

SASHA SIDES

ELLA

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EXT. SUNSET CEMETERY - CONTINUOUS

Abe jumps over the low wall and SPRINTS through the cemetery.

START

EXT. SUNSET LANE - CONTINUOUS

Abe crosses a street, looking both ways. He JOGS through the narrow lane behind houses, already winded.

In the distance, he hears a CAR PEELING AROUND A CORNER. Abe ducks behind a wall, catching his breath.

SASHA

You see anyone?

Sasha, from before, hides behind a wall across the lane.

Abe crawls out and walks out into the street.

ABE

Clear.

SASHA

Let's go.

Abe and Sasha RUN THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. Sasha moves like a cross-country runner. Abe tries his best to keep up.

Suddenly -- MILES' CAR SPOTS THEM AND HEADS THEIR WAY.

ABE

This way!

They run into a dead end, marked with a "NO OUTLET" sign.

MILES' CAR slides up, and two MASKED CHASERS (Jermaine and Jordan) exit the car. They search the area.

BEHIND A FENCE, in a backyard with a TIRE SWING: Abe and Sasha hide together, covered in a sheen of sweat.

Abe looks down: Sasha's GRIPPING HIS HAND. Whoa.

SASHA

Can they see us?

Through the fence, they see the Chasers APPROACH.

JERMAINE

They went this way...

Silence. Then--

JORDAN

Found one!

PETER, a soccer-playing freshman, BOLTS out of his nearby hiding place and away from them. Jordan runs and TACKLES PETER. Peter resists. Jordan SLAMS HIM INTO THE GROUND.

Ella, still masked, exits the car. She's on the phone, the conversation serious.

ELLA

(into phone)

Why isn't dad, I dunno, doing his goddamn job?

Miles, lounging, brushes Ella's hair. Ella waves him off.

ELLA (CONT'D)

(into phone)

...no, I'll pick it up.

Abe and Sasha watch, peaking through the fence.

Jordan drags Peter into the car. Jermaine keeps searching. Ella opens Miles' trunk, pulls out a SKATEBOARD.

ELLA (CONT'D)

Sorry, gotta borrow this.

MILES

Hey wait--

Ella PUSHES OFF MILES, sliding away through a narrow sidewalk. She flashes a peace sign.

MILES (CONT'D)

Ella what the fuck?!

Miles and Jermaine exchange looks, then get in the car and PEEL OUT.

SASHA

You dropped something.

Sasha lets go of Abe's hand. Abe looks down: his KNIFE dropped in the grass. He pockets it.

SASHA (CONT'D)

Why do you have a knife?

ABE

I got it from my brother.

SASHA

Oh.

A CAR SCREECHES IN THE DISTANCE. OTHER KIDS SCREAM.

SASHA (CONT'D)

We should go.

She sneaks. Abe follows, tripping over himself.

EXT. SHOP QUIK - SUNSET

Abe and Sasha dash to the Shop Quik, touching the entrance.

SASHA

Looks like we're first.

She jogs in place, cooling down. Abe doubles over, huffing.

Sasha looks around for the others. Abe, still gassed:

ABE

You wanna go for a walk--

Sasha's PHONE BUZZES. She reads it.

SASHA

Oh jeez. Family dinner.

ABE

Cool. Cool cool.

SASHA

What was your name?

ABE

Abe.

SASHA

Sasha.

(beat)

See you in class.

Sasha takes off jogging.

STOP

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EXT. SHOP QUIK - MAGIC HOUR

Abe leans against the wall. He chews on a toothpick.