

The Adventures of SuperDad

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EXT. HOUSE - SECOND CITY 2027 - DAY

FADE IN

Leaves fall from a tree on a picturesque autumn day.  
A man plays catch with his son in the yard.  
They share laughs having a great father son moment.

RYITEN (V.O.)  
What does it mean to be a dad?  
Responsibility? ...  
Provider? ...  
Role model? ...  
Educator? ...

A KID (RYITEN THYME, 7) glumly watches from the street.  
He walks off.

RYITEN (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
Who really needs a dad anyway?

EXT. SECOND CITY STREETS - SAME

Ryiten walks through the big city alone.  
He passes A SIGN: "Dad Zone"  
Lugs his bookbag thru his poverty stricken neighborhood.  
Trash and graffiti everywhere.  
Kids run amok in the streets.

A GANG

Stands at a shop corner.  
Mothers protectively steer their children from the chaos.

Ryiten walks through the madness.  
They push him to the ground.  
Teasing him with hurtful insults.

He ignores them.  
Approaches the shop window.  
Transfixed on the TV.

A MIME

Performs his routine for an audience.  
They laugh and cheer joyously.  
Ryiten comically imitates him.

EXT. SECOND CITY - DOWNTOWN - SAME

A city under mass construction.  
Upgrades left and right.

Ryiten sits on a street corner, holding a sign:

...“PLEASE HELP”...

People just walk past, lost in their own problems.  
Ryiten's stomach growls something serious.  
He checks his money cup. Barely a dollar.  
Enough is enough!

EXT. SECOND CITY SUPERMARKET - A SHORT TIME LATER

Ryiten dashes out the door.  
Food falling from his pockets.  
He bolts down the street, running from POLICE.  
They cut him off in an instant.  
Empties his pockets. Places him in the car.  
Escorting him back home.

RYITEN (V.O.)

We didn't have dads where I came  
from. We didn't have anybody.

INT. SECOND CITY FOSTER CARE - NIGHT

A huge facility. Old. Sturdy.  
Reminiscent of jail.  
...“NO LOVE”.... written across the wall in marker.  
Kids wildly run down the hall for activity time.

Ryiten hurriedly gathers BED LINERS from the beds.  
He covers the beds with sheets and covers.  
Stashes liners under his bed.

LATER THAT NIGHT...

Everyone is sound asleep.  
Ryiten ties the liners together.  
Makes a rope. Ties it to his bed post.  
Scales down the rope out a window.  
He jumps to the ground.  
Takes off into the night.

EXT. SECOND CITY LUMBER - DAWN

Ryiten sweeps outside a local business.  
He washes windows, squeaky clean.  
Carries trash to the trash bins.  
The store owner hands Ryiten a couple dollars.

EXT. SECOND CITY STREETS - MORNING

Ryiten stands at a street corner.  
He plays the role of a MIME.  
People stop, watch, and cheer.

RYITEN (V.O.)

I learned how to survive on my own.  
I made money doing different  
things. But one thing I loved more  
than anything was acting.

(beat)

It was a way to let out the  
emotion. The anger. It made me feel  
like somebody. I could finally be  
something I wasn't.

EXT. ABANDONED BUILDING - NIGHT

Back in his old neighborhood.  
Ryiten surveys the dilapidated property.  
He enters through a boarded up window around back.

INT. ABANDONED BUILDING - SAME

Inside, it's absolutely horrible.  
Planks and beams protrude from ceilings and floors.  
Trash and paper scattered everywhere.

Ryiten gingerly moves through the destruction.  
Walks up an unsafe stairwell.  
Enters a tiny corner office.

...Home.

He grabs his covers and lays in his makeshift bed.  
Pushes aside his curtains. (Bed sheets hung up)  
Desolately stares out into the stars.  
Subtly cries himself to sleep.

RYITEN (V.O.)

A broken child... I mean, what  
could a dad teach me that is so  
special, huh?

(beat)

What could he possibly tell me, to  
keep me from falling to pieces?

(beat)

I never found that out. Until the  
day I became a dad.

INT. SECOND CITY CLOCKS - 23 YEARS LATER - DAY

NEWS ANCHOR (O.S.)  
Poverty. Crime. Substance abuse.  
Drop out rates sky high.

NEWS ANCHOR #2 (O.S.)  
It was a mistake. Dad zones? ...

MOVEMENT MOM (O.S.)  
Zones where dads were present. We  
hoped forcing the other dads out  
would promote change.

NEWS ANCHOR #2 (O.S.)  
It did. A change in the wrong  
direction.

NEWS ANCHOR (O.S.)  
Seems like we're facing an  
epidemic.

NEWS ANCHOR #2 (O.S.)  
We may be.

...below.

A SIGN: "Mr. Wise sells more than just clocks"

...DING!

The store bell rings.  
A woman (LYFE THYME, pregnant, glowing) passes by.  
Her husband (RYITEN, tall, dark, handsome) follows lockstep.  
The nostalgic scent of pumpkin spice reels Lyfe in.  
She awes at the innovative and unique clocks.  
One catches her eye.

LYFE  
(picks it up)  
This brings back memories. What  
about this one in the family room?

She turns back.  
Ryiten's in his own world making a video.

RYITEN CAM...

RYITEN  
Counting down! This clock will  
signify everything. The time we  
devoted to this pregnancy. It's  
been rough. I've been yelled at.  
Verbally abused. I--

Ryiten switches angles.  
 Catches Lyfe's death stare.  
 He instantly stops.  
 Approaches the clerk (MR. WISE).  
 Mr. Wise mutes the TV.

MR. WISE  
 (smug smile)  
 How far along?

RYITEN  
 ...nine months. Almost time.

MR. WISE  
 Soon time will put its hands on  
 you. Don't tick it off.

Mr. Wise's face, cold as ice.  
 Ryiten looks around.  
 An awkward silence...

RYITEN  
 I'm actually looking for something  
 antique-ish. On the inexpensive  
 side.

MR. WISE  
 I can make you a deal for the one  
 she's holding. That is, if you do  
 something for me.

Mr. Wise frailly approaches the clock.  
 He slips on a wet spot.  
 He glances down at the floor.  
 Checks the ceiling.  
 No leaks. Nothing.  
 Ryiten glances at Lyfe.

...she's bent over, leaning against the clock display.

RYITEN  
 Babe? ...

Lyfe nods her head.  
 Ryiten throws his hands on his.  
 Panic rushing in--

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
 What do I do? What do I do?!

LYFE  
 (calm)  
 Buy the clock.

Ryiten nervously fiddles in his pocket.  
 Hands trembling.  
 Mr. Wise stops him.

MR. WISE  
 Money can buy you a lot of things.  
 But it can't buy time. This clock  
 cost money. The time is free.  
 (pats Ryiten on the back)  
 Take care of that baby. The  
 revolution starts with you.

EXT. SECOND CITY - NORTH AVENUE - SAME

Large holographic billboards protrude from buildings.  
 People walk the strip mall bags in hand.  
 Horns and screams fill the traffic ridden street.  
 The hyper-rail comes to a stop above.

HYPER-RAIL NAVIGATOR  
 North Avenue!

...below.

INT. RYITEN'S CAR - SAME

RYITEN CAM

Lyfe fearfully hyperventilates, a nervous wreck.  
 Ryiten jumps in the backseat.  
 He glances up at the auto drive system.

It reads : "ARRIVAL 30 MINUTES"

RYITEN  
 Breathe with me. No need for freak  
 outs.

A CLOWN gingerly walks by the window.  
 Ryiten jumps out of his skin!  
 Punches the window in frustration.

Lyfe has another contraction.  
 She squeezes Ryiten's hand.  
 The pain etched across her face.  
 She opens her eyes to Ryiten's calm voice.

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
 ...you look beautiful.

Tears roll down her puffy cheeks.  
 Ryiten gently wipes them away.

She takes a breath, calming her nerves.

LYFE  
...I love you.

Then the pregnant demon comes out of Lyfe.  
She grabs Ryiten by the shirt collar.

LYFE (CONT'D)  
Now turn that (damn) camera off and  
get me to the hospital!

Ryiten looks up.  
The hyper-rail takes off.  
Damn. New idea!  
He hops in the drivers seat.  
Disables the auto drive system.  
The hovercar wobbles.

LYFE (CONT'D)  
(holding on)  
Ryiten, what are you doing?! Nobody  
can handle manual. It's against the  
law, you know?!

The car stalls and jerks.  
Ryiten hits the gas.  
Jumps the curb.  
He aggressively honks the horn.

ON THE SIDEWALK

People scurry!  
Dramatically diving out the way.  
The car slowly hovers past.

EXT. SECOND CITY HOSPITAL - 15 MINUTES LATER

Ryiten's hovercar pulls up.

...A CANE.  
...A TABLECLOTH.  
...And the TABLE slowly drag in tow.  
...The car comes to a screeching halt.

INT. SECOND CITY HOSPITAL - MOMENTS LATER

Ryiten kicks the automatic door open.  
It smashes someone in a body cast behind it.  
Ouch!



INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - SAME

Lyfe's surrounded by nurses and doctors.  
SHOUTS of encouragement keep her calm.

RYITEN CAM

Ryiten's face, covered in fear and nerves.  
Not to mention he's sweating pretty profusely.

RYITEN

I'm freaking out! This is getting  
scary man... Killer octopus scary!  
(glances at Lyfe)  
She thinks I'm keeping my cool. I'm  
literally losing my sh--

RYITEN CAM - MOMENTS LATER

--fearfully screaming into the camera:

RYITEN (CONT'D)

Ahhh! Ahhh!

WAA-WAAHHHH!

Ryiten joyously smiles. Relieved.  
The doctor places baby Justin in Lyfe's arms.  
Ryiten's right there with his camera.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - EVENING

Lasers scan Lyfe's vitals.  
She tunes into her favorite TV show.  
...THE STEWART SHOW.

Ryiten presses buttons on the wall menu.  
Adjusts the room's air purification system.  
He squeezes next to Lyfe in bed.

RYITEN

Not this guy again.

LYFE

(smiling)  
Why don't you like him?

RYITEN

Cause you do.

The nurse enters with Justin.  
She places him in Lyfe's arms.  
Lyfe nuzzles Justin's face against hers.

His nostrils flair as he catches his mother's scent.  
 They're one happy family.  
 Suddenly, Ryiten's PHONE RINGS...

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
 (answering)  
 When, now? Thanks, Cris.

Lyfe's visibly upset.  
 Unnoticed to Ryiten.  
 He hangs up. Turns over.  
 Lyfe's already staring.

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
 I won't be long I promise.

LYFE  
 Priorities are priorities, right?

EXT. SECOND CITY - STATION AVENUE - NIGHT

A dark street.  
 A WOMAN trembles in fear as a MAN stalks behind her.  
 She hesitant to look back as FOOTSTEPS approach.

He savagely snatches her purse.  
 She cries for help!  
 Luckily, a COP is nearby.  
 He chases after--

COP  
 --Stop! City P.D!

The PERP quickly darts across the street.  
 Just evading oncoming traffic.  
 The officer fearfully stumbles across.  
 Following the perp into a building.

INT. SECOND CITY LOGISTICS - SAME

The perp dashes onto the work floor.  
 MECHANICAL ARMS and TECH ROBOTS work non-stop.  
 He ducks a swinging mechanical arm.

...WHOOSH!

The arm knocks off the cops hat.  
 Almost beheading him.

The perp jumps over the next.  
 The cop isn't so lucky.  
 The arm clips his foot as he jumps over.

EXT. SECOND CITY - ANTI SMOG BLVD - NIGHT - SAME

Ultraviolet rays mix with smog.  
 Creating little firework explosions!  
 The perp sprints down the street.  
 The cop jumps from behind the photovoltaic panels.

...WHAM!

He tackles the perp.  
 We hear a VOICE:

DIRECTOR

Cut!

The cop takes off his hat.  
 It's Ryiten!  
 He extends a helping hand to the perp.  
 The actor smacks Ryiten's hand away.  
 The snobby DIRECTOR rubs his head in frustration.

DIRECTOR (CONT'D)

Mr. Thyme, if you accomplish one  
 thing in life, what would be?

RYITEN

To star in a movie.

The director quietly chuckles.  
 Then, laughs hilariously--

DIRECTOR

Five traits of great actors: Raw  
 emotion, authenticity, intellect,  
 honesty, surprise...  
 (quizzing)  
 Guess many traits you have?

Ryiten boggles his brain.  
 The director smacks the scene setter.

DIRECTOR (CONT'D)

None! I give you action scene and  
 you not do that right either. Don't  
 quit day job.

RYITEN

This is my day job.

DIRECTOR

How you survive? You not dead yet?

EXT. SECOND CITY - THE THYME RESIDENCE - MORNING

An old ran down neighborhood below an expressway.  
 Forgotten from the futuristic city emerging behind it.  
 This neighborhood badly needs upgrades.  
 The Wild Wild West.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - BABY JUSTIN GROWING UP

Ryiten bursts through the door.  
 Hands filled with bags and baby items.  
 He loses his balance and crashes to the ground.  
 The items crash atop.  
 Ryiten hops up and runs outside.  
 Helps Lyfe carry baby Justin into the house.

MOMMY vs. DADDY

Lyfe bottle feeds Justin.  
 She makes cute funny faces and Justin just smiles.  
 She's really enjoying motherhood.

vs.

Ryiten tries his hand at feeding Justin.  
 It goes horribly wrong.  
 Justin spits the bottle out and fusses at his dad.

LYFE (O.S.)

It's easy. Put his head here.  
 Cradle him. Cradle him! Okay. Now,  
 tilt the bottle. Not too much.  
 (too much)  
 ...Ryiten!

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - JUSTIN'S ROOM

Justin sleeps to Lyfe's heartbeat.  
 She's glued to the chair but in heaven.

vs.

Ryiten frustratingly bouncing Justin.  
 He sticks his pacifier in.  
 Justin spits it out.

RYITEN

(pleading)  
 Shhh! Shhh! You're gonna get me in  
 trouble.

Justin cries to the top of his lungs.

Lyfe comes in looking mummified.  
 She isn't happy... not at all.  
 Ryiten hands her Justin and cautiously walks away.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - MONTHS LATER

Lyfe changes Justin's diaper.  
 His legs kick, excited.  
 They have the greatest chemistry.

vs.

Busy on the phone. (think hologram card)  
 Ryiten changes Justin's diaper.  
 Justin insist on crawling away.  
 Ryiten gets poo on his hand.  
 Gross... He waves it excessively.

RYITEN  
 (crestfallen)  
 I didn't? So, who got the part? Oh.

A fountain of pee shoots towards his face.  
 Ryiten ducks it.  
 Accidently knocks his PHONE in the poo.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - FAMILY ROOM - MONTHS LATER

Lyfe joyfully jumps around.  
 Justin's taking his first steps.

LYFE  
 (to Ryiten)  
 Look! Look!

Lyfe peeks over.  
 Ryiten's too busy studying to notice--

RYITEN  
 ...audition tomorrow.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - JUSTIN'S ROOM - NIGHT

Justin cries banging his pacifier against the post.  
 Ryiten enters the room and nuzzles Justin on his chest.  
 He slowly falls asleep.

RYITEN  
 I will never put you down.

RING! RING!

Ryiten peeks at his phone. It's his agent!  
 Glances down at Justin.  
 Then back at the phone.  
 He puts Justin down and answers as he exits.

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
 I'm not busy, what's up?

Justin wakes up again as the door closes.  
 He cries until Lyfe comes in and gets him.

DOWNSTAIRS - MOMENTS LATER...

Ryiten's sitting, head in hands.  
 Lyfe walks up.  
 Gently kisses him.

LYFE  
 This doesn't qualify as more help.

RYITEN  
 (dejected)  
 Am I a failure?

LYFE  
 What? No.

RYITEN  
 It's frustrating. Am I crazy for  
 believing I can do it?

LYFE  
 We've talked about this.  
 (cautious)  
 ..maybe you should... you know...

Ryiten's facial expression quickly shifts.  
 Attitude activated.

RYITEN  
 I've put too much into this. I  
 won't throw it away cause things  
 are getting a little rough.

LYFE  
 (practical)  
 A little? Ryiten, we're drowning.  
 Sometimes things don't go the way  
 you plan.

Ryiten angrily bangs his fist on the table.  
 Justin jumps, scared.  
 Lyfe holds him tight.

RYITEN  
...you don't believe I can do it?

Waits for a response.  
There isn't one.  
Ryiten stares into her eyes.

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
I'm closer than I've ever been.  
Something great is about to happen.  
I can feel it.

But it's the same old speech.  
He grabs her hand.

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
I'll sacrifice anything to get it.

LYFE  
Even time with us? Time with me?

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - KITCHEN - THE NEXT NIGHT

Ryiten attempts to feed Justin.  
He moves away avoiding the SPOON.  
Ryiten accidentally smears food all over Justin's face.

He cleans the mess.  
Grabs another spoonful.  
Justin waits til the spoon gets close.  
He smacks the spoon from Ryiten's hands.  
Laughs at his frustration.

