SPACE FISH

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FADE IN:

EXT. CITY - DAY

SUPER: VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA

The sun shines super brightly over many tall buildings.
The streets bustle with traffic and people who wear bright, breezy clothes.

EXT. SCHOOLYARD - DAY

SUPER: '68

A young boy plays with a steering wheel on his school's playground.

It's recess and DONNY SPRAT (8), shy, sensitive, imaginative, no left arm below his elbow, casual clothes, short hair, African-Canadian, pretends he's the captain of a pirate ship.

His classmate, TRACEY JONES (8), kind, modest clothes, Caucasian, notices him.

She climbs up the playground, stands behind Donny, and tries to get his attention.

    TRACEY
    Hello.

EXT. PIRATE SHIP - NIGHT

Donny is still in his own world. He imagines she's a CREW MATE on his ship.

Rain and lightning crashes down all around them.

    CREW MATE
    Captain, the enemy is advancing!
    What do we do?!

    DONNY
    We hold steady! Tell the men to fire on my command!

EXT. SCHOOLYARD - DAY

Tracey taps his shoulder, Donny snaps back to reality and turns around.
TRACEY
Hi.

DONNY
Are you... talking to me?

TRACEY
Yup.

They smile at each other.

They play pirates together until the bell rings, then they say bye and go back to class.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Donny's teacher, MS. STREE (60), thin, grey hair, Caucasian, sits at her desk and waits for the children to take their seats.

She moves to the front of the room and addresses the class.

MS. STREE
Okay, students, I need you all to choose a buddy to pair up with for the next lesson.

Tracey gets up and walks over to Donny.

TRACEY
Do you wanna be my buddy?!

DONNY
Sure.

BEGIN MONTAGE

- Donny and Tracey now sit beside each other in class and the teacher writes their next lesson on the chalkboard.

- Donny and Tracey play tether ball and hide-and-seek in the schoolyard.

- Donny reads to Tracey in class and she helps him sound out difficult words.

- They play more pretend pirates in the schoolyard.

- Donny and Tracey sit beside each other more in class. Tracey helps him figure out how to multiply. Donny is ecstatic.

END MONTAGE
EXT. SCHOOL - DAY

Donny's dad, FRANCIS SPRAT (38), stoic, heavy-set, short hair, African-Canadian, waits at his truck for his son to get out of school.

The truck's flatbed holds fisherman's gear.

Francis sees Donny made a friend, then he pulls a photo from his pocket and looks at it with a sullen expression.

EXT. PARK - DAY

Donny and Francis sit at a picnic table and play chess.

    DONNY
    What was the war like?

    FRANCIS
    No. You're not old enough yet.

    DONNY
    (beat)
    Can I see the picture?

Francis smiles and pulls out a picture of Donny's mother, ZELDA SPRAT (27), average build, long hair, African-Canadian.

    DONNY (CONT'D)
    Can you tell me something about mom?

    FRANCIS
    Your mother was the coolest. She introduced me to so many interesting things.

    DONNY
    Like video games?

    FRANCIS
    Yes, and all kinds of old and different movies, and TV shows, and music.

    DONNY
    And cartoons?!

    FRANCIS
    Yes, cartoons too. We even went fishing on our first date. She really helped shape me into the man I am today.
DONNY
(beat)
Why did mom leave?

FRANCIS
(beat)
She wised up to me.

EXT. SCHOOLYARD - DAY
Donny and Tracey walk side by side and chat.

TRACEY
Have you ever seen The Mega-Action-Ninja-Squad Show?

DONNY
Yes, I love that show. My favourites the one when they're on the submarine.

TRACEY
I never saw that one.

DONNY
My dad owns every episode.

TRACEY
Wow, my dad wishes! Do you like El Larko?

DONNY
Yeah, he's cool. He kind of reminds me of The Neighsayer.

TRACEY
Who's he?

DONNY
He's very old school. I could show you some of his music sometime.

TRACEY
Cool. El Larko's my favourite. My parents don't like me listening to his music. That's why I like going to school, I can listen to whatever I want! Well, when the teacher isn't talking.

BEGIN MONTAGE
- Donny and Tracey sit beside each other in most of their school subjects. They make arts and crafts together in art class.

- They choose each other as partners for gym class. The school gymnasium has track and field event stations set up. Donny and Tracey are at the high jump station. Donny jumps while Tracey spots, Donny clears the pole and lands on his back on the mat.

- Tracey jumps now, while Donny spots. She knocks over the pole and lands on her front on the mat. They both laugh.

- After school Donny and Francis hang out at the bowling alley. Francis re-enacts when he caught a huge fish. Donny watches with excitement.

- Donny and Tracey pick out books together in the school library. Tracey signs out a book on history, and Donny, one on oceans.

- After school, Donny watches as his father leaves for work and he's left at home with his babysitter.

- Donny and Tracey grade each others work, and help the other improve their marks at school.

- Donny and Francis stand in line at a cafe, behind a man with one arm who tries to hand in his resume. Donny nudges his dad and points to the man's arm. Francis shakes his head, no. The man missing an arm walks out with defeat on his face.

- Donny and Francis sit in the cafe. Francis drinks a hot coffee, while everyone else drinks iced. Francis lets Donny try a sip. Donny's eyes widen.

- Donny and Tracey bring CDs they like to school and they listen to them with each other on a Walkman. Donny pauses it and they discuss parts of the song.

- They run around together in the schoolyard. The bell rings and Donny and Tracey walk back to class together.

END MONTAGE

INT. CLASSROOM – DAY

The teacher introduces a new student, WALLACE BIBBONS (8), confident, funny, Caucasian, and he decides to sit beside Donny.
WALLACE
Hi, my name's Wallace, what's your name?

DONNY
Donny.

WALLACE
That's a cool name. "You're out of your element, Donny!"

Wallace does a near-perfect "Walter Sobchak" from "The Big Lebowski" impression. Donny laughs.

EXT. SCHOOLYARD - DAY
Donny shows Wallace around the yard while they chat.

DONNY
This here's the sandbox.

WALLACE
Well, would you look at that?!

Donny laughs.

WALLACE (CONT’D)
So, were you born here?

DONNY
Yup, how about you?

WALLACE
No, why would I be born in a sandbox?

Donny laughs again.

DONNY
For real, though. Where are you from?

WALLACE
Me and my fam moved here from Toronto.

DONNY
That's cool.

BEGIN MONTAGE
- Wallace makes Donny laugh a lot while at school.
- Donny hangs out with Tracey in the school's sandbox. Wallace walks up with a basketball, spins it on his finger, and convinces Donny to hang out with him instead.

- Donny hangs out at Wallace's house. His family appears very wealthy.

- Francis leaves for work, while Donny and Wallace play with the babysitter.

