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INT. STEVEN'S ROOM - NIGHT

STEVEN, 11 year old, kid is sitting in front of his computer. He is watching a video of himself getting an F in school.

STEVEN  
This sucks.

Steven deletes the footage. He then opens his emails and downloads a new file. He replaces the footage of himself getting an A.

STEVEN (cont'd)  
That's better.

The clock strikes midnight and his computer freezes.

STEVEN (cont'd)  
Just in time.

INT. STEVEN'S ROOM - DAY

Steven is sleeping in his bed. KATHERINE, 30-something woman is standing at Steven's bed.

KATHERINE  
Wake up honey. Time for school.

Steven wakes up. He lazily sits up in his bed.

STEVEN  
I'm so tired.

KATHERINE  
I have everything prepared for you downstairs. I have to go to work now. Have a nice day.

STEVEN  
(tiredly)  
Thanks.

Katherine suddenly starts crying.

STEVEN (cont'd)  
Are you alright mom?

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KATHERINE

Yes. It's just. I can't believe that  
your father...

Steven saddens.

STEVEN

I just wish cancer wouldn't have  
taken him away so soon.

KATHERINE

He went away so unexpectedly. I wish  
that I'd known at least that he moved  
on.

Steven sighs sadly.

KATHERINE (cont'd)

(trying to hold back  
her tears)

Promise me that you'll never leave me  
alone.

STEVEN

I promise mom.

Katherine stands up and walks towards the door.

KATHERINE

I'll be downstairs. Come down when  
you're ready for school.

Katherine walks out of the room, leaving the sad Steven  
behind.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Steven is sitting at his desk. The TEACHER walks around  
giving out their tests.

TEACHER

As you can see this test was harder  
than usual.

The teacher walks over to Steven's desk.

TEACHER (cont'd)

And only one person got an A.

STEVEN

(whispers to himself)  
Who could it be?

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TEACHER  
Congratulations Steven.

Steven mischievously smiles.

INT. STEVEN'S ROOM - NIGHT

Steven is sitting at his computer again.

STEVEN  
When will this guy send me the files  
again?

Steven gets a bunch of files from an unknown user via email.

STEVEN (cont'd)  
Let's see what I can choose from.

Steven downloads all the files. Then he places one of them  
into his editing program.

It's a footage of himself walking up to the rooftop of the  
school.

STEVEN (cont'd)  
What is this?

Steven drops off from the top of the school.

STEVEN (cont'd)  
NO! I have to delete this!

The clock strikes midnight and the computer freezes.

STEVEN (cont'd)  
NO!

Steven starts beating his computer.

STEVEN (cont'd)  
(scream)  
DAMN IT! NO!

He starts smashing the keyboards.

STEVEN (cont'd)  
NO!

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INT. STEVEN'S ROOM - DAY

Steven wakes up in his room.

KATHERINE (V.O.)  
Are you awake Steven?

STEVEN  
Yes!

KATHERINE (V.O.)  
Okay. See you in the afternoon! I  
love you!

STEVEN  
I love you too!

KATHERINE  
Bye!

STEVEN  
(nervously)  
Bye.

Katherine smashes the door in from downstairs.

Steven jumps up from his desk and logs in to his computer.  
He opens his editing program and tries to open the scene he  
created yesterday, but it just won't open.

STEVEN (cont'd)  
No worries. I'm not going into school  
today.

INT. STREETS - DAY

Steven is walking on the streets.

MASKED MAN (V.O.)  
We have successfully planted the bomb  
inside the school.

Steven hears this and turns towards the place he heard the  
voice coming from. He spots a MASKED MAN talking on his  
phone.

MASKED MAN  
Yes, West Peddington.

STEVEN  
That's my school.

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MASKED MAN

It's going to explode in thirty minutes.

STEVEN

Oh my god.

Steven sprints away.

INT. SCHOOL - DAY

Steven races through the empty floors of the school. He grabs his phone from his pocket. The batteries are dead.

STEVEN

Damn it!

He runs inside his classroom.

STEVEN'S CLASSROOM

Steven hurries inside.

STEVEN (cont'd)

Everybody get out of here right now, there's a bomb inside!

Everyone starts screaming and they run towards the exit.

TEACHER

Steven. What are you doing?

STEVEN

I overheard a man outside. He was talking about a bomb inside the school!

TEACHER

How could you do this Steven?

STEVEN

Do what?

TEACHER

A prank.

STEVEN

This is not a prank. I swear. I heard it with --

TEACHER

-- Get out of here right now!

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STEVEN

But...

TEACHER

Now!

Steven turns back and leaves. Just as he leaves the teacher picks up his phone. He calls someone.

TEACHER (O.S.)

You idiot! How could you call me in front of a kid?

MASKED MAN

(over phone)

I'm so... sorry...

TEACHER

Thanks to this I'll have to clean up your mess right now!

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INT. SCHOOL - DAY

Steven is running around the school.

STEVEN

GET OUT OF HERE EVERYONE! THERE'S A BOMB INSIDE!

Everyone around him starts panicking and they run towards the exit like mad.