Lyfe comes home from work.  
She drops her stuff and takes a seat.  
Ryiten ruefully looks over.

RYITEN  
He doesn't like me.

LYFE  
He likes you as much as you like  
him.

Ryiten hands her the bowl and spoon.  
She stares at Ryiten, confused.

LYFE (CONT'D)  
What does it mean to be a dad?

Ryiten quizzically shrugs his shoulders.  
Lyfe puts a spoonful to Justin's mouth.  
He opens up and eats it.

Ryiten can't believe his eyes.

LYFE (CONT'D)

About yesterday. I believe in your dream. I definitely believe you're good enough. I'm your biggest fan... but--

RYITEN

--There's always a but...

LYFE

...when you focus on something, you focus, Ryiten. And whatever is outside that focus gets left behind.

Lyfe grabs Justin.  
Stands in Ryiten's face.  
Center of attention.

LYFE (CONT'D)

No matter how big the picture gets. Promise me this is your focus.

RYITEN

I promise. Always and forever.

She reaches into her back pocket.  
Pulls out a paper, hands it to him.  
It's a AUDITION FLYER.  
"Calling for all actors"

LYFE

Now make that dream come true.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - WEEKS LATER

A basket of laundry hits the floor.  
Ryiten grabs clothes out the washer.  
He quizzically stares at Lyfe's favorite shirt.  
It was white earlier (now pink).

He quickly hurls it across the room.  
Lyfe enters.  
Smiles at Ryiten's dedication.  
Kisses him on the cheek.

EXT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - SAME

A long line of people stretch around the corner.



RYITEN CAM

Eagerly waiting his turn:

RYITEN  
Audition time! Been studying all  
night. I'm ready people!  
(reading comments)  
What?! You suck, Ninjaboy83!

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - KITCHEN - SAME

Smoke fills the air.  
Lyfe fans as Ryiten burns food on the stove.  
He tries to feed her a piece. She evades him.  
But finally gives in.  
Surprisingly, it's not that bad!

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - SAME

The house is spotless.  
Ryiten's exhausted from cleaning.  
He lies down for a nap.

AN HOUR LATER

The house is wrecked once again!  
Justin's toys are everywhere.  
Miscellaneous items laying around.  
Justin wildly chases Lyfe around in cowboy boots.  
Ryiten can't believe it.

LYFE  
Thank you.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - MORNING

Lyfe rushes down the stairs, late for work.  
She zooms back and forth gathering her things.  
Passes the boys on the couch, grabs her purse and keys.

She suddenly stops.  
Noticing the gap between the boys.  
Lyfe places Justin next to Ryiten.  
But, Ryiten's too busy going over his lines.  
She sets Justin in his lap.  
Kisses them both goodbye.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - LATER THAT NIGHT

Ryiten checks the clock.  
It's getting late.  
He picks up Justin and heads upstairs.  
Justin tugs Ryiten's hair.  
They struggle back and forth. Suddenly,

...KNOCK!...KNOCK!

Ryiten peeks out.  
Answers the door.  
It's TWO police officers...asking questions.

Ryiten nods his head, complying.  
Suddenly, he freezes.  
He sets Justin down.  
Leans against the wall.  
Sinks low to the floor.

EXT. SECOND CITY - CORNER OF SOUTH AVENUE AND ARSENAL ST.

An ominous glow flickers off a street sign.  
Candles glow and balloons fly.  
The flames illuminate Lyfe's picture and Ryiten's despair.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - NIGHT

Ryiten turns on the TV.  
Lyfe's favorite episode of THE STEWART SHOW plays.  
He picks up the remote but decides to watch.  
Justin comes in and plops next to him.  
Ryiten grabs Justin, holding him tight.

1 MONTH LATER...

Trash lies scattered around the house.  
Hasn't been emptied in weeks.  
Ryiten's still in the same spot with Justin.  
They just sit and watch TV.

3 MONTHS LATER...

The house. Trashed. Hoarded.  
A pig sty is putting is nice.  
Ryiten's glued to the couch.  
Beard full of crumbs.  
Looks like he hasn't showered in weeks.  
He flips through the channels.

...A VIDEO CALL alerts,

his long time friend and agent (CRIS) takes one look at him:

CRIS  
...you look gross.

JUSTIN  
(popping on screen)  
Hi, Uncle Cris!

CRIS  
Hey, buddy! You and your dad been  
having any fun?

JUSTIN  
(peeking at Ryiten)  
No.

CRIS  
Well you don't need that party  
pooper around. That's what video  
games are for! I'll send you a game  
in 5 minutes.

Justin excitedly runs off.  
Cris smiles happily.  
Peeks around Ryiten's house.  
His smile turns upside down.

CRIS (CONT'D)  
I know things have been rough since  
Lyfe past... But, you gotta' get  
your mind right, bro.

Ryiten disgustedly eyes him.  
Can't believe the craziness he's hearing.  
He takes another handful of broken chips.

RYITEN  
My mind is right.

CRIS  
Your mind left. You need to find  
it. Justin needs you man. Not some  
Hannibal couch potato.

RYITEN  
You don't know what my son needs.

CRIS  
He needs his dad. Hell every kid  
does. It's so messed up around  
here.

RYITEN

Well every kid isn't my concern.

CRIS

They are now. Check your messages.

Ryiten grabs his phone.  
He swipes through apps. Checks his mail.  
Silently reads a document.  
His eyes well up with marshmallow sized tears.

RYITEN

Is this a joke? Are you joking  
right now?! This is the audition--

CRIS

--Lyfe works in mysterious ways.  
She's watching you. Don't let her  
down.

Ryiten slides his hands over his mouth, shocked.  
He does super fist pumps. Nine to be exact!

CRIS (CONT'D)

Shower, shave, brush your teeth and  
please change your underwear.

INT. SECOND CITY ORPHANAGE - DAY

Kids circle around and cheer for their hero.

...SUPERDAD!

He spins around giving each kid a high five.

INT. SECOND CITY LIBRARY - SAME

SuperDad reads books to the kids.  
A perp makes a noise.  
SuperDad kicks the noise maker out.  
The library is free from noise makers!

INT. SECOND CITY - SAME

A kid enjoys an all-day lollipop in his stroller.  
A CANDY SNATCHER lifts the kid's lolly.  
SuperDad runs down the candy snatcher.

EXT. SECOND CITY SKATEPARK - SAME

A KID falls off his skateboard.  
Injures himself.  
SuperDad wipes his cut.  
He hops on the skateboard and falls off himself.

SONG

(theme song)  
When you get sad,  
He makes you glad.  
He's SUPERDAD. SUPERDAD.  
Been treated bad,  
He's there in a tad.  
He's SUPERDAD. SUPERDAD.  
Guiding your way,  
On a super day,  
SUPERDAD!

NARRATOR

It's, The Adventures of SuperDad!

EXT. SECOND CITY PARK - DAY

A large crowd cheers for PARENT KID DAY.  
A kid (HENRY) glumly sits away from the crowd.  
He frustratingly watches on.  
Kids run around having fun with their parents.

HENRY

(forlorn)  
I wish SuperDad was here.

Ryiten a.k.a. SUPERDAD appears out of nowhere.  
Henry jumps back in awe.

SUPERDAD

Did I hear someone call, SuperDad?!

The CROWD CHEERS.  
Henry gives SuperDad a humongous hug.  
SuperDad kneels down, level with Henry.

SUPERDAD (CONT'D)

What's wrong, kiddo?

HENRY

I want to join parent kid day but I  
don't have parents.

SuperDad places his hand on Henry's shoulder.

## SUPERDAD

You've always got a parent in me,  
Henry. Let's go win this thing.

## THE COMPETITION

--The SPOON EGG RACE.

Henry bobbles the egg as he races down the line.  
SuperDad cheers him on.

It's his turn.

SuperDad puts the spoon in his mouth.  
He walks up and down the line with ease.

...Win!

--The WATER BALLOON TOSS.

SuperDad does super flashy catches.  
Egging on his competition.

His last OPPONENT attempts one.  
The balloon splashes on his face.

...Win!

--THE SAC RACE

Henry and SuperDad line up.  
They eye their fierce competition.

...BANG!

They take off, hopping their way to first place!

A SHORT TIME LATER...

The crowd gathers for the award presentation.  
Everyone gets an award.  
But the winners get something special.

The first place TROPHY goes to Henry and SuperDad!  
Henry emotionally gives SuperDad a hug.  
SuperDad waves to the cheering crowd.

## SUPERDAD (CONT'D)

(speech)

I want to thank all my--

A BEE flies around Ryiten.  
He stops everything and bolts!  
Henry throws up his hands in triumph.

A MAGAZINE

reads: "Second City's Favorite Dad"

SuperDad is on the cover.

COMMERCIALS/ADS

SuperDad is everywhere.

...children's cereal.  
 ...bath accessories.  
 ...sleeping bags.

You name it!  
 SuperDad rises to stardom in a flash.

EXT. SECOND CITY - DAY

Dads all across the city step up their efforts.  
 They're all on the SuperDad campaign.  
 Taking the streets by storm.  
 SuperDad supports with local appearances.  
 Dedicated dads enter the "DAD ZONE"  
 They knock the sign over in triumph!

EXT. SECOND CITY PARK - PLAYGROUND - DAY

An ultramodern park. Children run full of vigor.  
 A man (FRITO) chases his son back and forth.  
 His daughter runs past. He chases after her.  
 Double trouble!  
 Grabs them both. Checks the time.  
 He peeks across the street.

A very nice CAR hovers into an alley.  
 Frito hurriedly grabs his bag in one arm.  
 Kids in the other.  
 Cautiously crosses the street.

He peeks down the alley.  
 Just the car.  
 Frito sets his kids down.

FRITO  
 (warning)  
 You guys stay here.

He rumbles through his bag.  
 Grabs his camera.  
 Waves at a HOMELESS MAN begging for change.

FRITO (CONT'D)  
 (grabbing his attention)  
 You like sandwiches?

HOMELESS MAN

You bet!

Frito hands the man two.  
His children can't believe it.  
He kneels down to them.

FRITO'S DAUGHTER

That was our lunch.

FRITO

Don't move an inch. My friend right  
here is going to watch you.

FRITO'S SON

(plugging nose)  
Dad, he stinks.

FRITO

He has feelings. Don't talk like  
that.

Frito hands his son the camera bag.  
Signals to keep an eye on them.  
The man gives him a thumbs up.

DOWN THE ALLEY...

Frito slowly approaches the car.  
No occupants.  
Turns on his camera:

FRITO (V.O.) (CONT'D)

I didn't know stars hang out in  
back alleys. Let's see what's going  
on...

Frito turns the corner.  
There's a GROUP of men making an exchange.  
Frito gets closer for a better view.  
Too close.

...CLANK!

He kicks a pole on the ground.  
It rolls creating an odd noise.  
The men alertly glance over.  
One of the men is STU STEWART.

MEN

Get him!

Frito knocks trash cans over.  
Takes off down the alley!



He quickly grabs his kids.

FRITO  
 (to HM)  
 Thanks, buddy!

He zooms across the street.  
 The men chasing after.  
 Cars slam on their brakes alert to danger.

Frito runs through the park, blending in.  
 The men survey the crowd.  
 He stays low.  
 Suddenly, Frito's blocked off.

SERIOUS LOOKING MEN stand in his way.  
 Blocking every direction.  
 A loud CHEER comes over the playground.  
 Stu Stewart walks through the crowd.

STU  
 (approaches Frito)  
 You pathetic paparazzi prick. I'm  
 not your golden ticket. Hand it  
 over.

Frito hands Stu the camera.  
 Stu takes a selfie with Frito.  
 He swipes the memory card out the camera.  
 Hands the camera back to Frito.

INT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - DAY

RYITEN CAM

Walking though the studio:

RYITEN  
 My life is just great. I feel like  
 something great is about to happen.  
 I'm moving on to bigger and better  
 things.

Ryiten opens a door.  
 A LOUD CHEER emanates.  
 He smiles, proudly.

EXT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - DAY

A MOVING TRUCK slowly reverses. Parks.  
 Ryiten points to boxes in the yard.  
 A robot picks them up and puts them in the truck.

Ryiten carelessly walks into the house.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - SAME

Boxes everywhere.  
Ryiten walks into Justin's room with a guest.

A woman (HARMONY) stands with a welcoming smile.  
Justin timidly backs away.  
Harmony whips out her personal favorite game.

...ALIEN BUSTERS!

She projects it against the wall.  
Starts a game.  
She offers the controller to Justin.  
He doesn't accept it.  
But it's too cool to deny.  
The cool sounds, lasers, and colors draw him in.  
He gives it a try.

Ryiten walks up.  
Harmony ushers him to leave.  
She's got it all covered.

INT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - "BIGGER AND BETTER"

Ryiten works long hours on the set.  
He enters in the morning.  
Leaves at night.

EXT. THE NEW THYME RESIDENCE - DAY

A futuristic single family home in the city.

...ZROOM! ...ZROOM!

Ryiten pulls up in his new muscle hovercar.  
It completely puts Harmony's car to shame.  
Harmony exits her car.  
Ryiten tosses her a key.  
She smiles, elated.

RYITEN  
(you wish)  
Spare. Emergencies only.

She peeks at the virtual location on the key fob.  
Harmony hops in the drivers seat.

HARMONY  
 (super excited)  
 When can I drive it?

RYITEN  
 ...never.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - MONTHS LATER - DAY

Justin's dressed for his first baseball game.  
 Harmony picks up his bat.  
 Shows him her famous slugger stance.

Justin attempts it himself.  
 He's got it all wrong.  
 Harmony moves him into the slugger stance.  
 Now he's ready for a home run.

Ryiten enters.  
 Trips over an AIRPLANE DRONE.

HARMONY  
 Careful! I just bought that.

He fidgets with the propeller.  
 The drone suddenly flies out his hands.

JUSTIN  
 (controlling it)  
 My game starts at 4!

The drone sways left almost taking Ryiten out.  
 It lands on a bunch of pillows.

RYITEN  
 Today? ...

HARMONY  
 Where's your phone? I sent you a  
 reminder this morning.

Ryiten checks his pockets.  
 No phone.  
 He glances at the time -- 2:54 p.m.

RYITEN  
 Left it in my dressing room.

HARMONY  
 We can ride with you.

RYITEN  
I'll meet you there. He can't be  
late to his first game.

JUSTIN  
(warning)  
Don't be late.

RYITEN  
Yes, dad.

Justin gives Ryiten a hug.  
He fixes Justin's socks and hat. The cool way.

INT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - DRESSING ROOM - SAME

Ryiten totally rips the room apart.  
Then, notices his phone is in his SuperDad costume.  
He grabs it and runs out the door.

...BOOM!

He bumps into someone.  
Drops his phone.

RYITEN  
...sorry.

Ryiten grabs it.  
Looks up and sees.

...STU STEWART.

Accompanied by security, paparazzi, and cameras.

STU  
In a hurry, SuperDad?

RYITEN  
I'm actually late for my son's  
game.

Cameras flash excessively.  
Stu poses.  
Ryiten throws his hands up -- blinded by the flashes.

STU  
(to the crowd)  
Two of the greatest dads on TV. One  
day he'll be number one.

Stu grabs Ryiten.  
Holds him close.

More strength than finesse.  
Ryiten sneers, ignoring the sly comment.

PAPARAZZI  
C'mon, SuperDad.... smile!

Ryiten finally shows his teeth.  
Stu strikes another pose.  
A REPORTER holds a recording device up:

REPORTER  
Stu, how do you feel about  
SuperDad's rise to stardom? He's  
winning the vote of most liked.  
The show has set new records!

STU  
When the people hear -- "Dad" --  
They think of me. Not this fake.

DING! The gloves are off.  
Ryiten's standing right there!  
He slowly leans in.

RYITEN  
Got some moo, Stu? Sounds like  
you're a little jelly buddy.

STU  
Why would I be jealous of an non-  
acting wannabe?

RYITEN  
I'm young, fresh, hip. He's just an  
old fart... worried his time is up.

Ryiten shrugs his shoulders.  
Shows the numbers to prove the facts.  
SuperDad has twice as many viewers as The Stewart Show.

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
SuperDad is number one and will  
stay number one. This chat was nice  
but I gotta' go.

Stu forcibly grabs Ryiten's arm.  
He isn't finished yet.

STU  
What happened? Kid lose his candy  
bar or something?

The crowd chuckles.  
Ryiten steps face to face.

Stu pushes Ryiten.  
Ryiten pushes back.  
It's about to go down!

EXT. BASEBALL FIELD - DAY

Justin timidly waits on deck.  
He swings his bat, surveying the crowd.  
Takes a deep breath and steps to home plate.

AT BAT...

The pitcher zips the ball past Justin.  
Strike one.  
Justin steps out and back into the batters box.

The pitcher winds back and hurls one.  
Justin swings but misses.  
Strike two.

Suddenly, a LOUD SHOUT comes from the crowd.

HARMONY

(crazy mom)

Put that elbow up or you're not  
eating dinner!