- Wallace gets the other kids to let Donny play tennis ball soccer with them.

- Donny and Wallace walk back to class, they put their arms around each others shoulders and laugh as they try to trip each other, while Tracey walks back to class by herself.

- Donny and Wallace enter fourth grade, and they sit beside each other again.

- Donny, Wallace, and their classmates play red-ass against the school's wall in the schoolyard. Donny runs after the tennis ball, throws it and hits a high-up window from very far away. A teacher pokes his head out to yell at them.

- Two of Donny's classmates pick teams for red rover. Wallace is chosen right away and Donny is chosen last. Someone on the opposite team runs right through the arms of Donny and his teammate to his left, them and some of Donny's other teammates fall down.

- Donny's teammates are now really mad at him, Wallace takes Donny to the side to tell him he shouldn't play. Donny walks away, upset.

- Donny and Wallace enter fifth grade. Donny starts to wear only long-sleeve shirts outside his home.

- Donny's grades start to slip and Francis talks to Donny after school about how he should always try his best.

- Now, Donny excels in the classroom. He answers almost all the questions the teacher asks with the right answer, and when he is wrong, he quickly writes down the correct answer.

- Donny plays batter against Wallace who plays pitcher for baseball during recess.

- Wallace pitches a fastball as fast as he can down the plate, Donny hits an in the park grand slam. Donny cheers and his teammates crowd him, while Wallace throws his glove on the ground and kicks dirt.
- Donny and Wallace enter sixth grade. Donny sits and holds out the seat next to him for Wallace, who walks right by and sits beside a female classmate instead.

- Donny, Wallace, and their classmates play more tennis ball soccer, now much more aggressively.

- Donny and Wallace sit in the cafeteria with other male classmates. Female classmates walk over and hand out invitations to a party to all of them except Donny.

END MONTAGE

INT. SCHOOL - NIGHT

Students stand in line at the entrance to the gym. They hand a teacher a ticket that reads: "7th Grade Dance in the Galaxy".

Upbeat music plays inside the gym, which has outer space decorations. Some students dance while the rest stand on the outskirts.

Donny and Wallace stand by the wall. Wallace does a silly dance and Donny laughs.

A slow song starts to play. Tracey taps Donny's shoulder. He turns to see her and her boyfriend, MITCHELL (12), average height, muscular, Caucasian.

TRACEY
Hey Donny, wanna dance?

DONNY
Is that okay?

MITCHELL
Of course, bud. It's just a dance.

DONNY
Alright.

TRACEY
Let's go!

They walk closer to the middle of the room and start to dance.

The song ends and they step apart.

DONNY
Thank you.
TRACEY
Thanks Donny, you're always the best dancer.

They smile at each other and Tracey walks away.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL GYM - NIGHT

SUPER: '76

Upbeat music plays. Donny grinds on a female classmate in a sea of students who participate in the school dance as well. The song ends and they step apart.

DONNY
Thanks.

Tracey and Wallace walk up to Donny. Wallace has his arm around Tracey.

INT. HOUSE PARTY - NIGHT

Donny tries to flirt with some girls, but they all reject him. Donny gets drunk.

EXT. HOUSE PARTY - NIGHT

Donny and Wallace argue across the street from the house.

DONNY
I'm never gonna get a girl.

WALLACE
Sure you will.

DONNY
That's easy for you to say. The ladies are all over you. God! Why am I such a loser?

Donny turns his back to Wallace, holds his eyes, and tries to fight away tears.

Wallace hugs Donny's waist tight. Donny squirms out of his grip and walks home.

Wallace just stands there and sheds a tear.
INT. CAFE - DAY

Donny sits at a table, drinks a coffee, and types into his laptop.

He sees a girl, LAUREN DOE (16), shy, average build, long hair, geeky clothes, tattoos of video game icons, African-Canadian, enter the cafe and stand in line.

Donny stands up quickly and heads for the line. He forgets his cup, rushes back to grab it, then back to the line. He cuts in front of a couple.

DONNY
Sorry.

Lauren reaches the BARISTA at the register.

BARISTA #1
What would you like?

LAUREN
I'll have a large iced coffee.

BARISTA #1
That'll be seven dollars.

BARISTA #2
Would you like a refill?

DONNY
Yes, please.

The barista grabs a pot of hot coffee and refills Donny's cup. Lauren notices.

BARISTA #2
That'll be three dollars, please.

Donny pays her and walks to the condiment station. Lauren quickly pays then walks over beside Donny.

LAUREN
What's that you're drinking?

DONNY
This? This is coffee.

LAUREN
But it's steaming!

DONNY
Believe it or not, this is the way people used to drink their coffee.
LAUREN
I want to believe. It's just so strange.

DONNY
(beat)
You've seen The X-Files?

LAUREN
It's only my favourite show.

DONNY
Would you like to join me at my table and we could talk more about the good old days?

LAUREN
Okay.

Donny leads her to his table and they sit down.

DONNY
I see you enjoy old school video games, too.

LAUREN
Yes! I guess my tattoos give it away.

DONNY
I like them too. What's your favourite video game?

LAUREN
I like Mario games.

DONNY
Yeah, Mario's a legend. I like Samus the best.

Donny pretends his arm is a gun. Lauren nods.

DONNY (CONT'D)
My mother was actually named after a famous video game princess from the same era those games are from.

LAUREN
Peach?!

DONNY
No. Guess again.

Lauren takes a moment to think about it.
LAUREN
Zelda!

DONNY
Yup.

LAUREN
That's awesome, I love Zelda.

DONNY
I noticed when you walked in that you have a Triforce tattoo.

Lauren looks over her body, spots it, and points to it on her shoulder. It's three small triangles that form one triangle. Two are black and the bottom-left is gold.

LAUREN
Yup. The Triforce of Wisdom.

DONNY
Check it out.

Donny uses his mouth and struggles to lift his sleeve to show Lauren his Triforce tattoo on the back of his wrist. Lauren laughs.

LAUREN
Is your left arm cold or something?

Donny considers it, then removes his baggy sweater he wears to reveal his missing arm.

LAUREN (CONT’D)
Whoa. What happened?

DONNY
You sure you wanna know?

Lauren nods.

DONNY (CONT’D)
Okay.

BEGIN FLASHBACK

INT. FRANCIS' BOAT - DAY

Donny (5) runs around on his dad's fishing boat. Francis drops chum into the water.
Donny slips by the ledge and falls in the water.

Francis is about to jump in when he sees a shark's fin protrude from the water.

Francis runs to the supply closet.

EXT. FRANCIS' BOAT - DAY

Donny struggles to stay above water. He sinks slightly and sees the great white shark swim at him.

The shark bites off his left arm. Donny's blood fills the water.

Francis shoots the shark with a harpoon gun as it thrashes around the water. It swims away.

