

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
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FADE IN:

EXT. OPEN SPACE IN THE PARK DAY

ALICE is fiddling with the camera; meanwhile YURI is waiting for her while posing in front of the camera.

YURI

(turns around)

Are you sure you don't need my help?

ALICE

(tilting the camera up and down)

I just need to adjust the camera's position. It won't take long.

Alice places the camera in the right position and moves back a little to admire her 'work'.

ALICE

(puts her hand at her side)

Done!

(looks up to Yuri)

We could start now.

YURI

(claps her hands together)

Great! Oh, while you are meddling with the camera, I was wondering if I could do a twirl in the video.

(twirling her finger)

I think it would look nice.

ALICE

(grimaces)

I don't think...

Yuri starts twirling while swinging her hands at her side,

but accidentally trips on her foot, loses her balance and fell to the ground.

YURI  
(rubbing her butt)  
Ouch!

ALICE  
(runs to Yuri)  
Yuri!  
(squats down next  
to Yuri)  
Are you okay?

From the ground, Yuri looks up to the sun and squints, while using her hand to block the sun rays from getting to her eyes.

YURI  
(smiles at Alice)  
I'm fine.  
(fanning herself)  
It's starting to get hot here.

ALICE  
(helps Yuri to get  
up)  
You're under the sun on a hot  
day in summer, what do you  
expect?

Yuri stood up with Alice's help and turns away from the sun. Then, she saw a wall of trees nearby that provide shade.

YURI  
(points to the  
trees)  
How about we move there? It  
looks cooler.

ALICE  
(hesitates)  
I'm not sure. It looks a bit  
creepy and gloomy. I like the  
sun.

YURI

(grabs Alice's  
arms)  
Come on Alice. Please.

ALICE  
(sighs)  
Okay, okay. You win.

YURI  
(hugs Alice)  
Yay! Thanks, Alice.

Alice pinches Yuri's face and turns to pack the equipment,  
while Yuri happily runs to the shades.

CUT TO:

EXT. WALL OF TREES DAY

A BLACK HOODED FIGURE is standing behind some trees, out of  
view, while watching the pair of girls closely.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. IN THE SHADE DAY

Alice and Yuri are posing in front of the camera, getting  
ready to start recording.

ALICE  
(shakes her finger)  
Remember not to do the twirl  
again.

YURI  
(salutes)  
I won't, ma'am!

ALICE  
(laughs and messes  
up Yuri's hair)  
Stop fooling around already.  
It's going to start recording.

CUT TO:

EXT. A DISTANCE AWAY FROM THEM DAY

The black hooded figure slowly moves into them, a few steps at a time, still keeping an eye on the Alice and Yuri who is still recording.

YURI  
(swings her arms in  
the air)  
Surprise! Happy 16th birthday,  
sweetie!

ALICE  
Thus, to celebrate your 16th  
birthday, we are recording  
this video especially for you.

The black hooded figure moves a few more steps closer to them, moving into the background of the shot.

YURI  
(playfully)  
So don't you dare complain  
that we didn't get you a  
birthday present!

ALICE  
We hope you will enjoy it and  
will remember all the good  
times we have together.

The black hooded figure is now just a few steps behind them and is reaching out his hand to touch them.

Suddenly, Alice turned around, but finds no one behind them.

ALICE  
(curiously)  
That's weird. I thought  
someone was behind us.

YURI  
(laughs)  
You're just feeling paranoid,  
Alice.

ALICE  
(grimace, then

shrugs)  
Well, I guess so.

YURI  
Let's check how we're doing.  
They move to the camera and took it from the tripod stand.

Then, they sat down on the grass, under the sun, to watch the video.

Meanwhile, from the shadows of the trees, the black hooded moves in to them again.

ALICE  
(suddenly)  
Stop! Rewind the tape. There's something wrong.

They rewind the tape to the beginning again.

They paused on the scene where the black hooded figure is behind them and is reaching for them.

YURI  
(surprised)  
Oh my god! Who's that?

Alice snatched the camera from Yuri and examined the tape more closely, ignoring the shadow that is getting closer and closer to them.

Alice suddenly feels a chill down her back and turns around; just to see the hooded figure standing right behind them, with both hands stretched out in front of him.

Alice screams frantically and dropped the camera she's holding.

The camera rolls over the grass and stops as the screaming stopped abruptly.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. RECORDING OF THE TAPE      DAY

The tape is showing black hooded figure laughing menacingly into the camera. Then the figure starts singing the birthday

song, but in a very eerie manner.

FADE OUT:

THE END