Justin looks back.  
Harmony cheers him on.  
He confidently steps back into the batters box.  
This time, elbow up.

The pitcher zips one.  
Justin hits it!  
The ball shoots between second and third base.  
Rolling into the outfield.

Justin bolts to first base.  
High fives his coach.  
He peeks into the crowd.

Harmony gives him a thumbs up.  
Justin returns one.  
He looks around but doesn't see his dad.

INT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - SAME

Ryiten's pushed back by his producer (RALPHIE).  
Stu rolls up his sleeves.  
Egging Ryiten on with repeated insults.  
Ryiten attempts to maneuver around Ralphie.

RALPHIE

Please let it go... let it go!

STU

C'mon, SuperChicken! Don't worry I got something for you.

Ryiten shall not pass.  
Ralphie diffuses the situation.  
Steadily ushering Ryiten back.

RALPHIE

Calm down, son.

RYITEN

Stop calling me son. You're not my dad!

Ryiten angrily walks off.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - KITCHEN - NIGHT

State of the art cabinetry and appliances.  
A finger barely lifts in this kitchen.  
But Harmony's too old fashioned for that.  
She washes and puts dishes away by hand.

Ryiten enters. His face filled with regret.  
He plops in a chair.  
Harmony rudely hands him a plate and beer.  
She stares tight-lipped.

RYITEN

What?

...TURNS ON TV.

Just about every channel -- Ryiten and Stu's blowup.  
He watches in disbelief.

RYITEN (CONT'D)

He insulted me.

HARMONY

That doesn't matter to Justin. You showing up was all he wanted.

RYITEN

I messed up. I didn't ask for a lecture.

HARMONY

All I'm saying is choose which moment you'll rather remember--

Harmony points to the TV.  
 Ryiten viciously lunges at Stu.  
 Luckily, Ralphie grabs him and pushes him away.

HARMONY (CONT'D)

...this?

Harmony plays a video of Justin's first hit.  
 Ryiten emotionally stares at the video.  
 He can't believe he missed it.

HARMONY (V.O.) (CONT'D)

...or this?

INT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - DAY

Working hard!  
 SuperDad finishes a super cool action scene.  
 He wipes the sweat from his face.  
 High fives Ralphie as he walks off set.  
 Grabs a muffin and an energy pack.

Ryiten's PHONE ALARM goes off.  
 REMINDER: "Justin's baseball game"  
 He shoves his phone into his pocket.  
 Walks back on set to defeat more villains.

EXT. BASEBALL FIELD - ANOTHER GAME - DAY

Ninth inning. Two outs.  
 Justin's alert at second base.  
 The batter hits a grounder his way.  
 Justin scoops it up and throws it to first.

...OUT!

The team joyfully surrounds Justin.  
 High fives all around.  
 Justin glances in the crowd.

Once again Ryiten isn't there.  
 Harmony is though, smiling bright.

INT. SECOND CITY STEAKHOUSE - NIGHT

Only the best dine at this fine restaurant.  
 Virtual animals on mantles.  
 Elegant music.  
 Tiny plates exploding with flavor.  
 Five star.



Ryiten dines with notable stars, directors, and producers. He poses for pictures and has a great time with a new crowd.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - FAMILY ROOM - DAY

Justin's playing catch as he watches TV.  
 Ryiten walks in, staring at his phone.  
 Justin holds up Ryiten's glove.  
 He inattentively rubs Justin's head as he passes by.

Ryiten passes again.  
 Totally ignores Justin as he exits the room.

INT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - DAY

RYITEN CAM

Teeth fill the whole shot.  
 The camera moves out to a huge smile.  
 Waving two PAPERS proudly--

RYITEN

You'll never guess what these are  
 people. Starring roles!  
 (kisses contracts)  
 I finally did it!

Ryiten erratically gyrates.  
 Cris and Ralphie join in throwing confetti.  
 It's a party!

INT. SECOND CITY ELEMENTARY - EVENING

The first grade play. SPACEO and ALIENETTE!  
 Justin (Spaceo) fights off monster aliens.  
 Alienette is locked away in a dungeon.  
 She's forced to drink a magic potion.  
 Spaceo slays the huge two headed beast.  
 Rescues his princess!

They run off into a field of flowers. She stops.  
 Spaceo consoles Alienette as she falls to her fate.  
 He finds the potion. Drinks the remains.  
 Spaceo then falls on a bed of flowers. Fin.

The curtain comes to a slow close.  
 The CROWD erupts in CHEERS of appreciation and class.  
 Students bow for their audience.  
 Justin and Alienette stand front and center.  
 They take a bow.

Justin looks over towards Harmony.  
 There's an open seat next to her with a NOTE.  
 It reads: "Seat Reserved for Ryiten Thyme."

EXT. SECOND CITY - STREET - LATER THAT EVENING

Harmony's car breaks at a red light.  
 Justin dejectedly stares out the window.  
 A DAD playfully chases his SON around the yard.

HARMONY (O.S.)  
 You did fantastic.

The dad catches him and hugs him to the ground.  
 Harmony gazes over.

HARMONY (CONT'D)  
 Your dad had to work.

JUSTIN  
 He always has to work. I wish he  
 would choose me over work.

HARMONY  
 (hopeful)  
 He told me he has a surprise for  
 you tonight.

JUSTIN  
 (smiling)  
 What is it?

HARMONY  
 I don't know. Let's wait and see.

EXT. SECOND CITY NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT

Camera's FLASH!  
 Ryiten walks through a crowd of people.  
 He stops and takes a picture with a group of women.  
 Everyone loves SuperDad.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - SAME

Justin eagerly waits up for his dad.  
 Time goes by.  
 He slowly falls asleep on the couch.  
 Harmony carries Justin to his room.  
 Tucks him in. Closes the door.

EXT. SECOND CITY - EXPRESSWAY - MORNING

Cars hover past. Each one set at expressway speed.  
No traffic or accidents.  
Perfect travel time.

INT. CAR - SAME

A man (DARRYL) and his son (DALLAS) ride silently.  
Pretty awkward for the most.  
Dallas is more interested in his phone.  
Darryl attentively peeks over.

DARRYL  
Want a hot dog? Some candy? A  
popsicle? ...

DALLAS  
I don't like any of those things.

DARRYL  
Oh.

Darryl's PHONE RINGS.

DARRYL (CONT'D)  
(answering)  
Yes? I know... I know. We're fine.  
(receiving another call)  
Sorry, I have to take this...  
(transferring calls)  
Joe, what's up? We ran the tests a  
thousand times. Same as the  
hyperail and hovercar. Trust me.  
We're good. Today it's just me and  
my boy.

Darryl hangs up.  
Peeks over at Dallas.  
Shakes his head in disbelief.

Suddenly, his PHONE RINGS again.  
Darryl presses pull over on the auto drive system.  
He exits the car--

DARRYL (CONT'D)  
(frustrated)  
Yeah, Joe? Because this is  
important too! Just cover for me.

Click.  
He takes a deep breath.  
Enters in the car.

DALLAS

...work?

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - FAMILY ROOM - SAME

Harmony sets a bowl of cereal in front of the TV.  
She obsessively races around prepping perfectly.  
Justin runs up and sits, instantly lost in the TV.

Harmony walks into a different room.  
Ryiten glumly walks downstairs.  
His hair is off, beard shaggy, not his usual self.

HARMONY (O.S.)  
Everything is already laid out!

HARMONY'S DAD (O.S.)  
You do enough to be his wife.  
Where is he anyway? ...

HARMONY'S DAD (HD) exits from Ryiten's secret entrance.  
A pair of Ryiten's expensive sunglasses on his face.  
He tries on a WATCH from Ryiten's collection.  
Ryiten taps him. Sticks out his hand--

RYITEN  
...Hello, sir. I'm--

HARMONY'S DAD  
--I know who you are. And I don't  
think much of you. Harmony's not  
your maid.

RYITEN  
...of course not--

HD waltzes around Ryiten's house.  
Admires the expensive paintings and furniture.

HARMONY'S DAD  
(points to Justin)  
--not his parent either. Can't have  
children. Baby-sitter is the  
occupation I believe. I suggest you  
stop focusing on this crap and do  
your job as a dad.

Harmony gawks at her father.

HARMONY'S DAD (CONT'D)  
Twenty-four years on the force and  
I didn't miss a thing.  
(MORE)

HARMONY'S DAD (CONT'D)  
I sacrificed everything. Can't say  
the same about you.

RYITEN  
I didn't have anyone to teach me  
the ropes so I wouldn't know.

HD meaninglessly tosses Ryiten's watch.  
It lands on the couch.  
Ryiten looks over at Harmony.  
The disrespect!

HARMONY'S DAD  
First lesson. You either value the  
watch or you value the time.

He steps in Ryiten's personal space.  
Ryiten moves over.  
HD steps closer.

He points to Ryiten's award case for the SuperDad show.  
Below it, Justin's watching TV.  
He brings Ryiten's attention from the awards to Justin.

HARMONY'S DAD (CONT'D)  
You learn by shifting your focus.

Harmony hands Ryiten a GARMENT BAG.  
He unzips it, grabs one of TWO jackets.

It's littered with PATCHES of him and Lyfe all over.  
Sweet, loving memories.  
Ryiten catches her scent as he puts it on.  
He holds it in.

HARMONY  
Promise me you'll keep your cool  
today.

RYITEN  
You have my word.

HARMONY  
We're off to do some shopping.

HD signals I'll keep my eye on you.  
Harmony pushes him out the room.

Ryiten surveys the jacket.  
Sentimentally strokes his fingers across Lyfe's face.

RYITEN  
(to Justin; choked up)  
Ready?

EXT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - DAY

Fans go crazy as SuperDad emerges from his trailer.  
Ryiten isn't his usual self and it's affecting SuperDad.  
He throws his hands up, blocking camera flashes.

A line of extended hands and signs ahead.  
Ryiten pulls Justin along.  
Someone stops them dead in their tracks.

DARRYL  
SuperDad! Can we get your  
autograph? We waited like three  
hours!

Ryiten grabs Darryl's pen--  
...FLASH! ...FLASH! ...FLASH!

Frito snaps several photos.  
Ryiten physically threatens him.

FRITO  
Who's the beast in the photos,  
SuperDad?

Ryiten grabs Frito by the collar.  
Smacks the camera out his hand.  
Pushes Frito to the ground.

...FLASH! ...FLASH! ...FLASH!  
Cameras go off in an instant.  
Ryiten looks around.  
Then down at Frito.

RYITEN  
Take a picture of that.

Darryl and Dallas SCREAM for their autograph.  
Ryiten walks by.  
Darryl grabs his arm.

DARRYL  
(pleading)  
From one dad to another. It will  
only take a minute. Please?

RYITEN  
(rips arm free)  
I don't have time. No autographs.

Justin slowly approaches Frito.  
He wipes himself off.

Stands to his feet.

JUSTIN  
(to Frito)  
You okay, mister?

Frito stares at his camera.  
Broken in several pieces.  
He cautiously picks them up.

FRITO  
My camera isn't.

Justin grabs pieces from the ground.  
Places them in his shirt.

FRITO (CONT'D)  
You don't have to do that.

JUSTIN  
I want to.

Frito watches Ryiten enter the studio.  
He shrugs his shoulders, carelessly.  
Signals Justin over to a group of benches.  
Places the items down.

FRITO  
(chuckling)  
That pissed him off.

JUSTIN  
You called my mom a beast.

FRITO  
(winks)  
Don't take it personal kid. Just  
business.

Frito attempts to put the camera together. No luck.  
He whips out his handy palm camera.  
Discretely focuses it on Justin.

FRITO (CONT'D)  
Is SuperDad always like that around  
you?

JUSTIN  
Not when he's around.

FRITO  
When he's around? What do you mean?

JUSTIN

He's always at work. We don't do anything anymore. He says he doesn't have the time.

FRITO

Sounds like he's not so super.

Justin dispiritedly shakes his head. NO. Frito points at the camera, taunting Ryiten. Revenge is sweet!

EXT. SECOND CITY CEMETERY - LATER

The sun sets behind a beautiful innovative cemetery. Digital holographic tombstones activate. Ryiten's hovercar comes to a stop.

INT. RYITEN'S CAR

Staring out into a space of nothing--

RYITEN (V.O.)

I'm closer than I've ever been.  
I'll sacrifice anything to get it.

LYFE (V.O.)

Even time with us? Time with me?

Drunken in regret, Ryiten wipes tears from his eyes. Grabs the FLOWERS off the front seat. Shakes frantically as he reaches to open the door. He can't do it. Ryiten frustratingly beats the steering wheel.

EXT. SECOND CITY - NIGHT

Stations pause their programs to run a--

TV NEWS BREAK

The NEWS ANCHOR anchor reads off--

NEWS ANCHOR

We've got a breaking news story. Ryiten Thyme, better known as SuperDad isn't so super himself, it seems. Take a look at this clip.

VIDEO RECORDING



Frito and Justin sitting on the bench.  
Sharing a heart to heart moment--

FRITO

So your dad didn't come to any of  
your baseball games? Or see your  
big moment on stage?

(Justin shakes his head)

FRITO (CONT'D)

...that hurts. You said he's barely  
home. Basically too busy to play  
with you and stuff, huh? How does  
that make you feel?

Justin breaks down. Too choked up to speak.  
Frito reaches out.  
Puts his hand on Justin's shoulder.

FRITO (CONT'D)

If you were my kid, I'd be stoked.

NEWS EVERYWHERE

"SUPERDAD OR SUPERFLOP"

It goes viral in seconds.

SuperDad's endorsements and programs all harshly disown him.

INT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - DAY

The producers and director have a meeting.  
Viewers rapidly decline.  
The show is on a downward spiral.  
Ryiten and Ralpie talk to the higher executives.

EXT. SECOND CITY - DOWNTOWN - SAME

Ryiten casually walks the streets.  
Evil eyes scowl him from every angle.  
Everywhere he goes!

He looks up... there's a SuperDad article.  
He looks left... another article.  
He looks right... one more.

Ryiten glances at his phone.  
His followers decrease by the thousands.  
Rude and obnoxious comments fill his feed.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - NIGHT

Ryiten video chats with Cris.  
Holds up the two starring role contracts.  
Cris shakes his head. No!  
Ryiten rips them up in frustration.

Justin peeks around the corner.  
Ryiten bitterly glances over.  
He runs off.

Harmony walks in on Ryiten.  
Head down. Face in hands.  
She's hesitant but slowly approaches.

Harmony softly nudges Ryiten's forehead with hers.  
She places her hand underneath his chin.  
Lifts his head like a king.  
They share a moment.

INT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - DAY

The crew dismantles the SuperDad set.  
Ryiten painfully watches his life crumble apart.  
Suddenly, a nostalgic tune catches his ear.

He looks over at the TV.  
The Stewart Show is back on the rise.  
Ryiten angrily throws his drink.  
Cracks the TV.  
His face sinks in a desolate sorrow.

--A HUGE HOLOGRAPHIC TOUCHSCREEN--

Displays Ryiten's photo.  
A humiliating scribble face is drawn over the picture.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - FAMILY ROOM - NIGHT

Ryiten enters with a ton of boxes.  
He glumly plops on the couch.  
Life can't get any worse.

EXT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - DAY

Ryiten pridefully stands outside.  
Holds a SIGN.

...“WILL ACT FOR FOOD”

People throw trash from their hovercars.

An ICE CREAM flies high.

...Splat!

On Ryiten's head.

He glances at the culprit.

It's a LITTLE KID sticking his tongue out as he passes by.

EXT. SECOND CITY COMMUNITY CENTER - DAY

Ryiten's turned away from a local community play.

He causes a complete ruckus!

Humiliated, he kicks a SIGN over.

It hits a little girl.

"ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT SHOW"

Ryiten's made the headlines again.

...a VIDEO

shows him getting thrown out the community center.

He kicks the sign.

It flies in super slow motion.

WHACKS the little girl in the face.

HOST

SuperDad can't stay out of the news. Turns out he was kicked out of a local play today. In turn he kicked a sign clobbering a little girl.

(punchline)

What's more fragile, his career, or that kids chin? ...

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - NIGHT - WEEKS LATER

Ryiten's on the couch.

Face slumped against a pillow.

Watching re-runs of SuperDad.

Harmony enters with a small box.

Cautiously steps over chip bags and bottles.

She slips and falls.

HARMONY

(upset)

Ryiten! I can't do this anymore!

RYITEN

Do what? ...

HARMONY

(looking around)

Your downward spiral is effecting me. I've been watching Justin non-stop for weeks. I'm done.

RYITEN

(pity)

But I need you.

HARMONY

You need to focus on things that matter. Not the show, your fans, your career... Justin.

(beat)

He barely sees you.

RYITEN

He's fine. I never saw my father growing up. I turned out fine.

HARMONY

He isn't you!

(beat)

You don't deserve him. I would do anything for child like Justin. And for you to be blessed with a child and not appreciate him is ridiculous.

Ryiten irately throws the pillow across the room. Harmony frighteningly jumps back. She doesn't back down though.