Francis jumps in the water, and climbs back on the boat with Donny in his arm.

INT. FRANCIS' BOAT - DAY

Francis applies pressure to Donny's wound, and tries to calm him down.

END FLASHBACK

INT. CAFE - DAY

Donny and Lauren sit at the table.

LAUREN
That's crazy! I didn't know Canada even had sharks.

DONNY
Yup. They usually migrate here from America.

LAUREN
That's interesting.

EXT. RESTAURANT PATIO - DAY

Donny, Wallace, and Tracey sit and eat at a table.

DONNY
She's unbelieviable!
WALLACE
What is it about her that has you so loopy?

DONNY
Everything.

TRACEY
What does she like?

DONNY
Video games, mostly. Also, music and movies.

TRACEY
Old ones?

DONNY
She knows most of the classic video games. I still gotta show her more old movies and music.

INT. BAR - DAY

Donny and Francis sit at a booth. Donny drinks a soda, and Francis, beer.

FRANCIS
I tell you, fishing just isn't the same. It used to be I could tell you where all the hotspots were. Now it seems more like a guessing game. I wonder what it is that has the fish acting so different? It's gotta be--

DONNY
Dad, I'm sick of hearing about fishing. You haven't taken me near the water since my accident.

Francis chugs the rest of his beer, calls the waitress over and gets another.

FRANCIS
What should we talk about then?

DONNY
I met someone.

FRANCIS
That's great. What's her name?
DONNY
Lauren Doe.

FRANCIS
Is she nice?

DONNY
She reminds me of mom.

Francis chugs his beer again.

FRANCIS
(beat)
I think you're ready to learn about
the war.

DONNY
Really?!

FRANCIS
Yes.
(beat)
They called it the Laser War. I
believed in the cause back then,
now, I'm not so sure. We all had
weapons that could cut over a
hundred people in half in an
instant, or it could blow them up
into nothing. Millions of lives
were taken. I know I took my fair
share.

DONNY
Why were you fighting?

FRANCIS
Much of the world felt they were
being treated unfairly.

DONNY
Who was fighting who?

FRANCIS
We aren't allowed to say.

DONNY
Why not?

FRANCIS
Something terrible could happen to
us if we do.

DONNY
I don't understand.
FRANCIS
That's probably for the best.

EXT. FAIRGROUNDS - DAY
Donny and Lauren walk through the fair and chat.

LAUREN
I'm pretty sure I want to be a video game designer. How about you?

DONNY
I don't know.

LAUREN
You never thought about it?!

DONNY
No. I have. It's just my dad wouldn't approve.

LAUREN
I think you should just lay it on him. Say: Dad, this is what I want to do and I'm not changing it for anyone. I'm sure he'll accept your choice eventually.

DONNY
Maybe I could.

Donny and Lauren ride on the fair rides.

They play a bunch of fair games and Donny wins Lauren a big plush animal.

EXT. FAIRGROUNDS - NIGHT
Donny and Lauren are on the ferris wheel. Donny puts his arm around Lauren's shoulder, she cuddles up with him.

BEGIN MONTAGE
- Donny and Lauren attend a concert for one of Lauren's favourite bands and they discuss it afterwards in a pizza shop.

- Donny and Lauren see a movie at a secret underground theatre that plays old movies. They pretend to be characters from the movie on the walk home.
- The same man missing an arm from the cafe from before is now homeless. He holds out a cup as Donny and Lauren walk by.

- At the park, Donny asks Lauren to be his girlfriend. She happily accepts. They hug.

- Lauren and Tracey cheer and watch Donny and Wallace as they play one of their high school basketball games.

- Lauren shows Donny her idea for a video game. Donny shows lots of interest.

- There's many people outside. It's cold outside and while on a date in the park, it snows for the first time in Donny and Lauren's life. They kiss.

END MONTAGE

INT. LAUREN'S APARTMENT - DAY

Donny calls his dad. No answer. He leaves a message.

DONNY
Hey Pop. I'm just calling to apologize. I'm going to stay at Lauren's until graduation and then go with her.

INT. FRANCIS' HOUSE - DAY

The house is a mess. Francis lays in a slump, drunk, with an almost empty liquor bottle in his hand. Donny's voice plays on the answer machine.

DONNY (O.S.)
I'm sorry, I know I said I'd see you before. I'll see you at grad, though. Later, Pop!

INT. LAUREN'S APARTMENT - DAY

Donny and Lauren play video games and chat all day.

INT. LAUREN'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Donny and Lauren kiss, then they lie down on Lauren's bed and have sex.

It starts to storm outside.
INT. FRANCIS' BOAT - NIGHT

Francis pilots his boat in a massive storm.

A giant wave forms in the distance.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM - DAY

Donny walks on stage to accept his school certificate. He pauses for pictures.

Donny notices his dad isn't at the seat that was put on reserve for him.

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL - DAY

There's a bus full of graduates. Donny and Lauren argue on the front lawn.

DONNY
I just wanna check on my dad real quick. I'll meet you there.

LAUREN
No way! You know how much I've been looking forward to this!

DONNY
It'll just take a few hours.

LAUREN
If you go, it's over between us.

Donny gives up and gets on the bus.

INT. FRANCIS' HOUSE - NIGHT

Donny, back from his graduation trip, bursts through the front door and he checks the house.

DONNY
Dad? Dad?!

Donny finds a piece of paper and reads it. He starts to cry.

EXT. CEMETERY DAY

Francis' funeral happens on a grey and rainy day. Donny, Lauren, Tracey, and Wallace attend.
INT. FUNERAL HOME - DAY

The funeral director reads Francis' will out loud. Donny sits and listens with a blank face.

EXT. FRANCIS' HOUSE - DAY

Donny helps Lauren move into the house with him.

INT. FRANCIS' HOUSE - DAY

Donny tries to get Lauren to accompany him somewhere. She refuses.

INT. MORGUE - DAY

The mortician pulls back a sheet. Donny nods.

BEGIN MONTAGE

- Lauren tries, unsuccessfully, to get Donny to look at different school programs.

- Francis' truck breaks down and Lauren makes Donny sell it and buy a new car.

- Lauren forces Donny to make resumes and hand them out. After Lauren leaves for her job, Donny discreetly throws his resumes in the garbage outside.

- Donny plays a video game, while Lauren reads.

- Lauren shows Donny his bank account on her laptop. She looks mad.

- Lauren makes Donny apply for disability cheques. Donny sadly stares at his left arm.

- Lauren pops a drug in pill form in her mouth. She tries to get Donny to take one too. He refuses. Lauren tries to have sex with Donny. He turns her down.

- Lauren shows Donny a pamphlet for a beach vacation. Donny reads it and shows a slight smile.

