

**EXT. BUSH - AFTERNOON**

GEMMA, MAX

MAX sits on a log just outside the community. GEMMA emerges from the bush.

GEMMA

There you are. I've been looking all over.

MAX ignores her.

GEMMA (CONT'D)

You can't just go wondering off like that, okay?

MAX

Didn't think anyone would notice.

GEMMA can now see MAX in genuinely upset. She moves closer to him.

GEMMA

What are you talking about?

She sits beside him, but he still doesn't talk.

GEMMA (CONT'D)

It's okay. You can tell me.

MAX'S mind ticks over.

MAX

It's just... ever since the others arrived, I've been thinking about before... you know... before we were here.

GEMMA gives him a comforting smile.

GEMMA

That's normal. I guess I have too.

MAX

Can you remember your mum and dad?

A sadness comes over her.

GEMMA

I guess... a bit.

She smiles as a memory comes flooding back.

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GEMMA (CONT'D)

I remember my mum used to do this thing where she's try and flip pancakes and they'd always end up on the roof.

He laughs, but the story just makes MAX'S melancholy worse.

GEMMA (CONT'D)

What is it?

MAX

I can't remember anything about my parents.

GEMMA feels his pain and searches her mind for a way to dull it.

GEMMA

Well I can tell you something about them.

He looks up.

GEMMA (CONT'D)

No matter where they are, or what they're doing, they still love you. Lots and lots. And until they find you, which they will, I'll be your family.

MAX smiles.

MAX

Really?

GEMMA

Promise.

He smiles and gives her a hug.