RYITEN

I work my butt off to provide for him everyday!

HARMONY

It's not about just about providing! Being loving, loyal, honest, supportive... should I keep going? Just because you portray SuperDad doesn't make you one.

RYITEN

Get out! Right now!

Harmony smiles.  
Tosses the box to Ryiten.

HARMONY

You got a package.

Ryiten surveys the package.  
Turns it in every direction.  
No return address or name.

RYITEN  
(turns to Harmony)  
Who's it from?

She sets a gift on the table.

HARMONY  
(ignoring him)  
This for Justin's birthday.

Ryiten opens the package.  
He jumps back.  
It's a freaking hand!  
Creepily moving its fingers.  
Motion activated.

A SUPER COOL WATCH shines invitingly.  
There's a note and invitation attached.

NOTE: "YOUR TIME IS UP"

RYITEN  
I've been nominated for the actor  
of the year.  
(glum)  
Go me!

Ryiten looks around.  
Just a lonely empty room.  
He puts the watch on.

...beep...beep...FLASH!

The watch blinks out.  
Ryiten attempts to take it off.  
It locks around his wrist.  
Suddenly, blinks back on.  
He shrugs his shoulders, confused.

THE INVITATION...

Ryiten Thyme is invited to the 25th annual SCAC.  
(Second City Award Ceremony)  
Date: June 25th, 2050.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - BATHROOM - MORNING

Ryiten places the invitation on the sink vanity.  
Dances in the mirror as he shaves and beautifies himself.

Oils and brushes his hair so it lays down perfect.

RYITEN CAM

RYITEN

I'm looking good. Smelling good.  
Today's my big day. My time to  
shine.

INT. FAMILY ROOM - SAME

Justin quizzically shakes his birthday presents.  
Half dressed, one sock on his right foot.  
Ryiten enters looking sharp.

RYITEN

You're still not ready yet?

JUSTIN

(upset)  
I can't open my presents?

RYITEN

One. Make it quick.

Justin quickly surveys the presents.  
Chooses Harmony's present.  
Rips it open.

It's TWO BASEBALL MITTS and TWO NECKLACES.  
One with a "J." And one with a "R."  
And a monster toy!

RYITEN (CONT'D)

(grabbing necklace)  
This must be mine. Goes with my  
outfit. Thanks Harmony.

Ryiten puts it on.  
Justin sets his on the counter.  
Grabs the monster toy instead.  
He presses a button on the monster.  
It flashes colors around the room and dances.

...FLASH! ...FLASH! ...FLASH!

EXT. SECOND CITY ARENA - DAY

A tunnel of FLASHING CAMERAS and screaming fans.  
Ryiten steps onto the famous carpet with Justin.  
He pridefully smiles.  
Cameras seldomly flash his way.

Fans barely cheer.

INT. SECOND CITY ARENA - SAME

The glorious arena is flooded.  
Rows of well known directors, producers, and actors.  
Crazed fans and thousands watch as Stu steps to the mic.

INT. SECOND CITY ARENA - BACKSTAGE

RYITEN CAM

RYITEN

Getting ready to accept my award. I  
just want to thank all my day ones.  
The ones that stuck with me through  
this hard time. It's been a hell of  
a journey guys.

Behind Ryiten, Justin drags his feet.  
The designer fixes Ryiten's tie.  
He continues his way towards stage.

JUSTIN

(stopping)

How much longer are we gonna' be  
here?

Ryiten looks back.  
Shuts the camera off.  
Waves Justin forward, no time to waste.

JUSTIN (CONT'D)

It's my birthday, dad!

RYITEN

I know, buddy. I promise we can  
leave after I get this award.

JUSTIN

(hurt)

You don't keep your promises.

ON STAGE...

A SINGER finishes her performance.  
The crowd rises to their feet.  
Standing ovation.

Stu's super excited!  
Congratulates her with a big high-five.

Returns center stage with an AWARD.

STU

This next man is a special one. I mean does he still deserve the award? I guess he can act if he plays SuperDad, right? He had the fastest rise to stardom and quickest fall to the unemployment line in history.

BACKSTAGE...

RYITEN

...look. I don't have time for this. I'm too busy. C'mon!

Justin sits on the floor, arms folded.  
Ryiten stares evilly.  
It doesn't effect Justin one bit.

RYITEN (CONT'D)

(approaching him)

You're right. I haven't kept any promises.

(beat)

Do you think I'm a bad dad?

Justin stares in his eyes.  
Cautiously nods his head.  
Ryiten's drops in disappointment.

RYITEN (CONT'D)

One last promise. I promise to be your SuperDad and only yours from this moment forth. Deal?

JUSTIN

(smiling)

...deal.

A man in a STAGE MANAGER shirt approaches Ryiten:

STAGE MANAGER

Mr. Thyme your son must take his seat. Time is up.

The stage manager escorts Justin to his seat.  
A woman (SABRINA) stomps and yells erratically.  
An intern takes the full wrath.

She shows Sabrina a dress.  
Sabrina grabs and rudely tosses it.  
Grabs another from the rack.



Stuffs it in her interns face.  
 Sabrina hastily approaches Ryiten.  
 Sticks her finger in his face.

SABRINA

...You! When you get on stage you  
 stay in the square. If you move I  
 kill you.

She walks off.  
 Yells at another crew member.  
 Ryiten taps the make-up artist.

RYITEN

Who is that?

MAKE-UP ARTIST

Sabrina. The stage manager.

RYITEN

There's two stage managers?

MAKE-UP ARTIST

Just her. She's a tyrant if you  
 haven't noticed.

Sabrina returns like a bat out of hell.

RYITEN

(looking around)  
 So who's the guy with the stage  
 manager shirt?

MAKE-UP ARTIST

What guy? ...

SABRINA

(ushering Ryiten forward)  
 Get ready to go. Remember to smile--

STU (O.S.)

--Your 2050 unemployed actor of the  
 year is... Ryiten Thyme!

Sabrina shoves him--

ON STAGE

He waves at the crowd.  
 Some cheer and hiss at his achievement.  
 Ryiten nervously stands at the podium.

RYITEN

(chuckle)

Went kinda off script didn't we,  
Stu? I guess that's what happens  
when you're old and can't read.

The crowd "OOH'S."

RYITEN (CONT'D)

Seriously, I just want to thank  
everyone that believed in me and my  
dream... I've sacrificed everything  
to get here. Thanks to my agent  
Cris. Special thanks to Ralphie.  
And a very-very special thanks to  
Harmony, if you're watching...

(beat)

And last...

(gesturing)

Can you put the spotlight over  
there?

(pointing to his seats)

My son Justin. Who sitting right  
over--

The spotlight shines on TWO EMPTY SEATS.  
Ryiten surveys the crowd and aisle.  
He bolts backstage.

The crowd.  
Stunned.  
Stu returns to the podium.

STU

(sarcastically clapping)

Still in character and unemployed  
ladies and gentleman.

WITH RYITEN

Running backstage--

RYITEN

Justin! Justin!

He approaches the security booth.  
They laugh him off, thinking it's a joke.  
Ryiten smacks one of the officers.  
They beat him up.

EXT. SECOND CITY ARENA - SAME

Tall double doors open.

Ryiten's thrown the ground by security.  
 He stays down, dazed.  
 His AWARD smacks him in the head.

SECURITY  
 And stay out!

Ryiten hops up.  
 He takes off running like an Olympic sprinter.  
 People fearfully jump out his way.

EXT. SECOND CITY POLICE STATION - SAME

A squad car hovers by.  
 Ryiten cuts it off.  
 Approaches the entrance.  
 He grabs the door.  
 Suddenly, a VOICE shouts out.

VOICE  
 (warning)  
 Ah! Ah! Ah! I wouldn't do that.

RYITEN  
 (looking around)  
 Who said that?

His watch FLASHES!

...a **3D HOLOGRAM**

Enlarges. It's Justin and he's tied to a chair!

VOICE  
 Step away from the premises and he  
 doesn't get hurt.

RYITEN  
 What is this? Justin?! Justin?!

Cops look over.  
 Ryiten cautiously backs away.

VOICE  
 If you want to keep the boy alive,  
 do exactly as I say. Go straight  
 home. Wait for my call.  
 (warning)  
 Do yourself a favor and don't get  
 the police involved. I hate  
 funerals. Don't you? ...

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - KITCHEN - LATER

Ryiten paces relentlessly.  
Nervously chews gum until his jaw tightens.  
He calls Harmony. Gets the voicemail.

He peeks out the window.  
Nothing.  
Anxiety is driving him through the roof!  
His watch suddenly goes off.

...a **3D HOLOGRAM**

protrudes from the watch.

...It's MINUTE MAN!  
Dressed in all black.  
"MM" across the front of a snazzy outfit.

MINUTE MAN

Mr. Thyme, it seems that you have  
ran out of time. And the funny  
thing is, you can't get it back.

RYITEN

What do you want?

MINUTE MAN

It's simple. I want to see how  
super SuperDad is.

RYITEN

I'll give you anything. Just name  
it.

Minute Man shifts his camera.  
Shows a big pile of valuable junk.  
Things you wouldn't dream of throwing away.

MINUTE MAN

I don't fancy material anymore.  
(beat)  
...and neither will you.

EXT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - DAY

A SIGN: "MASSIVE SELL OFF"  
People browse through valuable items.  
Scattered all throughout the driveway and yard.  
Ryiten irritability watches on.

...a MINI DRONE

Flies a PHONE to Ryiten.  
 Drops it in his lap.  
 It RINGS. He answers.  
 Curiously watching the drone fly away:

MINUTE MAN  
 (instructing)  
 You will live stream everything.  
 Not a second out the spotlight. You  
 will answer this phone anytime it  
 rings. No exceptions. And no  
 police. All these rules carry  
 strict consequences.

RYITEN CAM

RYITEN  
 What's next?

MINUTE MAN  
 Get rid of everything.

End conversation.  
 A MAN cheerfully approaches Ryiten.  
 Items in hand.

MAN  
 How much for the rackets and award?  
 I'm a big fan.

Ryiten snatches his framed award.  
 It's more than just a piece of paper.

RYITEN  
 Twenty for the rackets.

The MINUTE PHONE rings.  
 Ryiten answers--

MINUTE MAN (O.S.)  
 Ten dollars for both. You wouldn't  
 want to upset your fans.

Ryiten snarls at the camera.

RYITEN  
 Ten dollars.

The man tosses Ryiten twenty dollars.  
 Snatches the award.  
 Runs away.

Fans flood Ryiten's house.  
 Low cost -- high value items for sale!

Ryiten signs autographs and takes pictures beyond his will.

EXT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - LATER ON THAT DAY

Few items left in the yard.  
A HEAVYSET GUY sets Lyfe's CLOCK on the table.  
He offers money.  
Ryiten balks in dismay.

RYITEN  
Where did you get this?

HEAVYSET GUY  
From the house.

RYITEN  
(snatches clock)  
Who told you to go in there?  
This isn't for sale.

HEAVYSET GUY  
It's just a clock.

RYITEN  
No it isn't.

Ryiten holds it close to his heart.  
Gingerly walks it back to the house.

...RING! ...RING!  
Ryiten's heart drops.

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
(fearfully answering)  
...yes?

MINUTE MAN  
Turn around and give him the clock.

RYITEN  
You don't understand.

MINUTE MAN  
Sorry. Can't buy this time back.

The minute watch flashes.

...a **3D HOLOGRAM**

Enlarges.  
Justin helplessly panics, strapped to a chair.  
Minute Man joyfully welds a scolding hot **BRANDING IRON**.

MINUTE MAN (CONT'D)  
I've been wanting to put this to  
use.

Minute Man inches the iron close.  
Heat piercing Justin's skin.  
He fights but can't move.  
Ryiten watches, powerless.

RYITEN  
Stop! I'll do it.

MINUTE MAN  
You sure? It's still hot.

**END HOLOGRAM**

Ryiten dejectedly approaches the heavysset guy.  
Shoves the clock in his chest.

RYITEN  
Sold.

The heavysset guy drives away in victory.  
Ryiten takes a picture of his license plate.

HEAVYSET GUY  
Woohh--whooooo!!!

EXT. SECOND CITY - NORTH AVENUE - LATER

Ryiten mopes the streets.  
Drunk in the booze of pity.  
He peeks at a news story playing above.

NEWS STORY...

Ryiten pushes Frito down.  
Smashes his camera.

NEXT CLIP...

Ryiten runs off stage at the award show.  
He looks like a star on drugs.

WITH RYITEN...

Watching in disbelief.  
He disappointedly shakes his head.  
Then, it hits him.

INT. FRITO'S RESIDENCE - EVENING

A camera bag drops to the floor.  
 Dinner placed on the table.  
 Frito takes a seat.  
 His hands fretfully on his head.  
 His wife (TERRA) comes from the back.

TERRA  
 (kisses him)  
 Rough day?

Terra marvels at the meal.  
 Portions it out for the family.

TERRA (CONT'D)  
 This is it?

FRITO  
 Mr. Salts didn't like any of my  
 stories. He said I'm out in a week  
 if I don't come up with something.  
 (dispirited)  
 I just need something to take my  
 career to the next level.

TERRA  
 Keep at it. It might come sooner  
 than you think.

...BAM!

The front door is kicked in--

RYITEN  
 You!

The kids run out from their room.  
 They stop -- screaming at the scary man wielding a weapon.  
 Ryiten steps closer, desperation gleaming in his eyes.

RYITEN CAM

Frito gulps in fear.  
 He bravely steps in Ryiten's path.  
 Throws his hands up in mercy, shielding his family.

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
 Where is he?

FRITO  
 Who?

Ryiten smashes a figurine off the stand.



The family SHRIEKS in fear.

RYITEN  
My son! Where is he?

Ryiten looks around the small apartment.

FRITO  
I don't have him. I got my revenge  
already.  
(pointing to article)  
SuperDad or SuperFlop, remember?!  
(brave)  
Do whatever you need to do to me,  
but please don't hurt them.

Frito lowers his hands, surrendering.  
He fearfully closes his eyes preparing for the worst.  
Ryiten's losing control.  
He stands, frozen.

Suddenly, he lowers his weapon.  
Frito peeks one eye open. Sighs in relief.  
Ushers his family to the dinner table.

FRITO (CONT'D)  
(concerned; to Ryiten)  
Whew! I thought you were gonna'  
murder me. You alright?

Ryiten looks over at Frito's family.  
They're shaken but too hungry not to eat.

RYITEN  
Eat with your family.

FRITO  
(chuckle)  
Didn't make enough money today.  
Dad's sacrifice, right?

Ryiten nods in agreement, though he has no idea.

RYITEN  
Let's grab something. Bring your  
equipment.

INT. SECOND CITY DINER - NIGHT

A waitress brings creamer and sugar to the table.  
Frito sips his coffee.  
He places a small camera in front of Ryiten.  
Places another on his own jacket.

FRITO

You're so angry inside. Smashing cameras and doors. Scaring my family half to death.... What do you have to say for yourself?

RYITEN

You shouldn't stoop lower than dirt just to get a story. It may get you smashed. Ruining peoples lives.

FRITO

I just show the world who you really are. Good or bad. If I ruined your life, why am I here?

RYITEN

Someone took Justin and I don't know who.

FRITO

Really? You didn't call the police?

RYITEN

(pointing to cameras)

No police. And I have to stream my every move. So if you want the job, it's yours.

FRITO

Am I getting paid for this?  
(Ryiten nods in agreement)  
I'm your man!

The two shake hands.  
The waitress brings their food.  
Frito waste no time in digging in.

RYITEN

If you don't want my son who would?

FRITO

(talking with mouthful)

Stu Stewart. He's the one that paid me... us to destroy you.

RYITEN

Us?

FRITO

The media. He even paid producers and directors not to hire you.

The minute watch flashes!

**...3D HOLOGRAM**

Expands.

Justin's in some sort of enclosed chamber.  
Minute Man chuckles as he fidgets with buttons.

MINUTE MAN

SuperDad, it seems your son is in  
his hour of need. He needs you to  
steal something for me. Retrieve  
this little black box on the third  
floor at the space institute.

(pointing)

In two hours the remaining oxygen  
in this chamber will disappear.  
Just to show I'm serious...

He presses a button.  
The chambers oxygen instantly disappears.  
Justin immediately gasps for air!  
Minute Man patiently waits, taunting him--

RYITEN

That's enough! ...

The diner comes to a screeching halt.  
Ryiten looks around.  
Frito smiles embarrassed.

MINUTE MAN

(chuckling)

Time is of the essence, SuperDad.

**END HOLOGRAM**

A TICKING CLOCK shoots out the watch.

TIME REMAINING: 120 MINUTES

EXT. SECOND CITY SPACE INSTITUTE - NIGHT

A phenomenal chrome rocket shaped building.  
Oozes class architecture.

Masks on!

Ryiten and Frito creep in the shadows.  
Passing by little planet shaped trees.  
Ryiten turns around.

RYITEN

(into camera)

I'm keeping my promise.