END MONTAGE

INT. TRACEY & WALLACE'S APARTMENT - DAY

Tracey and Lauren sit and chat on the couch.
TRACEY
I'm really looking forward to the new album from El Larko. Here, let me play you some of his stuff.

Tracey presses a couple buttons on a remote and music turns on loud.

LAUREN
I don't really listen to this kind of music!

Tracey turns off the music.

TRACEY
(beat)
Do you wanna play a video game?

LAUREN
No, thanks.

TRACEY
Wanna watch a movie?

Lauren shakes her head, no.

TRACEY (CONT’D)
So, what did you want to talk about?

LAUREN
I'm going to break up with Donny.

TRACEY
What?

LAUREN
He's become so distant.

TRACEY
That will pass. You should give him time, he lost the most important person in his world.

LAUREN
It's been two years! We barely even have sex anymore, and he's only just recently stopped crying afterwards.

TRACEY
Well, his dad did die while you two were doing it.
LUAREN
(beat)
He told you that? He's totally different now. You know what I mean?

INT. JEWELRY STORE - DAY
Donny purchases a ring.

EXT. HIGHWAY - DAY
Donny drives down a long stretch of highway, Lauren sits next to him.

INT. DONNY’S CAR - DAY
Donny and Lauren wear their swimsuits.

The passenger side window reflects a rocket as it flies skyward. Lauren watches it. Donny looks over at her.

DONNY
What are you looking at?

LAUREN
A rocket just launched.

DONNY
Oh.

LAUREN
Don’t you wanna see?

DONNY
Not really. You’ve seen one rocket go into space, you’ve seen ‘em all.

LAUREN
I wish I could be an astronaut.

DONNY
Really?

LAUREN
You don’t think I could do it?

DONNY
No. It’s just I had no idea you were that interested in space.
LAUREN
Well, yeah, I thought everyone dreamed of being an astronaut when they were kids.

DONNY
Not Me. I never understood people's obsession with outer space.

LAUREN
How can you not be interested, especially with everything that’s going on. Astronauts are the last hope for the human race.

DONNY
So they say.

LAUREN
(beat)
I was only kidding. Besides, I’ll never be able to go to space. I'm not smart enough. It’s too much work. You on the other hand...

DONNY
Don’t say things like that. You’re plenty smart. You read the newspaper too; every year they send more and more people to space. I’m not going to lie, it won’t be easy, but if it’s what you want to do you should do it.

LAUREN
I’d only go if you come with me.

DONNY
I doubt one-armed pilots will ever be in high demand. I would never be able to get past training.

LAUREN
When have you ever let your arm hold you back. You’re the smartest person I know. You can do anything.

DONNY
This may be the one thing I can never do.
LAUREN
You said it yourself, every year
the number of astronauts
practically doubles. There are
rumors that in ten years getting to
fly a rocket will be as easy as
applying for a part time job!

DONNY
Then it’s settled. We’ll travel the
universe together.

LAUREN
Just the two of us.

EXT. HIGHWAY - DAY
A truck turns in front of Donny, it trails a large boat
behind it.

INT. DONNY’S CAR - CONTINUOUS
Donny tries to keep his composure.

DONNY
Let’s pass this guy.

EXT. HIGHWAY - DAY
An eighteen-wheeler draws closer to Donny's car and the truck
from the opposite direction.

The eighteen-wheeler is at a stop, with some of its back
wheels broken.

The boat is upside down on the road with wreckage around it
and the bottom portion in ruin.

Donny's car is upside down too, on the side of the road.

The truck drives away.

INT. HOSPITAL - NIGHT
Donny wakes up in the hospital. He looks around, then calls
for a doctor.

A nurse enters and gives him the news. Donny cries.
EXT. CEMETERY - DAY

Donny attends Lauren's funeral with the rest of Lauren's family.

INT. COURTROOM - DAY

The driver of the truck, CHRIS NESK (50), Caucasian, sits on the stand, his lawyer, SIMON RELL (30), Caucasian, sits on the side of the defense and nods as Chris speaks.

Donny sits on the side of the prosecution, and his lawyer, RYLEY LET-BO (40), Caucasian, paces the room.

CHRIS
The AC in my truck was broken. The heat was really getting to me. It was giving me bad thoughts. I think we all know what that's like.

RYLEY
That's true, sir. Although, what keeps us out of prison, is having the self control not to follow through with those urges. When you would not let Donny and Lauren pass you in your vehicle, and when you made it impossible for them to slow down and get back in the right lane, you were intentionally endangering their lives.

Donny now sits on the stand and Chris' lawyer questions him.

SIMON
Is it true you rammed the fishing boat that my client, Mr. Nesk, was trailing behind his vehicle that day?

DONNY
No, I-- I don't remember.

SIMON
Is it also true your father, Francis Sprat, was a fisherman, and he committed suicide by intentionally piloting his boat during an intense storm?

DONNY
What does that--
SIMON
When my client turned his vehicle in front of yours, and you noticed the fishing boat he trailed behind him that day, you couldn't handle it. You couldn't stop thinking about the death of your father. You attempted to pass my client and when you could not accomplish this, you lost your temper. The trailer hitch didn't break on it's own. You rammed the fishing boat, which forced it under the wheels of the passing transport truck, the force of the wheels lifted the boat into the air, it landed on your vehicle and this is what caused Lauren's death! It was you. I'd say you are just as responsible, if not more responsible, for her death than Mr. Nesk!

Donny jumps over the stand and lunges at the lawyer, the court guards run to Donny and hold him back.

DONNY
That's not true, you sick son of a bitch!

The judge re-enters the room, sits, bangs his gavel three times, then adresses the court.

Fear covers Chris' face, while Donny looks furious.

Business people hand Donny a cheque with many zeroes on it.

Donny angrily takes the cheque.

INT. FRANCIS' HOUSE - NIGHT

Donny has a nightmare and gets out of bed.

INT. DONNY'S APARTMENT - DAY

Donny moves into a tiny, fifth-floor, bachelor apartment. He fills it with his and Lauren's things.

Whenever Donny does go out it always takes a long time for Wallace to convince him and they usually argue afterwards.

Donny now spends most of his time alone in his bed with the lights off.
INT. DONNY'S CAR - NIGHT

Donny drives down the highway with Lauren by his side.

LAUREN
Becoming an astronaut is your last hope. I'll be there in space, waiting for you. Don't be afraid. You can accomplish anything. It will be just the two of us.

INT. DONNY'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Donny wakes up. He walks to the window and stares up at the sky.

INT. DONNY'S APARTMENT - DAY

Donny puts up a poster of the first African-Canadian astronaut.

Then he proceeds to work out and study extensive math and science books like he never has before.

EXT. ASTRONAUT ACADEMY - DAY

SUPER: '83

Donny arrives at the academy, ready to begin.

