other. Z goes to the door and opens it a crack.

Z'S P.O.V. - THE MAIN HALLWAY --

as Victor leads TWO WORKERS down the stairs. They carry a wooden crate between them. Vaughn follows, smiling.

VICTOR (CONT'D)

(to the Workers)

I want it brought to my lab immediately.

Victor turns to Vaughn as they reach the bottom of the stairs.

VICTOR (CONT'D)

(smiles)

Thank you, Vaughn. I've never been more proud of you than I am at this moment. We're back in business. Come over to the house for dinner tonight, okay?

VAUGHN

I'll be there, dad.

Z closes the door.

PROFESSOR Z

We're too late. Vaughn's given the reactor to his father.

MARSHALL

Now what?

INT. VAUGHN'S DORM ROOM -- DAY

Lucas, Marshall, and Corrine are in Vaughn's room. He's in almost complete fluster.

VAUGHN

I can't destroy the reactor.

LUCAS

Josie is getting worse. Don't you get that, Vaughn?

VAUGHN

How do we know that her problem is connected to the reactor?

LUCAS

Her problem started around the time you built it.

VAUGHN

Somehow, since then, I've gotten smarter. I don't think the reactor's doing that, Lucas.

Lucas has a realization.

LUCAS

No. I think when you argued before Science Class made Josie the way she is. What did you do to her?

VAUGHN
 (what a ridiculous
 idea; mocking)
 I have no idea what you're talking
 about.

CORRINE
 I think I liked you better less smart.

JOSIE (O.S.)
 Less smart...

For the first time, Vaughn sees Josie. She's led into the room by Professor Z. While this is going on, Lucas notices Vaughn's keys on his desk.

JOSIE (CONT'D)
 Hi, I'm Josie.
 (polite)
 I'm sorry...I don't remember your
 name.

VAUGHN
 (unsure)
 I'm...uh...Vaughn.

JOSIE
 (nodding)
 Vaughn, right.

LUCAS
 (to Vaughn)
 Well?

VAUGHN
 Look...I just, can't do it.

LUCAS
 Fine. C'mon guys...

Corrine and Marshall leave. Lucas leads Josie out of the room. She stops, and turns back to Vaughn.

JOSIE
 It was nice meeting you...

She struggles to remember his name.

VAUGHN
 Vaughn.

JOSIE
 (smiles)
 Nice name.

And she's gone with Lucas. Professor Z remains. Vaughn can't meet his gaze.

EXT. UPPER HALLWAY / OUTSIDE VAUGHN'S ROOM -- CONTINUOUS

Lucas and Josie join Marshall and Corrine.

LUCAS
Corrine...take care of Josie.

MARSHALL
Where are you going?

LUCAS
(correcting)
Where are we going?

Lucas shows Marshall and Corrine Vaughn's keys. Marshall looks worried.

INT. VAUGHN'S DORM ROOM -- MOMENTS LATER

PROFESSOR Z
Josie's abilities are diminishing rapidly, Vaughn. Any further she could suffer permanent damage.

VAUGHN
I can't just destroy the reactor. My father needs it. Something happened the other night... I can't tell you what, but I never saw my father so...broken. It was like his life was over. And then I built the reactor and he came out of it. Do you know what that's like? Doing something for your father that no one else can do?

PROFESSOR Z
No. I can't even imagine, but it sounds wonderful. But then again, it's a feeling that you didn't earn. Those plans didn't belong to you. Neither does what's been taken from Josie. When you take something that's not yours, no matter what you do with it, you create something that doesn't deserve to last.

Professor Z turns and starts to leave the room.

PROFESSOR Z (CONT'D)
Hardly wonderful at all...

Z leaves Vaughn to think this over.

EXT. PEARSON MANSION -- DAY

To establish.

INT. PEARSON MANSION / CORRIDOR -- DAY

Lucas and Marshall make their way down a corridor. Stop at a metal door.

MARSHALL

Are you sure this is the right room?

LUCAS

Vaughn told me his father had a lab in the basement. This has gotta be it.

MARSHALL

How can we be sure?

Lucas presses a button outside the door. The door slides noiselessly open.

LUCAS

By going inside...