A JANITOR ROBOT carries trash out the building.  
 It incinerates the pile.  
 Blows the remains away.  
 The DUO sneak in behind.

INT. SECOND CITY SPACE INSTITUTE - SAME

Inside, it's ridiculously cool.  
 Space themed from floor to ceiling.  
 Frito taps Ryiten on the shoulder.

FRITO  
 (pointing)  
 Cameras everywhere. Stay low.

The duo stealthily sneak around the building.  
 The janitor robot comes whizzing by.  
 Ryiten and Frito hit the deck.  
 The robot turns the corner.  
 They bolt for the elevator.

Ryiten impatiently presses the elevator button.  
 Frito peeks around the corner.  
 A SECURITY ROBOT cruises down the hall.

FRITO (CONT'D)  
 (loud whisper)  
 Bot!

The elevator doors open.  
 Ryiten and Frito slide in just as the robot passes by.  
 The doors close.

A DOOR opens--

INT. UNKNOWN LOCATION - NIGHT

--Minute Man walks in.  
 Passes Justin in the oxygen chamber.  
 Waves.  
 Goes to the TV.  
 Checks Ryiten's progress.

MINUTE MAN  
 Not bad.

Justin cheers his dad on.

MINUTE MAN (CONT'D)  
 It's a shame you're his biggest fan  
 and how does he repay you?

Minute Man sarcastically points to the contraption.  
Shrugs his shoulders, bemused.

INT. SPACE INSTITUTE - THIRD FLOOR - SAME

TIME REMAINING: 42 MINUTES

RYITEN CAM

He futilely searches room to room.  
A SECURITY BOT moves along on its parameter check.  
The duo ducks around objects and corners.  
Barely avoiding the bot.  
Frito points to a door.

DO NOT ENTER

Written across the front.  
A four digit access code is needed.  
Ryiten goes to press a button.  
Frito stops him.  
He randomly enters four numbers.

The door magically opens.  
Ryiten stares in disbelief.  
Frito points to the code scribbled on the wall.  
Oh!

INT. LAB - SAME

Inside, a top secret science lab.  
VIALS with glowing liquids.  
Crazy shaped instruments and experiments all over.

Ryiten curiously presses a button on an experiment.  
SMOKE flows from the object.  
It gets into his eyes.  
Ryiten darts to the sink, tosses off his mask.  
Dunks his head underwater.

He blindly rumbles through items.  
Eureka! Finds the black box.

POLONIUM

Written on the label--

Suddenly the door opens.  
Ryiten and Frito duck behind the counter.  
The security robot reads the room.  
Negative.  
It turns around and moves on.

The duo hightails it out of there.  
Bolting straight for the elevator.  
But as they turn the corner the security bot sees them.  
They freeze instantly.

(Long beat)

The bot's ALARM SOUNDS!

FRITO  
Stairs!

They take off down the hall.  
Bursting into the stairwell.

More security bots activate.  
They quickly flood the stairwell chasing after.

The duo frantically leaps flights of stairs.  
A NET barely misses Frito as he jumps down.  
He falls to the bottom floor.

...BAM!

Ryiten kicks the exit door open.  
They run off into the night.

EXT. SECOND CITY STREETS - SAME

Driving like a maniac!  
Ryiten manually weaves in and out traffic.  
A gang of COPS zoom past.  
Heading straight for the space institute.

INT. RYITEN'S CAR - SAME

TIME REMAINING: 27 MINUTES

Ryiten punches the gas.  
Frito fearfully grabs anything to hold on.

EXT. SECOND CITY PARK - NIGHT

Ryiten's car hovers into a parking spot.  
He gently places the box outside the car.  
Closes the door.

A drone flies up and grabs the box.  
Ryiten waits until it flies away.  
He exits his vehicle.

Frito follows Ryiten down an embankment.  
 They follow the water to an old bridge.  
 A MAN nervously stands in a trench coat and hat.  
 Puffs his cigarette.

MAN  
 You, Ryiten?

He flicks the cigarette butt.  
 Ryiten grabs the man by his collar.  
 A RED BALL falls from his coat pocket.

RYITEN  
 Were you flying the drone? Where's  
 my son?

MAN  
 I'm just here for the money. And to  
 give you these...

The man hands Ryiten TWO tickets.  
 Admission for the Second City Zoo.  
 Dated for tomorrow.

RYITEN  
 Who told you to give me these?

The man shows him his watch. Identical to Ryiten's.  
 Suddenly, Ryiten's watch flashes.

...the **HOLOGRAM** expands:

MINUTE MAN  
 SuperDad, congratulations! It seems  
 you've beaten the clock. Please  
 unhand Tony.  
 (changing attention)  
 Sorry about that, Tony!  
 (warning)  
 Your watch will explode in ten  
 seconds. I suggest you do something  
 with it, like now...

Tony's watch unlocks.  
 Instantaneously flashes a bright red.  
 He chucks it in the lake.  
 Everyone hits the deck.

...BOOM!

The watch explodes.  
 Ryiten fearfully stares at his.

MINUTE MAN (CONT'D)  
 Your time is up, Tony. You're  
 officially relieved of your duties.  
 Remember, don't be late!

Tony takes off running.  
 Suddenly, he runs back:

TONY  
 I forgot the money.

Ryiten digs into his pocket.  
 Hands Tony a wad of cash.  
 Tony slips as he runs off into the night.

MINUTE MAN  
 You saved your son tonight. But  
 only time will tell how super you  
 really are, SuperDad... Ciao!

INT. FRITO'S RESIDENCE - NIGHT

Frito plays with his kids before bed.  
 Ryiten wishfully stares at the love Frito receives.  
 Is that what a dad looks like?  
 It's a hard pill to swallow.  
 Ryiten surveys the table.  
 Family pictures lie atop a stack of overdue bills.  
 And an EVICTION NOTICE.

Frito tucks the kids in.  
 Gently closes the door.  
 Walks out to the common area.  
 Ryiten sets the pictures down.  
 He slides them over the eviction notice.

FRITO  
 (pointing to eviction)  
 Welcome to my world.

RYITEN  
 It's beautiful how much they love  
 you.

FRITO  
 I'll do anything for them and they  
 know that. I'd face my greatest  
 fears for them.

RYITEN  
 That's what you mean by dads  
 sacrifice.



FRITO

I don't know what you're going through. But sometimes you have to go through hell for your kids to see heaven.

Ryiten's ALERTS come in heavy.  
He pulls them up.

It's the security video from the space institute.  
Ryiten's made the headlines again!  
Frito's more of an attractive blur.  
They hop in the getaway car and speed off!

FRITO (CONT'D)

Hope your drawls aren't gasoline.

He tosses Ryiten a pillow and cover.

INT. FRITO'S RESIDENCE - LATER THAT NIGHT

Bad dreams and anxiety torment Ryiten's mind.  
He tosses and turns.  
Irritably peeks at the camera.

He stealthily slides his pillows under the covers.  
The old switch-a-roo.  
Ryiten throws some clothes on and heads out.

EXT. SECOND CITY CEMETERY - NIGHT

A total creepfest.  
Crawling with spooks and spirits.  
A bright and full moon gleams.

Down below, Ryiten's standing in the same spot.  
It's like an emotional forcefield keeping him away.

RYITEN

(speaking aloud)

I don't know what to do. Lyfe, how am I supposed to figure this out without you? I'm no SuperDad. I let him down. I let you down.

Something moves in his perphials.  
He looks over.  
Frito's holding the camera, recording him.

RYITEN (CONT'D)

(ashamed)

What are you doing? Get that camera  
out of my face.

FRITO

I'm just doing my job.

RYITEN

Sometimes you shouldn't.

Ryiten dejectedly walks off into the night.

EXT. SECOND CITY ZOO - DAY

An in-safari style zoo.  
Outside the crowded entrance animals roam free.  
Ryiten and Frito sip smoothies at a food kiosk.  
A MONKEY slowly approaches and sips Ryiten's drink.  
He doesn't notice.

Fingers point in his direction.  
He smiles. Waves.  
SIRENS emanate. Slowly.  
He glances at Frito. Coincidence.  
They grow louder. Still coincidence.

...SCPD hits the corner!

Ryiten and Frito bolt towards the entrance.  
Wiggle their way through the crowd.  
Quickly redeeming the tickets at the gate.

The cops search lost in a crowd of people.  
They harass employees to gain entry.

Ryiten and Frito duck into a dark corner--

The Minute Watch FLASHES:

MINUTE MAN (O.S.)

Isn't this fun? Looks like you're  
having a whale of a time. Well, so  
is Justin!

**3D HOLOGRAM**

A water tank slowly fills with water.  
And Justin is in it.  
Minute Man grabs his goggles and snorkel.

## MINUTE MAN (CONT'D)

We're going swimming and we need some friends! There's a surprise in the third stall of the west bathroom. Go to the aquatic control room and press the red button to release our pals. Don't forget to grab your invitation. You have forty minutes.

**END HOLOGRAM**

Ryiten checks for cops.  
The path is clear.  
He grabs a map and stays low in the crowd.

They move through the REPTILE and SNAKE exhibit.  
The BIRD and PENGUIN exhibit.  
Stop as they approach the BIG MAMMAL exhibit.

COPS lookout from a post.  
Two huge STUFFED ANIMALS slowly creep behind.  
A cop suspiciously turns around.

Ryiten bends his giraffe over to eat some grass.  
The cop turns finishes his conversation.  
They ditch the animals and dart off.

INT. SECOND CITY ZOO - WEST BATHROOM - SAME

An "OUT OF ORDER" sign.  
Hangs on the third bathroom stall.  
Ryiten pushes the door open.  
His SuperDad costume is on a hanger.

The Minute Watch flashes!

**...3D HOLOGRAM**

Minute Man pops out -- Sporting his own SuperDad costume.

## MINUTE MAN

Surprise! I figured since you like choosing your career over your son. Let's see if you choose your son over your career. Genius!  
(animated voice)  
Would SuperDad destroy SuperDad to save his son?

**END HOLOGRAM**

Ryiten apprehensively eyes the costume.

RYITEN

This is gonna' destroy everything.

LYFE (V.O.)

Promise me this is your focus...

HARMONY (V.O.)

Not the show. Not your fans. Not  
your career. Justin...

SuperDad confidently exits the stall.

FRITO

(clapping)

Dads sacrifice!

INT. SECOND CITY ZOO - AQUATIC EXHIBIT - SAME

Seals play volleyball in the water.  
Bouncing the ball back and forth with tricks.

The crowd taunts and cheers.  
All for SuperDad as he passes by.

Security's stationed by the control room.  
Ryiten looks for a distraction.  
A GUY bumps him.

GUY

SuperDad sucks!

Ryiten glances around.  
He lifts the guy up.  
Tosses him in the seal tank.

SUPERDAD

He jumped over! Help! Help!

The seals bounce the guy like their ball.  
Security and bystanders run to his aid.

Behind, Ryiten slowly slips into the control room.  
He surveys the control board.  
Locates the red button.  
Lifts the encasing.

OUT ON STAGE....

Kids and parents wait excitedly.  
It's the SEA CREATURE exhibit!

Giant Killer Octopuses.  
Two Headed Sharks.

And the Famous Man O' War.

The ANNOUNCER pumps up the crowd:

ANNOUNCER  
Everyone give a big hello to our  
giant sea creatures! In three...

RYITEN CAM

He presses the button.  
Red lights flash.  
A VOICE comes over the control panel:

VOICE  
Tank release initiated!

The sea creatures fight as they're sucked away from the tank.

BACK ON STAGE...

ANNOUNCER  
...two, one!

The crowd applauds.  
(beat)  
They look around, bemused.  
The announcer turns around.

Notices the flashing light inside the tank.  
She takes off for the control room.

BACK WITH RYITEN...

He grabs the invitation. Exits.  
Security and the announcer catch a glimpse of him leaving.  
They call it in.

Ryiten moves through the big mammal exhibit.  
Up ahead, a wall of COPS.  
Scanning faces and ID's.

Ryiten jumps down into the exhibit.  
Slowly stalks below as the cops search above.  
He moves along the bushes. Peeks out.

Packs of hungry JAGUARS lounge by the drinking hole.  
Gulp!  
Suddenly, his phone rings!  
He quickly answers.

RYITEN  
 (loud whisper)  
 Harmony?! Where (the hell) have you  
 been? Hello? Hello?!

A jaguar alerts to movement in the bushes.  
 It slowly approaches.  
 Ryiten freezes immediately.  
 The jaguar moves closer picking up his scent.  
 Ryiten's caught in two minds. Stay or bolt?!  
 The jaguar's so close, Ryiten can pet it.

Suddenly, huge pieces of JERKY are thrown from above.  
 The jaguar runs after.  
 Ryiten looks up.  
 Frito's pointing to an exit.

Ryiten takes off along the wall.  
 The jaguars notice.  
 They chase after.

Shit!!!  
 Ryiten runs as fast as he can.  
 He jumps into a tree.  
 The jaguars follow, one slashes his costume.

Ryiten jumps branch to branch.  
 Hoisting himself up.  
 Leaps onto the edge of the enclosure.  
 He slips!

Frito grabs a hold of him as he slides down.  
 The jaguars snap at him, biting the butt off his costume.  
 Frito pulls Ryiten to safety.  
 They run off into the crowd and disappear.

TV NEWS BREAK

The female anchor reads off--

NEWS ANCHOR  
 We've got a breaking story.  
 SuperDad or Supervillain? Ryiten  
 Thyme, better known as SuperDad is  
 back at it again. This time freeing  
 animals at the Second City Zoo.  
 Fans share their thoughts on the  
 Superhero turned villain.

The reporter goes through several interviews:

INTERVIEWEE #1

(sarcastic)

He's a rich guy that thinks he can do whatever he wants. Not anymore!

INTERVIEWEE #2

(blonde hottie)

I watch his live and something is going on with his son. Go SuperDad!

INTERVIEWEE #3

(conspiracy guy)

He's a radical wildcard man! Changing the dad game.

INTERVIEWEE #4

(angry)

Deadbeat!

INTERVIEWEE #5

(kid)

He's a hero!

INTERVIEWEE #6

(cop)

Good for nothing privileged thief!

NINJABOY83

Complete waste of talent.

NEWS ANCHOR

Hate it or love it. This is bringing the attention he wanted.

#### TRENDING VIDEO CLIPS

Ryiten causes havoc at the zoo.  
He tosses a guy into the exhibit.  
Jumps into one himself.  
Frees the animals in the aquatic center.  
He's a wanted man!

A BEER...

Spills on the table as it's slammed down.  
It's followed by a LOUD BURP.  
Frito grabs some chips before he sits next to Ryiten.

INT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - SAME

FRITO

(depressed)

I just got fired. F-I-R-E-Fired!  
(MORE)

FRITO (CONT'D)

I'm getting evicted!! My life is over.

Frito stuffs his face with more chips.  
Downs it with his drink.

RYITEN

Your life isn't over. It's just time for something new. Time to show the world who you really are.

FRITO

I did get like a hundred thousand followers since yesterday.

Frito shows Ryiten his recent followers.  
Ryiten gawks at his #tagname.  
#SuperDadscameraman!

Ryiten nervously watches the news report.  
Sinks lower in his seat.  
Cops search for clues left behind.

RYITEN

What's stopping them from coming in here right now and arresting me?

FRITO

Stream firewall. Location unreadable. Strictly visual.

Ryiten panics. He calls Harmony.  
Voicemail.  
He grabs the package he received in the mail.  
Carefully examines the HAND looking for a clue.

FRITO (CONT'D)

Give me that.

Frito snatches and roughhouses the mechanical hand.  
Infuriating Ryiten!  
He rips the real feel skin off and...

FRITO (CONT'D)

(handing it back)

There you go.

Written on the base of the first layer reads:  
"Property of The Stewart Show."  
Ryiten gives Frito that desperate look.  
The cold stare of evil thoughts and pain--



FRITO (CONT'D)  
 (quickly sobering)  
 ...easy now. We don't wanna' jump  
 to conclusions. We wanna' think  
 rationally about the situation.

RYITEN  
 I'm gonna' kill him!

Ryiten bolts for the door.  
 Frito grabs him, holds on for dear life.  
 Ralphie inattentively turns the corner.  
 Sporting Ryiten's ANNIVERSARY JACKET.

FRITO  
 (struggling)  
 Ralphie! Ralphie! Help me!

Ralphie jumps on.  
 Helps Frito wrestle Ryiten onto the couch.  
 Ryiten bites Frito's hand.

FRITO (CONT'D)  
 Timeout! Time-OUT! You bit me?!

Ryiten growls like a rabid dog.  
 Frito angrily fights back.  
 Ralphie pours ice cold water over Ryiten's head.  
 Shocks his body from head to toe.  
 He instantly stops.

Ryiten notices what Ralphie's wearing.  
 He quickly hops up.  
 Snatches the jacket off Ralphie's back.

RYITEN  
 (insulted)  
 You're gonna' ruin it!

Ryiten sniffs the jacket.  
 He sighs, relieved the scent hasn't changed.  
 The sweet smell of Lyfe.  
 He sympathetically rubs her face.