INT. ACADEMY AUDITORIUM - DAY

The ACADEMY DIRECTOR (50), Caucasian, stands on stage and speaks to the students.

Donny is in attendance and he appears to be the only Black student.

ACADEMY DIRECTOR
Welcome to Astronaut Academy. The following six month program will be an intense crash course in astronaut training. Only the best of the best of you will be selected to become Canada's next astronaut.

BEGIN MONTAGE

- Donny receives excellent grades and answers the most questions in class.
- Donny is the first to finish an indoor obstacle course.
- Donny's classmates struggle to move in a zero gravity chamber, while Donny moves fluidly and does all kinds of aerial acrobatics.
- Donny and his fellow cadets are taught to use laser guns that have updates since the war. It emits a white color laser and it has knobs that turn to change functions.
- Donny struggles to handle his laser gun with one hand. He places it on the ground, turns the knobs, picks it up and struggles to hold it comfortably. Others laugh at him.
- An Academy Instructor assigns a lot of work.

END MONTAGE

INT. ACADEMY DORM - NIGHT

Donny studies late into the night. He begins to freak out from stress. He notices a COMMERCIAL on the TV. He pays attention to it.

Nature footage plays on-screen, while a voice-over speaks.

COMMERCIAL
Lost someone important to you?
Don't want to feel that pain anymore? Then why not try a Chewie?

A pill bottle with the word "Chewies" on the label flashes on screen for a few seconds. Then back to nature.

COMMERCIAL (CONT’D)
Not only does it numb you from feelings of depression, anger, loss, sorrow, sadness, dejection despair, grief, and heartache. it also makes you laser focused, in order to help you get whatever job done.

BEGIN MONTAGE

- Donny purchases a bottle of Chewies from the pharmacy. He pops one in his mouth and chews.
- An academy classmate exits a G-force simulator pod, that rides a rail that arches over the academy building, very sweaty and woozy. Donny rides in it and exits sweaty and with confidence.
- Donny makes a cardboard replica of a laser gun and practices how he will handle it in class. He tucks it under his left armpit, pretends to tune the dials, then quickly puts his hand around the grip, and holds it out to aim.

- The next day Donny has the best control of his laser gun. He welds metal together, and he uses it to shoot targets from a very far distance, with ease.

- Donny continues to do best in class and at the end of the final term, he is the top graduate.

END MONTAGE

INT. ACADEMY OFFICE - DAY

Donny stands and presents the end to his thesis in front of a large blackboard to the ACADEMY RECRUITER (60), Caucasian, who sits.

DONNY

So, as you can see from my presented data, I've worked out all the simulations, and from my findings, I learned that this string of planets located in the galaxy known as Goyan S-P, have the highest chance ever recorded, of being habitable to Earthlings. The only problem, their distance from Earth. Though, as you know, I've logged the most hours with the isolation stimulator than any other cadet to ever attend the academy, and after each session, I would always receive a flawless mental evaluation. I firmly believe searching out these newly discovered planets, will have to be a solo mission, and that I am the only potential astronaut capable of performing the mission. Since, we can assume no other astronaut would be willing to travel such an extreme distance, with these planets still only being theoretical, and also, because no other candidate could spend the amount of time in empty space it would take to reach even the skirts of the galaxy, without suffering a mental break.
DONNY (CONT’D)
With all this information, I feel it is clear, this mission is Earth's best chance for survival, and that I am the best, and only, choice for completing it.

The recruiter smiles.

ACADEMY RECRUITER
Thank you, very much. We'll contact you in six months with our decision.

Donny nods, then exits with a smile.

INT. DONNY'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

SUPER: '84

Donny waits in a chair in the middle of the room in a pair of loose shorts. He's in the best shape, physically, of his life.

The AC hums.

He stares at a fax machine across the room. A bead of sweat rolls down his forehead.

The machine beeps. Donny stands quickly and walks to it. A fax slowly prints and drops from the machine into a compartment.

Donny picks it up and reads it.

He crumples the letter in his fist, then yells while he smashes what little he has in his tiny apartment. He spares the TV and AC.

Donny's neighbours yell and bang on the walls, floor, and ceiling to get him to be quiet.

Donny runs out of stuff to break then pops a Chewie.

INT. DONNY'S APARTMENT - DAY

Donny now sits on the floor with his back against the wall.

Wallace knocks on the door.
WALLACE
Donny? You in there? Look, the C.S.A. obviously don't know you like I do. I know you'd make an amazing astronaut. The best there is. You worked for it like crazy, you deserve it. Think about it though. Maybe this isn't such a bad thing. Space must get pretty lonely, and, I would miss you.

Donny doesn't move or respond.
Wallace gives up and leaves.
Donny pops another Chewie.

INT. CANADIAN SPACE AGENCY HQ - DAY
Donny checks a map and locates where to go.

INT. CANADIAN SPACE AGENCY OFFICE - DAY
Donny knocks on the door to the office of BILL GRENE (40), average height, average build, Caucasian.

BILL
Come in.

Donny enters.

DONNY
Hello, sir. My name's Donny Sprat.

BILL
Please, call me Bill. What can I do for you, Donny?

DONNY
Well, Bill, recently I attended Astronaut Academy. I graduated, top of my class. I consistently received perfect to near perfect grades. I was deemed the fittest cadet at the Academy. I presented my thesis on why I should pilot a solo mission, which, I believe went extremely well, and I was denied. I need you to reconsider.
BILL
(beat)
I'm sorry to be the one to have to
tell you this, Donny. You would
need the use of both arms in order
to perform solo missions.

DONNY
(beat)
What if I get a new arm?

BILL
Arms are extremely expensive. Are
you positive you can afford one?

DONNY
I'll find a way.

BILL
Well, you better hurry. Solo
missions have been discontinued.

DONNY
What?

BILL
Yes, I'm afraid so. They haven't
been as successful as we'd hoped.
There will only be three more solo
rockets left that will be prepped
for flight, then no more solo
missions. We'll be selecting those
three solo pilots at the start of
next year.

DONNY
Listen. The love of my life died
recently and the last thing we
talked about was the two of us
going to space together.

DONNY (CONT’D)
Please, I need to fly in one of
those solo missions. I have to do
this for her.

BILL
I'm sorry. I can't help you.

EXT. ELECTRONICS SHOP - DAY

Donny walks out of the shop with Wallace and a fan in its
package under his arm.
Hardly any home-dwellers walk the streets, sweat covers the ones who do.

Almost naked, very tan homeless people now litter the streets, most with missing limbs.

Some futuristic cars drive through the street.

Boards cover most stores.

EXT. RESTAURANT PATIO - DAY

Donny and Wallace sit and eat lunch. No one else sits outside.

Donny winces loudly and grabs his chest.