INT. PEARSON MANSION / VICTOR'S OFFICE -- CONTINUOUS

Victor is at his desk. Over his shoulder behind him is a video FEED from the lab. If Victor looked over his shoulder, he'd see Lucas and Marshall entering the lab.

INT. PEARSON MANSION / LAB -- DAY

Marshall and Lucas approach the reactor, which glows WHITE HOT in the center of the lab. Additional computers and power supplies are now grafted onto the original design. They grab tinted glasses from a nearby lab table and approach. The bright light and HUM of energy keep them back.

MARSHALL

Okay...how can we destroy this thing?

LUCAS

Two different ideas come to mind. One, we can slowly and carefully dismantle each component.

MARSHALL

That could take us days. Josie doesn't have time. What's the second idea?

LUCAS
 You wearing rubber soled shoes?

Marshall nods, 'yes'.

LUCAS (CONT'D)
 Good. Stand back.

Lucas puts his foot on the table and gives a shove. The table falls over and the reactor falls to the ground. CRASH! Sparks fly. Water spills out of it onto the floor. Lucas and Marshall shield their eyes and the reactor vessel shatters into shards and pieces. ALARMS begin to RING.

MARSHALL
 (impressed)
 Who are you?

They turn to go - BUT THE DOOR SLAMS SHUT BEHIND THEM.

COMPUTER VOICE (O.S.)
 Security Lockdown, in effect.

INT. PEARSON MANSION / VICTOR'S OFFICE -- CONTINUOUS

Victor is at his desk. Looks up at the SOUND of the ALARM. Bolts out of his chair and heads for the door.

INT. PROFESSOR Z'S OFFICE -- DAY

Professor Z and Corrine stand around Josie, who sits on a stool in the middle of the office, waiting for something to happen. Josie seems agitated.

CORRINE
 Josie? How are you doing?

JOSIE
 I...I'm tired.

Josie shuts her eyes and collapses off the stool. Corrine and Z catch her and move her to Z's chair.

INT. PEARSON MANSION / LAB -- CONTINUOUS

MARSHALL
 We've gotta get out of here.

Suddenly, FOOTSTEPS ARE HEARD racing towards them. The DOOR SWINGS OPEN --

LUCAS
 Too late...

And into the lab comes...Vaughn! He looks at the reactor, smashed.

VAUGHN
What did you do?

MARSHALL
What we had to.

LUCAS
To save Josie.

The longest moment as Vaughn process the information.

VAUGHN
(to himself)
To save Josie...
(and then)
Get out of here. Quickly.

Lucas and Marshall don't have to be told twice. They race out of the room. Vaughn goes to the pieces of the reactor. Shakes his head. Victor runs into the room.

VICTOR
Vaughn?! What happened?

Vaughn looks at his father. What's he going to say? Finally...

VAUGHN
The reactor, dad. I...think it was hurting Josie. The stronger it got, the weaker she became. I saw it.

VICTOR
Really?
(disgusted)
Vaughn, wake up. Josie was faking. She knows we need a new power source. She'll stop at nothing to interfere with our plans.
(leans forward)
That's why her mother sent her to Blake Holsey High in the first place...Everything happens for a reason, Vaughn. Everything. Now, I want you to fix this.

VAUGHN
I can't, dad.
(and then)
I gotta go.

Vaughn turns to leave, but Victor stands in his way.

VICTOR
 "Can't" or "won't?"

VAUGHN
 I won't. Not if it means hurting
 Josie.

Victor looks at his son. Grits his teeth.

VICTOR
 One day, Vaughn, I will teach you
 how to take that admirable currency
 you have called loyalty...and deposit
 it in a better bank.

Victor steps aside and let's Vaughn pass him.

INT. PROFESSOR Z'S OFFICE -- NIGHT

Vaughn enters the office quickly. Professor Z, Marshall,
 Corrine, and Lucas are crowded around Josie.

VAUGHN
 How's Josie?

PROFESSOR Z
 She isn't getting better.

CORRINE
 It's like her brain doesn't even
 have enough energy to keep her awake.

LUCAS
 That energy didn't just disappear.
 It went somewhere. Didn't it, Vaughn?

VAUGHN
 So, it isn't the reactor after all.

Marshall looks from Vaughn to Lucas, the only two who seem to
 know the meaning of Lucas's statement.

MARSHALL
 Then, what is it?