RALPHIE  
 ...sorry.

Frito dejectedly rubs his hand through his hair.  
 His words were like piercing daggers in Ryiten's heart.

FRITO  
 I didn't know that jacket was that  
 important to you.  
 (MORE)

FRITO (CONT'D)

I'm sorry for what I said. It was way out of line.

RYITEN

You're not the idiot that hit her driving manually.

Ryiten puts his hand in the jacket pocket.  
Pulls out a PEN.  
Tosses it to Ralphie--

RALPHIE

(throwing it back)  
That's your pen. It was already in there.

RYITEN

(checking logo)  
Space institute?  
(to Frito)  
Did you take this?

FRITO

No.

RYITEN

Why would this be in my--  
(hands pen to Ralphie)  
--Go to the space institute and check this out for me. Third floor.

Ralphie stares at the pen. Bemused.  
Ryiten is the surest he's ever been.

RALPHIE

It's a pen. As crazy as it sounds, okay.

Ryiten gives Ralphie a quick manly hug.

RYITEN

You've always been like a dad to me. It just took me a while to notice.

RALPHIE

(touched)  
Thanks, son.

Ryiten grabs Frito as he gulps the last beer.

INT. SECOND CITY AIRPORT - TERMINAL - DAY

Harmony exits the plane.  
 Oblivious to a group of POLICE waiting to greet her.  
 They quickly escort her to their office.  
 She turns her phone on.  
 The ALERTS go crazy! -- Ryiten's 58 voicemails.

INT. SECOND CITY AIRPORT - INTERROGATION ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Harmony fretfully taps her finger against the table.  
 Two SUITS walk in.  
 One slides her photos of Ryiten.

--First....He's stealing from the space institute.  
 --Second...Him at the second city zoo.

SUIT # 1  
 Do you know this man?

HARMONY  
 That's Ryiten.

SUIT # 1  
 We understand that you work for  
 him. You're like family, correct?

HARMONY  
 (worried)  
 What's going on? Is he okay?

SUIT # 1  
 He's fine ma'am.

SUIT # 2  
 Your boss broke into the space  
 institute and stole a rare metal.  
 He also released four animals at  
 the zoo. Luckily three made it  
 back.

HARMONY  
 Ryiten wouldn't do that. There has  
 to be a mistake.

SUIT # 1  
 (plays video)  
 No mistake.

HARMONY  
 (puzzled)  
 Why would he do that?

SUIT # 1

That's the same thing we want to ask you.

EXT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - GATE - STUDIO #2

Frito drunkenly approaches the security entrance.  
Playfully grabs a guard's hat.  
He stumbles and bumbles away.  
Ryiten quickly sneaks in as the guards chase Frito.

RYITEN CAM

Ryiten walks room to room on a rampage for Stu.  
He turns a corner--

TWO police officers laugh, conversing.  
Ryiten quickly ducks behind a fake tree.  
An officer glances over.  
He continues his conversation.

Ryiten waits until they walk in the opposite direction.  
Suddenly, a HAND taps him on the shoulder.  
He jumps!

FRITO

(loud)

I need some water, bro! You have some?

RYITEN

Shut up. Go somewhere! And get your sea legs together.

FRITO

(bumbling off)

Alright, captain!

A BALL...

Bounces in Ryiten's path.  
A KID runs after it accidentally bumping into him.  
It's Dallas!

He excitedly smiles ear to ear.  
Ryiten hands him the ball and keeps moving.

A WOMAN adds touches to Stu's sweater-vest combo.  
She holds it up, checking her work.

WOMAN  
 (frustrated)  
 I should of done this at home and  
 mailed it like the rest.  
 (imitating Stu)  
 But I need it today.

She throws it in the "STEWART SHOW" pile.  
 Right next to the "SUPERDAD" pile of accessories and props.

Ryiten passes by carrying the MECHANICAL HAND.  
 She calls out:

WOMAN (CONT'D)  
 (chasing after)  
 Excuse me? ...

KA-KAH! KA-KAH!  
 Ryiten looks over.  
 Frito wildly waves his arms.  
 Ryiten just stares in disbelief.

FRITO  
 He's through the door and behind  
 the curtain, captain!

INT. SECOND CITY SPACE INSTITUTE - FRONT DESK - SAME

A SECURITY GUARD smiles at Ralphie, head over heels.  
 She's so lost in Ralphie's aged handsomeness.  
 He secretly swipes an access key without her noticing.

RALPHIE  
 I can get you a gig today.

SECURITY GUARD  
 (flirting)  
 Really? I've been dying to be on  
 TV.

Ralphie bumps his phone against hers.  
 He winks before walking off.

RALPHIE  
 Give me a call sometime.

She smiles ogling over him as he enters the elevator.

INT. SPACE INSTITUTE - THIRD FLOOR - SAME

DING!

The elevator doors open.

Ralphie steps off.

He glances at everyone steadfast at work.

RALPHIE

(raises hands)

Excuse me! Excuse me!

Who's pen is this? ...

Nobody pays attention.

A cricket at a music festival.

RALPHIE (CONT'D)

Y'all don't hear me?!

He opens the casing of the...

EMERGENCY LAUNCH BUTTON

The workers heads quickly turn.

One shouts out:

WORKER #1

Don't press that!

Ralphie puts his finger on the button.

Toying with them.

RALPHIE

I want to know who wants to destroy  
SuperDad? Anybody?

The workers stare, bemused.

Lost at this fool and his antics.

RALPHIE (CONT'D)

I got a feeling someone here made  
him steal that polonium. If I don't  
get some information I'm  
launching... In three, two, one--

WORKER #1

Wait..wait..wait! Someone get Joe.

An employee walks to the back.

Returns with JOE.

He vaguely eyeballs Ralphie.

JOE

What are you doing? Who is this  
guy? Who let him up here?

RALPHIE

Are you the one who wants to  
destroy SuperDad?

JOE

(to worker)

Is this what you called me up here  
for? Call security.

RALPHIE

Well since no one can help me, I'll  
just--

--Ralphie mashes his hand forward.

JOE

Wait! I might know who would want  
to though.

INT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - BACKSTAGE - SAME

Ryiten walks through the double doors.  
He splits the curtain interrupting a scene.  
Stu fearfully backs away.  
Frito tries to grab Ryiten but it's no use.

The actors stop.  
The crowd looks on, popcorn ready.  
Suddenly, Stu bolts!  
Ryiten and Frito chase after.  
The crowd follows in tow, cameras ready.

Stu elderly jukes around objects.  
Tosses them in Ryiten's path.  
Too bad he's is too slow.  
Ryiten tackles him on a couch.

STU

(covering face)

Sorry for the jokes and the job  
thing. You're too much of a threat.

(pleading)

Just not in the face!

Ryiten balls fist in anger. Loads up.

STU (CONT'D)

(cowering back)

You're taking this publicity stunt  
kinda' serious, don't ya' think?

The woman (DENISE DREWSON) pulls Ryiten by the ear.

DENISE  
That is enough!

She separates the two.  
The onlooking crowd sighs in disappointment.  
Denise picks up the mechanical hand.

DENISE (CONT'D)  
(to Ryiten)  
How did you get this?

RYITEN  
(towards Stu)  
He sent it to me.

DENISE  
Impossible.

RYITEN  
It came with this watch.

Denise glances at the watch.  
Slides her hand over her mouth.  
Speechless.

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
You know something about this?

She nods her head.  
Ryiten's PHONE RINGS!

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
(answering)  
Hey, I'm kinda--

RALPHIE (O.S.)  
Darryl Drewson! That's his name. He  
used to work here. They fired him!  
(screaming into the phone)  
No! Noooo!

RYITEN  
Ralphie?! ...

INT. SPACE INSTITUTE - SAME

Ralphie's face down.  
Wrestling with security.  
Struggles to get free.  
But still on call.

RYITEN (O.S.)  
Ralphie! Meet me at the studio!



RALPHIE

Can't! I'm kinda going to jail. I threatened to launch the defense rocket.

A guard's KNEE drops in Ralphie's back. Squishing his face against the floor. He's handcuffed tight.

RALPHIE (CONT'D)

This is security brutality!

The guard lifts him up. It's the female guard from downstairs.

RALPHIE (CONT'D)

(smiling)

...nevermind. Is there a safe word to these?

She escorts him out.

INT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - SAME

Denise taps her heel. Nervous energy. She stops as Ryiten approaches.

RYITEN

Do you know a Darryl Drewson?

DENISE

He's my husband. Used to be my husband.

RYITEN

We have to talk.

Stu walks away. Ryiten grabs a handful of his shirt.

SUIT # 1 (O.S.)

Your boss is a criminal. You know what happens to criminals.

INT. INTERROGATION ROOM - SAME

He slides Harmony a PICTURE of Justin. His smile bright as the sun.

SUIT # 2

See, if something were to happen to his dad, where would he go?

HARMONY

He would go with me. He's like my son.

The detective slides Harmony a paper.  
A LIST of Justin's next of kin.  
He searches for a name that's obviously missing.

SUIT # 1

Your name isn't up here. And Ryiten has no next of kin.

SUIT # 2

So that leaves one option. Foster care.

SUIT # 1

Foster care! But we could change that. Because, Ryiten is going to be caught. So when that does happen... Justin can go with you.

Harmony nervously bites her nail.

HARMONY

How? ...

EXT. SECOND CITY RESTAURANT - PATIO - SAME

Frito plays with the mechanical hand.  
Suddenly it grabs his hand and doesn't let go.  
He panics, knocking things over.

AT THE TABLE

Stu unhappily plays hostage.  
Denise nonchalantly takes a sip of her tea.  
She peeks protectively at Dallas playing.

DENISE

I don't know where he is. We haven't seen him and we don't plan to.

RYITEN

I'm looking for my son.

DENISE  
 What does Darryl have to do with  
 your son?

RYITEN  
 I think Darryl took him.

Denise sets her tea down.  
 She curiously points to Ryiten's wrist.

DENISE  
 Is that why you have that watch?  
 (remorseful)  
 I pushed him too far.

STU  
 (super late)  
 ...wait. This is real?

RYITEN  
 (to Denise)  
 How do I find him?

DENISE  
 Between our old house and all his  
 rental properties...business  
 ventures, I don't know. I'm sorry.

Ryiten bangs his fist on the table.  
 He puts his head down.  
 Frustrated, afraid to show his emotions.

RYITEN  
 I can't keep doing this. I'm the  
 most wanted man in Second City. I'm  
 tired of running. Stealing.  
 Wondering.

DENISE  
 He's making you do these things.  
 (beat)  
 Darryl is a strategist. Every move  
 he makes sets you up for the next.

Denise takes a BRACELET off her wrist.  
 Brings another out her purse.  
 Slides them across the table to Ryiten.

DENISE (CONT'D)  
 Dad's don't have expirations. It's  
 never too late to be a better dad.  
 You know that. I wish he did too.

INT. UNKNOWN LOCATION - MINUTE MAN'S CHAMBER - SAME

Minute Man blissfully enters the room.  
Justin's heavily strapped to a chair, watching the feed.

Minute Man tunes in just as Denise walks off.  
He tinkers with Justin's straps. Pulls tighter.  
Suddenly, he stops.

Beat. Brushes the thought off.  
Grabs the remote and changes the channel.

TV NEWS CAST

A NEWS ANCHOR sniffs a flower.  
Too bad it's a trick one.  
Squirts him right in the face.

NEWS ANCHOR

Thousands gather for the unveiling  
of Second City's Sacred Garden.  
Coming to you live at 3 p.m.

Minute Man grabs a rope.  
And his bag of materials.  
Pushes Justin out the room.

EXT. SECOND CITY RESTAURANT - PATIO - SAME

A video message alerts Ryiten's phone.  
It's Cris!

CRIS

(super excited)

Guess who's the top trending person  
in Second City! My phone has been  
ringing nonstop. Whatever you did  
worked!

Ryiten stares at the bracelets in his hand.  
Clinches his fist closed.  
Suddenly, the Minute Watch flashes!

**...3D HOLOGRAM**

Minute Man stands menacingly.  
Brings a bouquet of flowers from behind his back.  
Sniffs the floral arrangement.

MINUTE MAN

Third times a charm. Don't you  
agree, SuperDad? Where flowers  
bloom so does hope!

(MORE)

MINUTE MAN (CONT'D)

I love that quote. It speaks volumes. I hope time doesn't drop Justin off this cliff!

Minute Man pans over:

Justin's hooked to a contraption.  
A ROPE holds his chair at the edge of a cliff.  
Rigged for destruction!  
It slowly gives way as the minutes tick.

MINUTE MAN (CONT'D)

Tragic. There is one way to help. Remember that invitation? Use it. SuperDad must cut all the flowers in the Sacred Garden and deliver them to a location where you will receive your son. You have two hours.

**END HOLOGRAM**

RYITEN

The mayor is down there. I won't survive three seconds.

STU

I may have a way.

EXT. SECOND CITY STREETS - SECOND AVENUE - SAME

Ryiten slowly hovers behind a luxurious car. The car passes a SMALL SHACK with a warning sign. It parks. Ryiten exits. He approaches the car.

STU

This is the place right here.

RYITEN

You sure it connects?

STU

Right hand up.  
(genuine)  
This thing you're doing. I think it's real noble. I owe you an apology. You are the real deal, SuperDad.

RYITEN

Thanks, Stu.

STU  
 (driving off)  
 My show is still better than yours!

The shack. Old and dusty.  
 Ryiten pulls the door.  
 It's rusted stuck!

He looks around.  
 Picks up a rock and smashes the lock and handle.  
 Frito helps yank the door open.  
 Inside, it's pitch black. Frito gulps in fear.

FRITO  
 No thanks. I like heaven just fine.

Ryiten flashlights Frito's face.  
 He puts his hands up in defense.

INT. UNDERGROUND - SAME

The duo walks thru dark tunnels underneath the city.  
 It's the old underground metro station.  
 Heavily populated by homeless city residents.  
 Inhabitants live in old trains.  
 From children to elderly adults.

Ryiten gazes into a huge hanging glass shard.  
 Still sees himself as that homeless orphan.  
 He stares, lost.

FRITO  
 (tapping him)  
 We're on Main. This way should take  
 us to First Street.

EXT. CLIFF - CONTINUOUS

Petrified!  
 Justin traumatically hangs at the cliff edge.  
 His chair ruggedly shifts.

JUSTIN  
 (panic-stricken)  
 Dad!

INT. UNDERGROUND - CONTINUOUS

Frito and Ryiten haul ass away from a pack of raccoons.  
 Ryiten's phone RINGS.  
 It's Harmony!

RYITEN  
 (answering)  
 It isn't a good time right now!

HARMONY  
 What's going on? Where are you? We  
 need to talk.

RYITEN  
 Subway station. Long story. No  
 time. Gotta' save Justin!

HARMONY  
 Where? Ryiten?!

Frito glances over.  
 Signals hang up the phone.

RYITEN  
 (hanging up; bemused)  
 ...I'll call you back--

FRITO  
 Not a good idea.

First Street exit ahead.  
 The duo turns the corner into a BLOCKADE.

RYITEN  
 You've gotta' be kidding me.

INT. INTERROGATION ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The detective manipulatively stares at Harmony.  
 Suddenly, there's a KNOCK at the door.  
 A NERD COP brings in the live feed of Ryiten's channel.  
 He slaps a portable TV on the wall.

NERD COP  
 Sir, I broke the firewall! The  
 camera man is highly skilled. Never  
 gives us a clear location--

ON SCREEN

Frito moves the camera to the perfect angle.  
 The detective snaps a screenshot.  
 Freezing their exact location--

NERD COP (CONT'D)  
 Until now -- That's the old subway.

SUIT # 1  
 (over the radio)  
 Confirmed. Suspect is in the old  
 subway tunnel. I want men at every  
 entrance and exit now!

Harmony uneasily watches on.  
 What did I just do? ...  
 Panic sets in.

INT. UNDERGROUND - CONTINUOUS

Frito surveys the blockade.  
 Finds a way up through an old sanitary sewer drain.  
 Ridden with crusty bugs and rotten roots.

FRITO  
 (signaling)  
 C'mon!

Ryiten walks over.  
 Gawks at the grossness of the sewer.  
 He checks the minute watch.

...Justin's hanging on tight.  
 ...Singing to help stay calm.

TIME REMAINING: 60 MINUTES

Ryiten painfully climbs into the sewer drain.  
 Gags at the squishing of bugs and mold.  
 Reaches the top.

He removes the sewer cover and climbs out.  
 Quickly ducking behind a parked car.

Frito pops his head out the drain.  
 Ryiten signals him over.  
 They slowly move down the street.

Suddenly, TWO COPS head their way.  
 Ryiten dives behind the HOT DOG MAN.

HOT DOG MAN  
 I can't let you hide here unless  
 you buy a hot dog.

RYITEN  
 (keeping quiet)  
 No thanks.

The hot dog man flails his arms as if he's in trouble.



HOT DOG MAN  
Hey, whoa! Hel--

RYITEN  
(loud whisper)  
What are you doing?! Alright!  
Give me a hot dog.