WALLACE
What's all that about?

DONNY
It's nothing.

Donny pops a Chewie.

WALLACE
Why do you take those things?

DONNY
I need them.

WALLACE
No you don’t.

DONNY
These are legal. I’m not the only one using them, and it’s not like they are bad for me. Why do you care?

WALLACE
They could be dangerous, though. Do you even know what they put in them? Also, they’re expensive as shit!

DONNY
Yeah, well, you don’t need to worry about me. I’m fine.
WALLACE
You’re not fine though, these things fuck with your head and you’re not the same when you’re on them.

DONNY
You think these are what changed me?

WALLACE
You gotta let her go, bro.

DONNY
You’re asking me to do something I can’t do. And I won’t stop taking these until I reach my goal. These things numb the pain and make me super focused. They'll help me get what I want.

WALLACE
And what if you don’t know what you really want?

EXT. UNDERWATER - DAY
Donny floats below the sea in his clothes. He sees a mermaid in the distance, her fin is green but the sun makes it look all kinds of colors. Donny swims towards her.

The mermaid is Lauren. They hug and Donny now has fins too.

Donny and Lauren swim together and explore the colorful body of water.

Lauren swims ahead, Donny tries to follow but he can barely move.

It goes dark.

The water environment disappears behind Lauren in a split second and leaves behind empty space and stars.

EXT. OUTER SPACE - NIGHT
When all the water recedes, Lauren transforms into some kind of red figure.

Donny's legs are back but he still can barely move. He moves towards the red figure.
He gets close enough to examine it. It resembles a mannequin with red, velvety fabric wound tight around it and one of its hands reaches out. The face resembles Lauren's.

Donny slides his fingers under a lace of fabric at the side of the face and pulls it away slowly.

There's nothing underneath. The fabric unravels and quickly drifts away.

Donny opens his mouth to scream but no sound comes out.

The stars start to burn out behind him.

Blackness surrounds him, then a giant pair of serrated teeth close around him and the mouth of a giant great white shark, over a hundred times larger than Donny, swallows him.

The creature moves as though underwater and swims away deeper into space.

INT. DONNY’S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Donny wakes up with a start. His breath is heavy and sweat covers him and his bed.

DONNY
What the fuck?

The TV is still on and Donny turns to watch. He catches the end of a commercial.

A spokesperson advertises an artificial limb device, the Arti-Limb, that uses the same fabric from Donny’s dream to replicate missing limbs.

DONNY (CONT’D)
What the fuck?!

BEGIN FLASHBACK

INT. DR. WARDER’S HOUSE - NIGHT

SUPER: 2 HOURS EARLIER

DR. SAM WARDER (45), bald, bushy beard, Caucasian, sleeps in his bed. The phone rings and wakes him. He answers it.

DR. WARDER
Do you have any idea what time it is? How the hell did you get this number?
UNKNOWN MAN
I have information you might find interesting.

DR. WARDER
This better be important. Who is this?

INT. SAM'S HOUSE - DAY

SUPER: DR. SAM WARDER

Sam Warder (5) cries as his dad says goodbye to him and his mother. His dad wears very bright-green military attire.

EXT. SAM'S HOUSE - DAY

A vehicle parks on the street across from the house.

INT. SAM'S HOUSE - DAY

Sam's mom cries and Sam comforts her.

BEGIN MONTAGE

- Sam's older now and the war is over. He watches as the war veterans return home, most missing limbs.

- Sam studies hard in elementary and high school and graduates top of his class.

- Sam enters university, he continues to study hard, accomplishes much, presents his thesis, graduates with honors, and wins grants.

- Sam gets the keys to his own laboratory.

- Sam draws up designs for the Arti-Limb.

- Sam and his team work very hard in the lab to complete the Arti-Limb.

- It's nighttime, and Sam works alone in the lab.

- The Arti-Limb prototype is complete. Sam and the team celebrate.

END MONTAGE
INT. BUSINESS ROOM - DAY

Sam is in a meeting with many business people, all Caucasian. One BUSINESS PERSON speaks, then another takes over.

BUSINESS PERSON #1
We gotta tell you Sam, we love the Arti-Limb! We want to start shipping it to stores immediately. There's just one concern, and that's the cost.

SAM
The Arti-Limb is extremely inexpensive to manufacture.

BUSINESS PERSON #2
We know. The concern is for the price point you've set.

SAM
I want anybody in need to be able to afford a working limb.

BUSINESS PERSON #3
This is the price we would like to see this product selling for.

They hand Sam a piece of paper. He turns it over and reads it.

SAM
I'm sorry there's just no way-- Besides, we haven't even done any trial-runs on the Arti-Limb. There could be issues we overlooked. It might not be fully safe.

BUSINESS PERSON #2
We're well aware the Arti-Limb hasn't been fully tested yet. We just don't have the time to wait around for the completion of that process. We must start thinking about profits immediately.

SAM
It wouldn't be--

BUSINESS PERSON #3
We're ready to offer you this amount.

A business person taps on a different piece of paper.
BUSINESS PERSON #3 (CONT’D)
if you are just willing to adjust
the price.

They hand him the piece of paper. He turns it over and reads it. His eyes widen.

EXT. DR. WARDER'S MANSION - DAY

Workers move Dr. Warder's many things into his new home.

INT. ARTI-LIMB STORE - DAY

An office worker, JIM MICKWY (25), timid, has one leg, Asian, buys an Arti-Limb.

A store employee explains to him how it works.

INT. JIM'S OFFICE - DAY

Jim wears his work clothes and name tag and types on his computer in his cubicle and moves his new leg.

He's paler than usual and starts to doze off.

A needle from inside the Arti-Limb draws more blood from Jim's vein.

JIM
Ouch.

Jim searches the internet for ways to modify his Arti-Limb. He finds someone who can help.

EXT. ALLEY - NIGHT

Jim meets with an anonymous who fiddles with his Arti-Limb, gives him a briefcase of supplies, then departs.

INT. JIM'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Jim opens the briefcase and uses the supplies to draw his blood himself into a bag.

INT. JIM'S OFFICE - DAY

Jim's supervisor hassles him since the day began and Jim has an extra large workload.
Jim's Arti-Limb powers down and the fabric unravels back into the device.

He takes out his blood bag and a funnel with a hose. He puts the end of the hose into the device and begins to slowly pour blood into the funnel. A CO-WORKER (25), Caucasian, interrupts.

CO-WORKER
Hey Jim! Did you finish that work I sent you? What are you doing?

This startles Jim. He squeezes the bag, the nozzle comes off, and he spills too much blood into the funnel.

The red fabric forms his missing leg but also wraps around his waist.

The Arti-Limb needle pops into his vein.

JIM
Ouch.

It draws a lot of blood really fast. Jim yells in pain.