Katherine walks towards Steven.

KATHERINE

Steven. What are you doing?

STEVEN

Mom? You here?

KATHERINE

Your headmaster called me in. He said that you were creating panic.

STEVEN

No I'm not. Mom you gotta believe me. There's a bomb inside!

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Steven notices the masked man walking upstairs. Steven decides to follow him.

KATHERINE  
Steven, where are you going?

Katherine hurries after Steven.

INT. SCHOOL ROOFTOP - DAY

The masked man walks over to the edge of the roof.

STEVEN  
Stop!

The masked man turns around.

MASKED MAN  
So you were actually dumb enough to follow me.  
(laughs viciously)

STEVEN  
What are you talking about?

MASKED MAN  
This wasn't meant to happen.

Katherine catches up with Steven.

KATHERINE  
Steven what's going on?

STEVEN  
Mom, call the police, quick!

The teacher suddenly grabs Katherine from behind.

TEACHER  
She's not going to call anybody.

STEVEN  
Let her go!

TEACHER  
(to the masked man)  
How much time is left?

Masked man checks his watch.

MASKED MAN  
3 minutes.

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TEACHER  
Deactivate the bomb. We won't have  
enough time to leave this place.

Steven sighs relieved. The masked man walks over to the bomb  
that was wired to the edge of the roof.

TEACHER (cont'd)  
Don't be so relieved Steven. We will  
come back. But you two won't be alive  
by then.

KATHERINE  
Let me go!

STEVEN  
Why are you doing this?

TEACHER  
(upset)  
I have to!

STEVEN  
Why?

TEACHER  
Because if I won't, they will kill  
me!!

STEVEN  
Who?

TEACHER  
A national criminal organization.

Katherine bites the teacher's fingers. The teacher flinches  
and accidentally lets go of Katherine.

The masked man comes back and grabs Steven from behind.

STEVEN  
Mom! Help!

KATHERINE  
Let go of him!

The masked man starts pulling Steven towards the edge of the  
roof.

KATHERINE (cont'd)  
No!

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Katherine wants to run over to them, but the Teacher stands up and knocks her out from behind.

Katherine drops onto the ground unconscious.

STEVEN

Mom!

The masked man arrives to the edge of the roof with Steven.

STEVEN (cont'd)

NO!

Steven desperately tries to brake loose from the masked man's grasp. The masked man loses his balance and they fall off the roof.

TEACHER

No!

Katherine wakes up.

KATHERINE

(in terror)

Where's Steven?

She notices that the teacher is staring down on the ground in terror.

KATHERINE (cont'd)

(crying)

No!

Katherine rushes over to the rooftop, her eyes filled with tears.

KATHERINE (cont'd)

(screaming)

NO!

INT. STEVEN'S ROOM - DAY

The family photo of Steven and her mom falls off from the table and breaks on the ground.

INT. DARK ROOM - NIGHT

Steven wakes up in a dark room. Unexpectedly the a door slowly opens letting in a white light from the other side.

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Through the door comes a TALL MAN and kindly smiles at Steven.

Steven looks at the man shocked.

STEVEN

Father?

The TALL MAN steps closer to Steven.

TALL MAN

Why didn't you take my warnings  
Steven?

STEVEN

What are you talking about?

TALL MAN

Why did you go to the school even  
though you knew you were going to  
die?

STEVEN

I... Wait. You... You sent me the  
files?

TALL MAN

I was trying to warn you about the  
upcoming events. I didn't want...  
(sighs sadly)  
I didn't want your mother to suffer  
even more.

STEVEN

Am I dead?

TALL MAN

Sadly, I don't know.

Steven stands up.

STEVEN

Do you know where we are?

The tall man looks around himself.

TALL MAN

No. Do you?

Steven slowly shakes his head. His eyes become teary. Steven  
rushes over to his father and hugs him.

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STEVEN  
Why did you have to go so soon?

Steven's father sighs.

TALL MAN  
It's going to be alright Steven.

The tall man stands a step backward.

TALL MAN (cont'd)  
I have to go now Steven.

STEVEN  
What? No? Dad, please don't go yet.

The tall man disappears in the white light and the door closes.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

Steven wakes up in a hospital room. His mother is crying beside his bed.

Steven weakly sits up.

STEVEN  
Mom?

Katherine looks up at Steven surprised. Her eyes are wet from crying.

KATHERINE  
(gasps in relief)  
Steven? You're alive?

Katherine hugs Steven.

STEVEN  
What happened?

Katherine smiles at Steve.

KATHERINE  
I thought I was going to lose you too. You were in coma for a week after the operation.

STEVEN  
I was operated?

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KATHERINE

Yes.

Steven is astonished.

Short silence.

Steven looks at his mom sadly.

STEVEN

I saw dad.

KATHERINE

You saw who?

STEVEN

Dad. I saw him moments before I woke up.

KATHERINE

How was he?

STEVEN

I think he moved on.

Katherine starts crying and hugs Steven again.

STEVEN (cont'd)

It's going to be alright mom.

Steven hugs his mother back.

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