Ryiten digs in his supersuit.  
Pulls out a smoke bomb, stuffs it back in.  
He digs deeper.  
Hands him a sweaty twenty dollar bill.

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
I've been running.

The hot dog man checks his cash drawer.

HOT DOG MAN  
No change. Let me just ask these  
nice cops.

RYITEN  
Keep the change.

HOT DOG MAN  
Nice doing business with ya'.

The hot dog man pulls out a compartment.  
Covering Ryiten as the cops pass by.  
He tips his hat.

HOT DOG MAN (CONT'D)  
Evening officers.

EXT. SECOND CITY - DOWNTOWN - FIRST STREET - CONTINUOUS

A big crowd gathers in anticipation.  
Police scattered throughout the perimeter.

ON STAGE...

The MAYOR stands tall at the podium.  
Behind him, twelve little girls and boys stand proud.  
Below, joyful parents and observers watch on.

MAYOR  
These children have made something  
special that will grow as we will  
grow in Second City.

Suddenly, Stu appears on stage.

STU  
I second that, Mr. Mayor.

The crowd cheers for the beloved Stu Stewart.  
He approaches the mayor with a firm handshake.  
Stu secretly signals to Ryiten, now's your chance.

RYITEN CAM

He stays low to the ground.  
Moves throughout the crowd as they fixate on Stu.  
Crawls under a curtain that surrounds the garden.

Inside, vibrant and subtle FLOWERS blossom.  
The garden -- more beautiful than a rainbow.

RYITEN  
I'm sorry kids.

Ryiten clips the flowers.  
Rubs them with a solution.  
Stuffs them into a bag.

INT. INTERROGATION ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Harmony and the nerd sit awkwardly silent.  
He nervously moves. Accidently knocks over her purse.  
Harmony's keys fall to the ground.  
She stares at Ryiten's virtual key fob.

HARMONY  
Am I free to leave?

NERD COP  
I doubt it. I'll check.

He sets the video down and walks out.  
CLICK. Locks the door behind him.  
Harmony glances at the--

VIDEO FEED

Ryiten's a one man assembly line.  
Quickly cutting and bagging the flowers.

HARMONY  
Ryiten what are you doing?

Harmony creeps to the door, turns the handle.  
Locked.  
She looks around then... UP.

She jams a chair underneath the door handle.

Sets another chair atop the table.  
Boost herself up through the tile in the ceiling.

EXT. SECOND CITY - DOWNTOWN - FIRST STREET - CONTINUOUS

MAYOR

These beautiful yet powerful  
flowers will bloom just as these  
young children. I'm glad to meet  
and congratulate you all on your  
achievement now and in your bright  
futures.

RYITEN CAM

He sweats profusely.  
Struggling to finish.  
Ryiten goes into hyper-speed.

WITH THE MAYOR...

MAYOR (CONT'D)

This will mark the beginning of a  
new era in Second City. If you will  
drop the curtain in, five...

(countdown)

WITH RYITEN...

Cutting the last flower.  
He wipes it and stuffs it into the bag.  
Ryiten ties the bag and tosses it over his shoulder.  
He takes a step and the curtain drops!

The crowd, Mayor and children stand, shockingly stunned.  
The garden is ruined.  
Ryiten gives off a goofy smile before bolting!

A KID

(chasing after)  
Get him!

Ryiten weaves and jukes through the crowd.  
Little kids to elderly adults rage war.  
Frito kicks over traffic barriers.  
People fall like dominoes.

The Hot Dog Man runs his CART full speed towards them.

FRITO

What is he doing?

He thrusts it forward.  
 Ryiten and Frito barely dodge it.  
 The cart hits a group of cops chasing after.  
 Ryiten drops the smoke bomb.  
 Jumps into the sewer drain, followed by Frito.

The group of cops stare, disgusted.  
 The Hot Dog Man helps them up.

HOT DOG MAN  
 I thought I had him.

COP  
 (over radio)  
 Suspect disappeared. Possibly into  
 the sewers.

EXT. CLIFF - CONTINUOUS

The CHAIR inches further back.  
 Justin panics.  
 Looks down and sees death.

RYITEN (O.S.)  
 I'm on my way, Justin! Stay strong!

INT. UNDERGROUND - SAME

TIME REMAINING: 34 MINUTES

Ryiten and Frito kick it into overdrive.  
 They dash past the homeless trains.  
 Ryiten throws a wad of cash to a little kid entertaining.

RYITEN  
 Don't give up!

EXT. SECOND CITY STREETS - SECOND AVENUE - SAME

Ryiten bursts through the shack door.  
 The drop location alerts the Minute Watch.  
 Frito halts. Stops Ryiten.  
 His football helmet and pillow are on the curb.

FRITO  
 Why's my stuff... Where's the car?

RYITEN  
 (panicking)  
 We parked it right here.

LIGHTS and SIRENS approach rapidly.  
Frito paces back and forth.

FRITO  
We going to jail!

Suddenly, Ryiten's car zooms past.  
The cops on its tail.  
Ryiten looks around confused.

FRITO (CONT'D)  
Hey!!! That's our ride!

His car U-turns back in their direction.

RYITEN  
What are they doing?

A car starts at the end of the block.  
Ryiten looks over.  
Harmony's car is parked.

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
(grabbing Frito)  
C'mon!

They jump into the car and speed off.  
Another CAR inconspicuously hovers behind.

INT. CAR - SAME

Frito throws on his helmet.  
He adds his seat belt and pillow.

FRITO  
C'mon, bro! Twenty-eight minutes!

EXT. CLIFF - SAME

Minute Man sits at the cliff edge.  
Chuckles at the fear in Justin's eyes.  
Knowing he could stop it at any moment.

MINUTE MAN  
How's it hanging? Not so well, huh?  
See, there's never action without a  
problem.

EXT. SECOND CITY STREETS - SAME

Ryiten speeds like a nascar driver.

Weaves in and out traffic.

MINUTE MAN (O.C.)

When there's a problem we act.  
 Problem. While your hanging with  
 me, your dad is racing to come save  
 you. Action. Why now? ...

Ryiten zooms past a GROUP of cops.  
 They instantly hit their lights and chase after.  
 Ryiten wildly makes quick turns.  
 And hits a side street.  
 He parks the car.

Frito nervously bites his nails to the cuticles.  
 Ryiten keen to hit the pedal.  
 The cops zoom past the cut.

Ryiten hesitates.  
 It's quiet.  
 He hightails it in the opposite direction.

A RED DOT

Beeps Justin's location.  
 Ryiten's dot moves closer.

STOP SIGNS

Approach rapidly!  
 Zoom!  
 Ryiten passes by one.  
 Frito's eyes open wide--

FRITO

These are stop signs!

Ryiten doesn't even think about stopping.  
 He blows through seven of them.  
 He zooms through the eighth and...

WHAM! ...

He's smashed on the rear drivers side.  
 The car spins like a top.  
 Comes to a halting stop.

Inside, Ryiten and Frito are banged up pretty bad.  
 Frito opens the door and falls to the ground.

POLICEMAN

Hands! Hands! Let me see your  
 hands! You're under arrest!

He throws open Ryiten's door.  
 Drags him out and leans him against the car.  
 Ryiten's blurry vision soon becomes clear.

HARMONY'S DAD  
 It's over, Ryiten.

Blood runs down his face and head.  
 HD tosses him a towel.

HARMONY'S DAD (CONT'D)  
 Clean yourself up before I take you  
 in.

RYITEN  
 (groggy)  
 You don't understand. I had to do  
 it.

HARMONY'S DAD  
 You stole the kids flowers. You  
 freed the animals at the zoo. You  
 broke into the space institute.  
 (reaching in waistband)  
 Turn around and put your hands  
 behind your back.

HD cuffs him:

RYITEN  
 I had to. It's for Justin.

HARMONY'S DAD  
 Your son Justin? The one you don't  
 give the time of day?

RYITEN  
 Yes! No. I've been a awful dad. I  
 can admit that. But I need those  
 flowers. His life depends on it.

Ryiten shows him a watch that doesn't work.  
 He taps it.  
 Still nothing.  
 HD turns Ryiten around.

HARMONY'S DAD  
 What are you saying? Are you saying  
 someone has him?

RYITEN  
 (cold hard stare)  
 I'm saying I need those flowers.

HARMONY'S DAD  
Turn around.

HD pushes Ryiten against the car.

HARMONY'S DAD (CONT'D)  
(radio's in)  
10-15.. Suspect in custody.  
13th and Plane.

He takes Ryiten's cuffs off--

HARMONY'S DAD (CONT'D)  
Punch me in the face.

RYITEN  
(hesitating)  
Is this a trick?

HD raises his taser -- then, his cuffs...

HARMONY'S DAD  
Do it or I'm taking you in.

Ryiten loads up and swings forward.  
Love taps him on the chin.

HARMONY'S DAD (CONT'D)  
If you want your son you better HIT  
ME!

Ryiten clocks him--

HARMONY'S DAD (CONT'D)  
C'mon!

Ryiten punches him again.  
HD falls against the car.

HARMONY'S DAD (CONT'D)  
(radio's in)  
Suspect escaped! Suspect escaped!  
Heading south on Plane.  
(to Ryiten)  
You have two minutes before they  
get here.

Ryiten gives him a loving hug.  
HD isn't too fond of the gesture.  
But accepts it anyway.



HARMONY'S DAD (CONT'D)  
 For some crazy reason my daughter  
 is fond of you. She trust you.  
 Don't let her down.

TIME REMAINING: 11 MINUTES

Ryiten runs over to Frito.  
 He's dazed on the sidewalk.

RYITEN  
 (pats his face)  
 You okay? Thanks, buddy. For  
 everything.

Ryiten sets an envelope full of money on his chest.

FRITO  
 Give him hell.

EXT. CLIFF - SAME

The chair hangs loosely on it's last leg.  
 Justin is too. He peeks at the clock.

TIME REMAINING: 1 MINUTE

INT. POLICE CRUISER - SAME

Ryiten panics as he punches the gas.

...Tic! ...Tic!

Tears roll down his cheeks.  
 Something in him knows the inevitable.  
 He floors the pedal.

TIME REMAINING: 20 SECONDS

EXT. CLIFF - SAME

Justin closes his eyes as the chair slowly gives way.

JUSTIN  
 (horrified scream)  
 Dad!

INT. POLICE CRUISER - SAME

Ryiten agonizingly watches Justin fall off the cliff.

Seconds feel like an eternity.  
He slams on the brakes...

RYITEN

No!

EXT. SECRET LOCATION - SAME

Ryiten jumps out the cruiser.  
Grabs the flowers.  
Bangs at the front entrance.

RYITEN

Justin! Justin!

A CAMERA

Zooms in and scans Ryiten's face.

MINUTE MAN (O.S.)

(telecom)

Who is it?

Ryiten hits the door in frustration.  
It slides open.  
He runs in.

MINUTE MAN (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Drop the flowers and follow the  
signs.

Ryiten places the bag down.  
The signs lead him to a room.

INT. ROOM - SAME

Inside, is Minute Man in the flesh.  
Standing confidently in the corner.  
Wielding a black remote.

Ryiten enters.  
His stare piercing a hole through Minute Man.  
The door slams shut.

RYITEN

Where's my son?

MINUTE MAN

Sure you still have one?

Ryiten angrily steps towards him.  
Minute Man turns on the TV.

Justin's lying in a net 30 feet below the cliff:

MINUTE MAN (CONT'D)

(warning)

...ahh-ahh-ahhh! A simple keyword  
or press of this button cuts the  
net.

(pointing to a chair)

...sit.

RYITEN

You knew I wouldn't make the time.  
What do you want from me?

Minute Man slides him a photo.  
A MARKER comes next.  
He waits patiently.  
Ryiten autographs it.  
Slides it back across the table.

MINUTE MAN

Easy, right? Three seconds could of  
saved you all this trouble. Now  
look at you... You're a villain. A  
wanted man. Do you feel like this  
little autograph was worth it?

Minute Man rips the photo.  
Tosses it in the air like confetti.

RYITEN

Where's my son?

MINUTE MAN

(ignoring)

You look at me as if I'm this evil  
person doing these things to you...  
it's time doing this stuff to you.  
The trouble is you thought you had  
time.

Minute Man hits a button on his control panel.  
A clock timer pops on screen.

TIMER: SIX HOURS

RYITEN

What about you, Darryl?

MINUTE MAN

(chuckling)

What about me?

RYITEN

Seems like your time is up too.

Ryiten pulls out the BRACELETS.  
Minute Man's wit quickly turns smug.  
A thick layer of anger and regret underneath.

RYITEN (CONT'D)

You worked yourself out the family.  
It hurts... I know it's easier to  
blame someone for your mistakes. To  
look in the mirror and see  
(striking deep)  
...regret.

MINUTE MAN

How'd you get those?

Ryiten wittingly smiles.  
Minute Man irately bangs his fist on the table.

MINUTE MAN (CONT'D)

You don't know what you're talking  
about! I did what you're supposed  
to do! They blame me for providing?  
Protecting?!

INT. SECOND CITY SPACE INSTITUTE - FLASHBACK

Darryl works countless hours at the office.  
He works hard.  
Too hard!

He sleeps at his desk for breaks.  
Wakes up to coffee and a muffin.  
And he's back at it.

YEARS GO BY...

Darryl rises in the ranks, but his family life dissipates.  
Denise and Darryl fight repeatedly.  
He makes up with nice BRACELETS.  
One for Denise -- One for Dallas.

But gifts and money are no match for time.  
Denise and Darryl continue to argue.  
She packs her bags along with Dallas'.  
Darryl sadly watches them drive away.

Dallas stares out a window, crestfallen.  
Darryl buries himself in work.  
The two grow older and further away.

MINUTE MAN (V.O.)  
 We had everything. The biggest  
 house. The best schools. Did she  
 care? She left me! They left me!

Dallas excitedly jumps for joy.  
 A personal SuperDad autograph?  
 No way!  
 They get in the car and ride off.

MINUTE MAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
 I had one last chance to prove I  
 was a good dad. We went to see his  
 hero. The man he wishes his dad  
 was.  
 (long hard stare)  
 ...SuperDad.

EXT. STUDIO - FLASHBACK

Darryl and Dallas wait hours for SuperDad.  
 Too excited! Dallas isn't fazed.  
 He proudly hangs around waiting for his moment.

...FLASH! ...FLASH!

Ryiten embarrasses Frito. Smashes his camera.  
 Darryl and Dallas SCREAM for an autograph.  
 Ryiten passes by. Darryl grabs his arm.

DARRYL  
 (pleading)  
 From one dad to another. It will  
 only take a minute. Please?

RYITEN  
 (rips arm free)  
 I don't have time. No autographs.

Darryl dispiritedly glances at Dallas.  
 His eyes swollen with marshmallow sized tears.

DALLAS  
 (running off)  
 This is the worst trip ever!

Darryl vengefully turns back at SuperDad.

EXT. COFFEE SHOP - LATER THAT DAY

Denise walks in to see Dallas unharmed.  
 ...but heartbroken.

She hugs him and takes him away.

INT. ROOM - PRESENT DAY

RYITEN  
...that day I--

MINUTE MAN  
--ruined my last chance with my  
son. Soon we'll be even.

RYITEN  
We both had chances to spend our  
time wisely. It's time we did. I'm  
willing to help you if you help me.  
One dad to another.

MINUTE MAN  
(chuckling at offer)  
You can't help me. But there is  
someone you can help...

He presses a button.  
Reveals, Ryiten's wanted pictures everywhere.  
...Everywhere!

MINUTE MAN (CONT'D)  
You're a wanted man. A criminal.  
Felon. The moment they see you,  
you're going to jail. But I can  
change that. I can give you the  
opportunity to save your career and  
kid.

RYITEN  
How?

Minute Man checks the time.  
He gestures...

...Three ...Two ...One!

Suddenly, Ryiten's phone RINGS.  
It's Cris!

CRIS (O.S.)  
I just got off the phone with The  
Lucas Company and they want  
SuperDad! A feature! Feature!  
(beat)  
Meeting in a hour. Don't be late!  
Second City Steakhouse. SuperDad is  
back!

RYITEN  
 (hangs up)  
 How do I save Justin?

MINUTE MAN  
 It's simple. Make a choice. Him or  
 you...

Minute Man presses a button -- A LOCATION MAP comes up.

THREE COORDINATES

...Their location.  
 ...The meeting location.  
 ...And Justin's new location.

MINUTE MAN (CONT'D)  
 (pointing to lowest dot)  
 That's us right here.  
 (pointing to middle dot)  
 It takes a hour for your meeting.  
 (pointing to last)  
 Five hours to save your son.

Minute Man switches the camera back to Justin.  
 He's strapped to a chair in a huge room.  
 A MECHANICAL ARM holds a liquid filled syringe.  
 Aimed directly for his neck.

MINUTE MAN (CONT'D)  
 In that syringe is polonium 210. A  
 single drop in his blood stream...  
 I don't have to say the rest, do I?