The fabric now wraps around Jim's other leg.

He gives his co-worker a death stare, stands up super fast, and kicks his head so hard that it explodes.

Fear now covers Jim's face as his red legs gruesomely massacre the workers who are unable to escape, without his control.

Bodies and blood are strewn all over the office. Jim looks very weak and pale. His legs pace around the office.

The Arti-Limb draws more of his blood. His legs gradually stop.

Jim has control of his legs again. The fabric begins to wrap around his stomach.

He searches the office. He finds a pocket knife in a co-workers cubicle and slits his throat with it. He dies.

INT. BUSINESS ROOM - DAY

Dr. Warder sits in a dimly lit room with many business men. A business person leans forward and gives Dr. Warder the news.
BUSINESS PERSON #1
We're discontinuing the Arti-Limb,
Dr. Warder.

DR. WARDER
You can't do that!

INT. DR. WARDER'S MANSION - DAY

Dr. Warder continues to live his life of luxury.
He pays his servants to wait on him daily, and a doctor examines him and gives him medicines regularly.
Dr. Warder inspects himself in the mirror and decides he looks a little shabby.
He puts on a white filter mask before he exits his mansion, which he always wears outside.

INT. DR. WARDER'S LIMO - DAY

Dr. Warder rides in the back, now without his mask. There are vents in the limo that ventilate something which puts Dr. Warder at ease.

INT. SPA - DAY

Dr. Warder walks to the counter and hands the hostess a bank card.
The hostess types into her computer, then she loses her smile. She turns the computer screen to show Dr. Warder his bank account is in the red. His eyes widen.

EXT. SPA - DAY

Dr. Warder informs his limo driver of his situation through the passenger side window. The driver speeds off.

EXT. ROAD - DAY

Dr. Warder slowly walks down the side of the road far enough as to not have a car kick dirt up on him.
He reaches a bus stop, and waits.
INT. BUS - DAY

Dr. Warder frantically pleads his case to the driver, who rolls his eyes and lets Dr. Warder on the bus.

Dr. Warder sits down close to the front entrance, with a look of disgust in his eyes.

EXT. DR. WARDER'S MANSION - DAY

Dr. Warder stands outside his home as it and most of his things are taken away. His hair looks much thinner now.

EXT. DR. WARDER'S HOUSE - NIGHT

The phone rings.

END FLASHBACK

INT. DONNY'S APARTMENT - NIGHT

Donny waits for the Arti-Limb commercial to come on again. It does and he writes down as much info as he can.

COMMERCIAL

Want a new limb and can't spend robotics money? Well then, pick up the Arti-Limb! It's only this much money!

The price flashes on screen then starts to spin, almost too quickly to read.

COMMERCIAL (CONT'D)

That's the price of a car! Someone needs saving?

A car on its side pins down an old man, someone with an Arti-Limb arm walks over and lifts the car onto its wheels. The old man gets up and shakes his hand.

COMMERCIAL (CONT'D)

The Arti-Limb is here to help. It's one hundred percent indestructible!

A blowtorch torches an Arti-Limb and leaves no damage.

COMMERCIAL (CONT'D)

Just put it on, and it works automatically.
An arm with an Arti-Limb device on pops on screen. The red, velvety fabric shoots out of the device and quickly wraps around nothing to form the rest of the arm.

COMMERCIAL (CONT’D)
So, would you rather have this boring deathtrap?

A picture of a car spins on then off screen.

COMMERCIAL (CONT’D)
Or! Do you want an exciting, new Arti-Limb?!

Donny sees the price and checks his bank account on his phone, then calculates if he will have enough from his disability cheques, or if he got a job. He looks down in defeat.

He walks over to the window and looks outside. He hears a noise from the shop across the street. He sees two people rob the shop. He pops a Chewie.

INT. BAR - DAY

Donny walks up to the counter and tries to get the attention of the BARTENDER (50), African-Canadian.

DONNY
Sir? Excuse me.

The bartender stops, looks up, then slowly turns his back towards Donny.

BARTENDER
Why are you here?

DONNY
Hello. Have you seen a couple of men. One of them looks kind of like--

BARTENDER
No. Fuck off.

EXT. BAR - DAY

Donny exits the building. He's in the most dangerous part of the city.

BEGIN MONTAGE
- Donny checks bars all over the neighbourhood. He gets no info.

- Donny starts to ask the bartenders more aggressively, but still gets nowhere.

- Donny gets on the bad side of one of them, who grabs a baseball bat, leaps over the bar, and him and a gang of patrons chase Donny out the bar and down the street.

- Eventually a bartender tells Donny where he can find the two criminals.

END MONTAGE

EXT. BAR - NIGHT

Donny waits for the two robbers he saw last night to show up.

The robbers, BLADE (70), long grey hair, heavy Canadian accent, Caucasian, and REV (25), curly brown hair, heavy French-Canadian accent, Caucasian, enter the bar. Donny follows shortly after.

INT. BAR - NIGHT

Donny enters the booth Blade and Rev, who smokes, sit at.

    BLADE
    Who said you could sit there?

    DONNY
    I'm robbing six banks in six months and I need help.

    BLADE
    Are you crazy?

    REV
    You got one arm.

    DONNY
    Yes, and everyone's a little crazy.

    BLADE
    True, but you're loco! To think we'll help you.

    DONNY
    I'll pay you each ten thousand dollars now, and you can have eighty percent of what we make.
Blade and Rev look at each other, then back at Donny. Rev takes a final drag from his cigarette.

    REV
    So.

Rev puts out the last of his cigarette.

    REV (CONT’D)
    You wanna rob banks?

EXT. STORAGE UNIT - DAY

Donny and Rev stand and wait, while Blade unlocks the unit. There's a bag of dirt on the ground by them.

Blade gets the lock off the door then lifts it to reveal what's inside.

There's a couple of long racks full of old clothes, and also piles of many boxes.

Donny lifts the bag of dirt and enters the storage unit with Blade and Rev.

INT. STORAGE UNIT - DAY

Blade cuts holes into clothes from a large pile they made, then tosses them to Rev, who rubs dirt into them, while Donny inspects Halloween masks from some of the boxes.

EXT. FARMHOUSE - DAY

Blade, Donny, and Rev walk up to the front door. They wear some of the masks and dirty, torn clothes from before.

Blade knocks on the door. The owner of the farm answers the door, and the FARMER (45), Caucasian, has a sunken expression when he sees them.

    FARMER
    You boys weren't lying when you said you had cash?

Blade pulls a wad of money out of his pocket and hands it to the farmer, who puts it in his pocket.

Then the farmer reaches into his other pocket, takes out a pair of keys, and hands them to Blade.
Blade, Rev, and Donny walk around the house, over to the backyard.