VAUGHN
 (realizing)
 It's me. When I touched her in the
 hallway I must have caused a transfer
 of energy...

CORRINE
 ...like between water molecules in a
 cold fusion reaction. She released
 the potential energy within you.

Vaughn goes to Josie and stands in front of her. He palms the Chi Gong Ball, out of sight of the others.

VAUGHN

It's more like...I pulled the energy from her. Like the reactor pulled energy from the water. The smarter I became, the weaker she became.

LUCAS

How do we reverse it, Vaughn?

Vaughn doesn't answer. Instead, he takes the powerless Chi Gong ball out of his pocket. Leans close to Josie and takes her hands in his, holding the Chi Gong Ball between them. Then he kisses her. Lucas looks away. BLACK HOLE ENERGY courses between Vaughn, Josie and the Chi Gong Ball... reverses through Josie and Vaughn and...Josie wakes up!

JOSIE

Did someone just...kiss me?

Vaughn seems unsure...like his memory just got zapped.

VAUGHN

I kinda remember that it may have been me.

Vaughn's woozy. Weak. He sits down on the floor next to Josie's chair.

CORRINE

Vaughn...are you okay?

There is an air of "sadder, but wiser" to Vaughn.

VAUGHN

Good news; I think you can like me again. I'm not smart anymore.

Professor Z goes to Vaughn and gently puts a hand on his shoulder. Everyone looks relieved. Everyone, that is, except Lucas. He watches Vaughn and Josie. Not happy at all.

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT TWO

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FADE IN:

EXT. BACK OF SCHOOL - PATIO -- DAY

Josie, Marshall, Lucas, and Corrine are seated around a table, eating lunch.

CORRINE

How much longer are you going to stay mad at Vaughn?

JOSIE

I haven't decided yet.

LUCAS

Why should she forgive him? I mean, if he had his way, there's no telling where Josie would be right now.

MARSHALL

That's not really true. He did figure out how to bring Josie back.

Lucas glares at Marshall. Vaughn sees them, and exits the back of the school.

CORRINE

Here he comes.

Josie keeps her distance from Vaughn as he approaches.

VAUGHN

I don't expect you guys to forgive me right away, but I really am sorry about what happened. I was just trying to help my father.

Nobody says anything. Finally (and mostly to Josie)...

VAUGHN (CONT'D)

I...guess I'll catch you all later.

Vaughn puts the powerless Chi Gong ball down on the table next to Josie.

VAUGHN (CONT'D)

This is yours.

He walks off. Josie watches Vaughn leave. It's obvious that part of her wants to go after him. Forgive him. None of this is lost on Lucas.

CORRINE

Josie, look. I know you're still
mad at him, but he's not his father.

Lucas MUMBLES quietly under his breath.

LUCAS

Not yet, anyway...

INT. PEARSON MANSION / VICTOR'S OFFICE -- NIGHT

Victor sits at his desk, PHONE RINGING. Victor doesn't want to answer it. The RINGING gets to him. Anger builds. Victor picks up the phone and hurls it at the wall. But as it leaves his hand the phone FREEZES IN MID-AIR, AS DOES VICTOR.

JOSIE 2 appears in the office! Goes to the telescope stand and opens the secret compartment. She then takes out THE FLOATING CHI GONG BALL from her cloak and places it into the telescope stand, leaving the secret compartment open.

JOSIE2

You can have this back now, Victor.
Take better care of it this time.
Remember...You have it for a reason.

She looks at Victor, smiles, pops the stem in on her futuristic "time device" AND THEN DISAPPEARS AS TIME RESUMES.

The phone that Victor threw crashes into the wall by the telescope! Victor notices that the compartment is open. Goes to investigate. Sees the ball. He exhales, sharply. He removes the chi gong ball from the compartment and watches it as it hovers above his hand. He smiles.

INT. BASEMENT -- NIGHT

Josie2 enters with the Janitor. Her hood is off.

JANITOR

I don't suppose I'll be seeing you
again for a while.

The Janitor OPENS A TIME ZIPPER IN FRONT OF HER. Josie2 smiles. She puts her hood back over her head.

JOSIE2

You never know.

Josie2 steps through the zipper and it closes behind her. The Janitor narrows his eyes as we...

FADE OUT:

END OF SHOW