RYITEN  
 When does the clock start?

MINUTE MAN  
 ...now.

The door opens.

EXT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - SAME

A surveillance van is parked on Ryiten's street.  
 The detectives busy enjoying lunch.  
 Ryiten sneaks past into his shed.  
 Follows his escape tunnel into the house.

INT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - CONTINUOUS

Ryiten enters from his secret chamber.

He runs upstairs straight for his room.

He quickly dresses in the mirror.  
 Straightens his tie.  
 Suddenly stops.  
 Lost in his reflection.

EXT. HIGHWAY - CONTINUOUS

Cars move for FLASHING lights and SIRENS.  
 The cruiser zooms past like a bat out of hell.

INT. SECOND CITY STEAKHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Cris joins the Lucas brothers at the table.  
 They order entrees.  
 Patiently waiting for Ryiten.  
 Cris checks his watch.

INT. POLICE CRUISER - CONTINUOUS

Ryiten beeps the horn!  
 Swerves in and out of traffic.  
 He makes a call.

INT. RALPHIE'S CONDO - CONTINUOUS

Lying in bed.  
 Ralphie's head shoots up.  
 He answers the phone.  
 HANDCUFFS on his wrist.

RALPHIE

I'm out the door right now.

He gets up and runs off.  
 Suddenly, Ralphie's jerked back.  
 Hits the floor.

RALPHIE (CONT'D)

Alright! Hippopotamus!

EXT. POLICE CRUISER - CONTINUOUS

An OLD MAN slowly crosses the street.  
 Ryiten slams on his brakes, just avoiding him.  
 Instead, he hits TWO ROBBERS running from a heist.  
 They spin like topspins to the ground.



INT. SECRET LOCATION - CONTINUOUS

Minute Man stares at a picture of his family.  
Dallas and Denise look so happy.  
He sympathetically rubs their faces.

INT. SECOND CITY STEAKHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Cris and The Lucas Brothers stare, confused.  
Ralphie approaches the table.  
Whips out a tablet.

A LIVE VIDEO

Shows Ryiten speeding down the highway.  
SuperDad in full effect.  
He screams into the camera.

RYITEN  
How's this for a movie?!

EXT. WAREHOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Ryiten pulls up to a newly renovated building.  
"Still under construction"  
That's what the signs say at least.  
He exits the car.  
The warehouse door opens -- Ryiten enters.

INT. WAREHOUSE - SAME

Innovative equipment and appliances everywhere.  
Ryiten follows a huge JUSTIN SIGN down the hall.  
He enters a door.

INT. VESTIBULE - SAME

The door slams shut behind him!

MEDIA BROADCAST ALERT

Suddenly, all media outlets are interrupted.  
Ryiten and Justin pop ON SCREEN.  
Ryiten stands frozen -- Justin helpless.

MINUTE MAN (O.S.)  
Sorry to interrupt your scheduled  
programs. But this is much more  
entertaining.  
(beat)  
(MORE)

## MINUTE MAN (O.S.) (CONT'D)

All things are revealed with time.  
It's time for the world to see what  
SuperDad is really about. The  
ultimate sacrifice.  
(thriller tune)  
How super is SuperDad?

The door opens. Ryiten steps into a room.  
It's pitch black.  
The door slams behind him. Creates a huge echo.

...CLINK!

Something falls in the distance.  
Ryiten stands alert.  
Suddenly, strobe effects and atmospheric smoke emanate.

It's CARNEVAL!  
Creepy CLOWNS run with HOOPS of fire.  
Others hang from them, laughing with jagged teeth.

Tunnels of horror and spooks at every corner!  
Evil trolls ride the fright Ferris wheel and merry go round.  
Bats scurry around in a panic.

## INT. RYITEN'S CAR - FLASHBACK

A CLOWN gingerly walks by the window.  
Ryiten jumps out his skin!  
Punches the window in frustration.

## INT. WAREHOUSE - PRESENT DAY

Ryiten freaks out!  
Futilely attempts to pull the door back open.  
He hits it in frustration.  
No way out.

## RYITEN

(focusing)  
I'm SuperDad. I am SuperDad.

Ryiten frighteningly covers his eyes.  
Blindly runs through the maze.

...BANG!

He hits a wall.  
Wrong idea.

A CLOWN jumps out surprising him.  
He screams like a girl, running away into other freaks.

Ryiten scurries around like a headless chicken.

He hits the corner.  
TROLLS back him onto the merry go round.  
It spins slowly picking up speed.

The trolls have trouble hanging on as it accelerates.  
The merry go round throws Ryiten into a huge spider web.  
He's stuck!

Evil trolls and clowns rapidly approach.  
Ryiten grabs a ride from a swinging hoop beast.  
He shakes him off.

...Ryiten flies!

Smashes against the Ferris wheel.  
Holds on for dear life.  
He alertly catches a glimpse of the exit.

An evil troll hops onto Ryiten's car.  
Ryiten kicks off the troll, falling in the car below.  
Suddenly, more trolls hop up.

Ryiten fearfully jumps.  
Hitting several cars on his way down.  
He THUDS against the ground.

Ryiten groggily gets up and limps off.  
Another clown jumps from behind the wall.  
Ryiten punches him in the face.  
The clown goes down clutching his nose.  
Others take notice and back away.

Ryiten grabs a pole and swings it like a mad man.  
He fends off trolls and clowns on his way out the door.  
Entering another vestibule.

INT. VESTIBULE - SAME

MINUTE MAN (O.C.)  
We're just getting warmed up. Now  
it's time to test the waters.

A compartment pops open.  
Inside, hangs a customized SuperDad WET-SUIT and GOGGLES.  
Ryiten curiously grabs it and puts it on.

The door opens.  
It's a huge water tank!  
The exit? ...

...Underwater.

At the opposite side.

Suddenly, a huge SHADOW darts across the tank.  
 What the hell is that?  
 Ryiten timidly peeks over the pool.

...WHOOSH! It swims by again.

MINUTE MAN (O.C.) (CONT'D)  
 Swim to the exit.

RYITEN  
 You're kidding right?

INT. SECOND CITY STEAKHOUSE - SAME

The group watches every moment, transfixed.  
 Ralphie pigs on their appetizers.  
 Orders more on their tab...

A GPS TRACKER

Signals a location.  
 Miles away from it's current location.

INT. RYITEN'S CAR - SAME

Harmony speeds down the expressway towards the dot.  
 Watching the live feed more than the road.  
 Hovercars honk as she manually weaves through the lanes.

INT. WAREHOUSE - WITH RYITEN

He nervously dips his head underwater.  
 Frighteningly jumps back noticing it's a GIANT OCTOPUS!  
 The one he released from the zoo.

INT. HOSPITAL ROOM - FLASHBACK

RYITEN CAM

Ryiten's face is covered in fear and nerves.  
 He's sweating pretty profusely.

RYITEN  
 This is getting scary. Killer  
 octopus scary!

INT. WAREHOUSE - PRESENT DAY

Ryiten paces back and forth--

RYITEN

--Hell no.. No! No! I didn't sign  
up for this. No!

Ryiten glances at Justin on the live feed.  
Paces again!  
Takes a confident deep breath.  
Stands and the edge and dives in the water.

UNDERWATER

Ryiten slowly moves along as the octopus floats about.  
He tries his best to avoid it at all cost.  
But alerts it instead.

The octopus quickly moves down blocking Ryiten off.  
It's a game of cat and mouse.  
The octopus floats aggressively.  
It attacks in a flash.  
Quickly grabbing Ryiten's arms.  
Painfully stretching him preparing for dinner.

Ryiten tussles with the octopus.  
Frees his arm enough to strike the octopus between the eyes.  
But it squeezes tighter as Ryiten jabs away.

Ryiten grows weaker as the octopus strengthens.  
He futilely smashes his goggles against it.  
They snap, creating a jagged edge.

He jabs the goggles between the octopuses eyes.  
It releases him as it INKS out of control.  
Ryiten painfully swims up for a breather.

The water quickly inks up below.  
The exit disappears.  
Ryiten weakly swims down.  
Blindly feels for the door.  
Finds it but struggles to pull it open.  
He pulls with all his strength.  
The door bursts open!

INT. VESTIBULE - SAME

Ryiten's sucked in with a host of water.  
He quickly closes the door before it fills.  
The floor activates, absorbing the remaining water.  
The vestibule heats back to a warming temperature.

Another SUIT pops out a wall compartment.  
 It's another SuperDad costume.  
 This one is made out of a thick polyester material.

MINUTE MAN (O.C.)  
 Put it on, you'll need it.

The second door opens and holy crap...  
 It's a giant bee factory!  
 BEES fly making honey from regenerated flowers.  
 The flowers from the sacred garden heist.

EXT. SECOND CITY PARK - FLASHBACK

The first place trophy goes to Henry and SuperDad.  
 Henry emotionally gives SuperDad a hug.  
 SuperDad waves to the cheering crowd.

SUPERDAD  
 (speech)  
 I want to say thank you to all my--

A BEE flies around Ryiten.  
 He stops everything and bolts!

INT. WAREHOUSE - PRESENT DAY

Thousands of bees fly.  
 Small GLASS JARS of honey stationed around the room.  
 A huge EMPTY JAR stationed in the back.

MINUTE MAN (O.C.)  
 Someone is highly allergic to bees.  
 This is your final sacrifice.

RYITEN  
 (wit)  
 You really did your homework.

MINUTE MAN (O.C.)  
 It's un-bee-lievable!

The vestibule door slams shut.  
 Ryiten gulps in fear.  
 This challenge is like no other.  
 Between life and death.

MINUTE MAN (O.C.) (CONT'D)  
 Pour the little jars of honey into  
 the big jar and place it into the  
 weighted area. Simple.

Ryiten looks up to the heavens.  
He timidly moves forward.  
Bees attack, bouncing off his suit.

He grabs the big jar.  
Ryiten looks around for the little ones.  
Sees one in the corner.

He pours the smaller jar into the bigger one.  
Gets stung in the process.

Ryiten moves to the second. Pours it in.  
As he lifts the third, the bees fiercely strike.  
Puncturing the suit.  
Ryiten hurriedly keeps moving, filling another.

...TWO JARS REMAINING.

Ryiten lifts the big jar.  
Takes a step.  
Looses his balance.  
The honey wobbles! But stabilizes.

Something's wrong.  
The bee stings are taking its toll.  
Anaphylaxis hits Ryiten's body like a mack truck.

He sets the jar down at the station.  
Coughing, struggling to breathe.  
Ryiten feels around the table.  
Accidentally taps the small jar of honey.  
He quickly steadies it before it spills.

...ZAP!

Ryiten's stung in the neck as he pours the honey.  
He writhes in pain but finishes the job.  
On to the last jar--

Ryiten looks up to the clock.  
It's all a blur until his focus kicks in.

TIME REMAINING: 1:42

He faintly stumbles towards the last jar.

...ZAP! ...ZAP!

He's stung twice in quick succession.  
Daggers in his back.  
He courageously keeps moving.  
Approaches the last station.

Ryiten swats the bees as they swarm.

Quickly grabs the little jar. It slips through his grip.  
He acrobatically catches it before the honey spills.  
Pours it in the big jar.

The bees relentlessly attack.  
Ryiten swats in every direction fighting them off.

...ZAP! ...ZAP!

He's stung again as he lugs the big jar.  
SMOKE slowly impairs his already blurry vision.  
He spins around in circles lost, with seconds remaining:

RYITEN  
Justin?! Justin!

JUSTIN  
I'm over here!

Ryiten moves towards Justin's voice.

...ZAP!

He's stung again.  
Ryiten goes down to one knee.

RYITEN  
(wheezing)  
Where are you?!

TIME REMAINING: 20 SECONDS

Ryiten weakly pushes the jar forward.  
The honey sways heavily.

JUSTIN  
Dad! Dad! ...

Justin's voice emanates closer.  
Ryiten faintly moves deeper into the smoke.  
Suddenly, his vision goes blank and his body limp.

TIME REMAINING: 5 SECONDS

He gives the jar one last shove.  
His body THUDS against the ground.

The jar slides into the weighted area.  
Honey splashes against the sides.

BLACK.

...BEEP! ...BEEP!



A DEFIBRILLATOR SOUNDS off.

MOMENTS AGO...

The honey jar's weight differs as the honey sways.  
A green light initiates.  
The operation comes to a stop.

The CLAMPS on Justin's chair release.

TIME REMAINING: 3 SECONDS

Ryiten thuds against the ground.  
Bees swarm his lifeless body.  
HANDS drag him into the smoky safe area.

Police raid the warehouse.  
Minute Man is willingly taken away.

Ryiten floats in and out of consciousness.  
Sees his two guardian angels watching over.  
Lyfe and Harmony riding side by side in the ambulance.

BLACK.

...BEEP! ...BEEP!

A HEART MONITOR sounds off.

INT. SECOND CITY HOSPITAL - ROOM - DAYS LATER

Justin glumly sits bedside.  
The nurse sets down a tray of breakfast.  
It's a smiley face breakfast.

NURSE

Today might be the day.  
Eat up while it's warm.

Justin pushes the tray away.

Suddenly, a FAMILIAR TUNE emanates--

SONG

When you get sad,  
He makes you glad.  
It's SUPERDAD. SUPERDAD.

Justin glances at the TV.  
It's off.  
He looks over.  
Ryiten happily smiles ear to ear.

RYITEN  
He's SUPERDAD. He's SUPERDAD.

Justin lovingly jumps on Ryiten.  
He winces in pain but it's the greatest feeling ever.  
Ryiten hugs him and doesn't let go.

EXT. UNKNOWN RESIDENCE - SECOND CITY - DAYS LATER

Harmony pulls up to the residence.  
Ryiten exits and goes around the side.  
He matches a vehicles plates to the photo.  
It's a match. He throws up the signal.

Justin exits the car and rings the doorbell.  
The HEAVYSET GUY from before comes to the door.  
He suspiciously looks around.

HEAVYSET GUY  
What do you want, you little runt?

JUSTIN  
I'm lost. I don't know where I am.  
Can you help me? ... I'm hungry.

Ryiten sneaks in through a back window.  
Justin notices and distracts the owner.  
Ryiten looks around--

HEAVYSET GUY  
No. I'm busy.

--Eureka! Ryiten finds it.  
He dances and exits out the back.  
The guy turns around.

JUSTIN  
(catching attention)  
At least can you tell me the time?

The guy looks down.  
No watch.  
Turns around and walks into the house.  
He runs back.

HEAVYSET GUY  
Hey!!!

Ryiten taunts him waving the CLOCK around.

RYITEN  
It doesn't feel good, does it?!

Harmony squeals the tires as they drive away.

INT. SECOND CITY PRISON - SAME

A new age prison.  
Electric forcefields keep inmates at bay.  
Minute Man tranquilly lies in bed.

Ryiten visits him in his new home.  
Justin attached at his hip. Best buds.

RYITEN  
(to Minute Man)  
You almost killed me.

MINUTE MAN  
I knew you weren't gonna' die...  
Just kidding. I thought you were  
gonna' die.

Ryiten smirks.  
He lovingly rubs Justin's head.  
Couldn't be any happier.

RYITEN  
Thanks.

Minute Man nods. (You're Welcome)  
Walks back to his bed.  
Ryiten taps the forcefield.  
His hand bounces back, hitting him in the face.

RYITEN (CONT'D)  
I'm a man of my word.

Ryiten signals -- Denise and Dallas walk over.  
Minute Man excitedly jumps up.  
Runs into the forcefield.  
He flies back!  
Jumps up like nothing happened.

MINUTE MAN  
(kneeling down)  
I've been a horrible dad. I'm so  
sorry. Can you forgive me?

DALLAS  
You did all this to show how much  
you love me?

Darryl shamefully nods his head.

DALLAS (CONT'D)  
That's so cool!

INT. SECOND CITY STUDIOS - SAME

Frito ditches being behind the camera.  
Instead, he moves in front.  
Hosting his own super popular show, "Celebrity Access!"

FRITO  
(reporting)  
Guess where police found it. I'll  
give you a hint. The sun wasn't  
shining. Play the video!

EXT. SECOND CITY CEMETERY - DAY

Ryiten places flowers on Lyfe's grave.  
Caresses her holographic tombstone.  
It plays...

ON TOMBSTONE

Several lovable clips of Lyfe, Justin, and Ryiten.  
He grabs the clock.  
Sets it next to her.

RYITEN  
I'm sorry it took me so long. I  
miss you everyday. I love you.

Harmony takes a PHOTO of Ryiten, Lyfe, and Justin.  
It's a beautiful family photo.

EXT. THE THYME RESIDENCE - SAME

Ryiten and Justin play catch having a great time.  
He receives an incoming video call from CRIS.  
Rejects it.

Throws the ball back to Justin.  
Harmony comes by and snags the ball.  
Justin and Ryiten chase after her.

Ryiten playfully tackles Harmony.  
Cradling her to the ground.  
They share a moment before Justin hops on the pile.

RYITEN  
What does it mean to be a dad?  
(beat)  
...everything!

FADE OUT