The right way. By: Leiana Mireles.

(Two best friends are trying to go to a concert, Tara, and John. John thought they made it to the right bus stop but once they got off the bus, they both realized they had no idea where they were.)

John: Look, I'm sorry. I thought this was the right stop, I haven't been to the concert arena in years, so I was going through memory here.

Tara: Whatever we can still make it in time, let’s just see what time the next bus comes.

(They both look at the schedule on the post in front of the bus stop.)

John: Dang it, the bus doesn't come back for another hour and a half. We should call an uber or something.

Tara: And spend more money in addition to these tickets, no thank you! Look, I see a trail in the forest. It looks like it leads to the concert arena, I think we should follow it.

(John looks ahead with a little fear, but he doesn't want Tara to see it.)
John: Why would you want to go through the forest when we could get a ride there safer and faster.

Tara: This is not up for discussion. I want to make it there in time; we have been waiting for this day for awhile.

(Tara grabs John's wrist and she starts jogging into the pathway until they are both far enough in to start walking.)

John: How long do you think it is going to for us to get there?

Tara: I am hoping in just 10 minutes, lucky for us the concert doesn’t start for an hour. So we will have time to spare to get everything situated.

(It gets silent for a moment, until John breaks the ice.)

John: Do you remember when we were in kindergarten, and all we wanted to do was be explorers when we grew up?

Tara: I do. We used to go to that playground by your house, and at the back of the playground was a trail.

John: I remember us trying to dig holes to find gold. Instead, all we did was find worms and bugs.

Tara: That was never something that was going to get us rich.
(They both start laughing.)

John: This is nice, we have not spent time together like this in months. To be honest I have been wondering about that for a while. Why is that?

(Tara looks at John, debating if she should tell John the truth.)

Tara: Maybe it had to do with your girlfriend, you wanted to spend all your time with her.

(John looks puzzled)

John: We did invite you to places with us, but you always rejected us.

Tara: I know, but I didn't want to disrupt you guys on your dates, plus I didn't want to be the third wheel, it's like one of the worst feelings of the world. Can we just change the subject?

(John looks at Tara with confusion)

John: Ok. Well, I guess about the old trail behind the playground. I went there a couple of months ago. They tore down the old bridge above the water, but they kept that big rock that was by it.
Tara: oh no! That's sad, it was a beautiful bridge, but I am glad they kept the rock there. I'm not going to lie though I'm hurt you decided to go to the old trail by yourself then inviting me.

John: I didn't go by myself, I brought Kylee with me.

Tara: Wait. You brought Kylee with you?

John: Yeah, she loved it. I took her there by the waterfall for a picnic for our 4 months.

(Tara is in shock)

Tara: Do you not remember the promise we made at that exact spot!

(John is trying to remember till he finally gets it.)

John: Are you talking about how we promised never to bring somewhere to that spot?

Tara: Yes.

(Tara is now fuming with anger.)

John: Are you serious, it's a public park I'm sure a lot of people have gone to the waterfall before and after we discovered it.
Tara: You don't understand, we promised each other that we only we would bring each other there that would be our spot to think and talk.

John: But Tara, that was a promise we made years ago, when we were just little kids.

Tara: Yet I kept that promise!

John: I don't think it's just about the promise.

Tara: What are you yapping about now?

John: This is about Kylee. You have never been her biggest fan. What did she even do to you?

(Tara is starting to get more upset as the conversation keeps going.)

Tara: I have never had a problem with Kylee.

John: Then I don't understand why you are getting upset.

Tara: Because we are in the middle of this forest when we could have been on a warm bus, you took your girlfriend to a spot that we promised each other we would never take anybody, and lastly and this is a big one. You never realized that I have had feeling for you for years and you were to blind to see it.

(John looks at Tara at shock.)
John: What are you talking about?

(Tara has just realized that her biggest secret is out.)

Tara: John. I have liked you for years, at least since we were in middle school. For years I have tried to keep in my feelings and push them down as much as possible, and it's been one of the hardest things I had to do. But when you started to talk to Kylee in the beginning of freshman year that broke me. That is why I stopped hanging around you.

(John starts to stutter.)

John: wha- wh- why. Why did you never say anything?

Tara: To be fair I never planned on telling you. But the reason why I didn't was because I never wanted our friendship to change. Meeting you on that first day of kindergarten really changed my life, you changed my life. You were my first friend, you taught me how to be confident, you're so funny when I'm sad, mad, or even happy. And you have been there for the good and the bad. That why today was so important because this is the first time in forever that you and kylee were going to spend the day together. It was finally going to be just you and me, just like old time.
(kylee spots a tree and she sits down to rest from all the walking. John is still in shock from what tara has explained to him. But after a moment he takes a seat next to tara and sits there in silence till he finally speaks.)

John: You know me, and Kylee broke up right?

Tara: I had no idea. When did this happen?

John: It's been at least a month.

Tara: I'm sorry I didn't know. Why didn't you tell me?

John: I thought you were mad at me, or you just didn't want to talk to me anymore. But when you asked me if I wanted to go to this concert, it made me really happy.

Tara: Wow, I have really been a jerk, I'm so sorry. I didn't mean to be cold towards you.

John: It’s ok, I’m just relieved I didn't do anything.

Tara: If I can ask, what caused the breakup?

(John gets nervous from his answer)

John: Honestly... you
Tara: me? What did I do?

John: You didn’t do anything. It was me. You weren't the only person who had a crush in this friendship.

(Tara looks at John with confusion.)

Tara: I'm sorry, are you saying you had a crush on me too?

John: Maybe I still do. Tara, I have also admired you for who you are. I think one of the best parts of our friendship is that we get to learn from each other, and we make each other better. I did like you since the beginning of this year. But I didn’t think you would ever have feelings for me in that way, and since it didn't seem like things were going to go anywhere between us I moved on. Thats why I asked her out.

(Tara is also shocked to find out this news, but she lets John keep going)

John: After a while everything was great. We got along well, and I thought I had moved on. But turns out within the 4 months we had been dating I kept talking about you and I didn't even realize it. When she finally had enough, she told me either I could stop seeing you or we were over. Even though I thought you were mad at me, knowing I wouldn't be able to talk to you was something I couldn't do.
(After hearing what John had to say she starts thinking real hard, and John starts to notice.)

John: What are you thinking about?

Tara: It's just we both liked each other, and none of us knew. Things used to be so much easier when we were younger. What happened?

(There is a pause until John speaks.)

John: Well, we had to grow up. But I will admit, I do miss when we used to play pretend.

Tara: Me too, more than anything. But we can't live in the past; we must keep moving forward and living in the present.

John: Well then, speaking of the present, since you're single, and I'm single. Would you like to go out with me?

(Tara looks at John and raises on her eyebrows.)

Tara: Who said I was single.

(John starts to stutter)

John: I'm- I- didn't
Tara: John, I'm messing with you, of course I'll go out with you!

(John starts to chuckle.)

John: Somethings never change huh?

Tara: Nope

(They both start to chuckle)

Tara: Does this mean everything changes?

John: Maybe, but that doesn't mean our friendship does. Let's promise no matter what happens in this relationship, we will always be best friends forever.

Tara: I couldn't agree more.

(They shook hands in agreement, and John pulls Tara into a hug. After a second, John and Tara gently pull away and look into each other's eyes, and kiss into a warm embrace.)

Tara: I have been wanting to do that for a while.

(John chuckles.)

John: Do you still want to go to the concert anymore?
Tara: Honestly, I could care less now. I think we should just catch that bus or go back home.

John: Why go home, let's go on our first date. It has been long over do.

(Tara and John head back to the bus stop hand in hand. The end.)