EXT. ALLEY - DAY

Donny, Blade, and Rev pull up in a very rusty, old car in their old clothes. They park, then put on their masks.

Blade wears an almost realistic wolf mask with fake fur.

Rev, a mask with an almost blank white face on it.

Donny, a circle, yellow smile face mask.

They get out and go to the trunk. Blade opens it and lifts a blanket to reveal three guns.

One very old pistol and two war-era laser guns.

DONNY
What are those?

BLADE
You know what those are.

DONNY
Those aren't part of the plan.

BLADE
If you want us to help you, we need some insurance that we don't all get killed or captured.

Donny picks up one of the laser guns and examines it thoroughly.

DONNY
You two know how to use one of these?

BLADE
Of course!

DONNY
Show me.

Donny shoves the laser gun at Blade. He tears it from him.
BLADE
Listen man! There's only two reasons I've used one of these. One is to rob banks, and the other was to help bring your sorry ass on to this God forsaken world! Trust me, I know how to use one of these.

Donny looks over at Rev, who just stares back.

DONNY
You'd better.

Donny picks up the pistol.

They tuck their weapons under their coats.

BLADE
This is going to be fun. I haven't done a bank robbery in years.

They take about a four block stroll to the bank.

INT. BANK - DAY

Donny, Blade, and Rev enter the bank. The BANK GUARD (35), Caucasian, notices and walks up to Blade. The bank's keys jangle on his belt.

BANK GUARD
Excuse me. Gentlemen? You can't be in here. I'm going to have to ask you all to go back outside.

The guard places his hand on his gun on his belt.

Blade busts out his laser gun and shoves it in the guard's face.

BLADE
Did you just tell me where I can and cannot go?!

BANK GUARD
No! I mean yes! I mean you can go where ever you want!

BLADE
In that case, I'll be going to the vault. Move it!

Blade grabs the guard's gun, puts it in his coat pocket, and walks the guard to the vault.
Rev calmly walks around and points his laser gun at the customers and employees.

Donny stands there, nervously.

EXT. BANK - DAY

Donny, Blade, and Rev burst out of the bank, each with a large bag of loot.

Blade and Rev run one way, and Donny the other.

EXT. ALLEY - DAY

They quickly change their clothes in another alley, put their old clothes and masks in bags, and toss them in a dumpster.

Blade and Rev wrap their laser guns in one of their undercoats, while Donny puts his pistol in his waistband.

They stroll out into the street.

They meet back at the alley with the car, and they drive away.

INT. UNDERGROUND RECORD STORE - DAY

Donny checks a bunch of CDs without labels and purchases a 'The Neighsayer' CD.

INT. BLADE & REV'S CAR - DAY

Donny puts the CD in the car's CD player, a song starts.

BEGIN MONTAGE

- Donny and his crew use the same method as the first robbery to pull off four more. They lay low for a month after each one.

- Donny walks around the bank with Rev now, and points his gun at people.

- Donny picks up the garbage bag from the dumpster and burns the clothes.

- Blade puts a bunch of diamonds and jewels from a vault into bags.

- Blade and Rev exchange the loot for cash from someone.
- Wallace calls Donny's cellphone while he lays low in his apartment. Donny doesn't answer.

- Blade and the guard exit a vault with the bags of loot. Blade makes the guard drop his bags, then he hits the guard with his laser gun, which knocks him out. Donny, Blade, and Rev run out of the bank with the bags.

- Donny lays low again, he winces and clutches his chest. He goes to take another Chewie but he's all out.

- Donny purchases another bottle of Chewies. The pharmacist tries to tell him about a new side effect on the label. Donny hardly pays attention to him, buys it, and quickly takes one.

- News footage of the robberies play on TV. A bank's camera zooms in on Blade, Rev, and Donny.

- An officer cruiser slowly drives by Donny, Blade, and Rev when they have their masks on on their way to a bank. They make eye contact with the officers.

- They run out of another bank. Donny fires his pistol into the air as he runs away.

- Donny lays on his bed and looks up at the ceiling. Blade and Rev show up at Donny's door for the final robbery.

END MONTAGE

EXT. STREET - DAY

Donny, Blade, and Rev exit an alley in their old clothes and masks, walk up a large incline, and another block to outside the bank.

INT. BANK - DAY

Blade exits the vault with the guard and the bags. Donny and Rev wait by the front doors.

The voice of an OFFICER booms into the building from a megaphone outside.

OFFICER (O.S.)
We have the building surrounded!
Exit the front of the building, and surrender with your hands up!

This distracts Blade.
The bank guard quickly drops the bags, knocks the laser gun out of Blade's hands, shoves his hand in his face, reaches into his coat pocket, and pulls out his gun.

Blade pushes the guard down and runs for cover behind a pillar.

Rev points his laser gun at the guard.

REV
Drop it!

The guard gets up quick and fires a bullet at Rev but he misses. Rev stands there frozen.

The guard fires the rest of his bullets at him, but still misses.

Rev unfreezes and shakes his head, no.

He shoots the guard with a gold-color laser that leaves a hole in his stomach, and also through the back of the bank, and the walls of many other buildings.

The guard's blood and guts spill out and he drops to his knees, then the floor.

A WOMAN (30), Caucasian, screams behind him.

The woman drops a hand, which came from her young son, on the floor. His arm is gone from the laser.

The BOY (8), Caucasian, is in too much shock from the sight of the guard to notice, but he looks up at his mom after she screams.

BOY
Mom? What's wrong?

The boy is about to look at his missing arm. His mother quickly hugs him and hides his eyes.

WOMAN
Don't look! Don't look.

Blood begins to pool around them.

Donny rushes over to them and is about to tear off a piece of his clothes, then he runs over to one of the hostages and rips off his shirt instead.

BOY
Why can't I feel my arm?
Donny tries to wrap the wound.

    WOMAN
    Get away from him you monster!

    DONNY
    We've gotta put pressure on it.

The woman nods and Donny tightly wraps the shirt around the wound, then he escorts the woman and her boy to the front doors.

EXT. BANK - NIGHT

The woman and her son exit the bank and the officers outside detain them.

INT. BANK - NIGHT

Donny walks over to Rev, who holds out his laser gun and stands dumbstruck.

    REV
    It was an accident.

Donny tunes the dials on the laser gun Rev holds.

Then Donny takes it from him and shoots off Rev's leg. The laser cauterizes the cut this time.

Rev screams and falls to the floor. Blade runs over to stop Donny.

    BLADE
    What are you doing?!

Donny pushes him away.

    REV
    You fu--

Donny shoots off Rev's other leg. Rev screams some more.

Blade points his laser gun at Donny.

    BLADE
    I should kill you right now, you son of a bitch.

    DONNY
    He deserves worse.
BLADE
You're crazy.

DONNY
Pick up his legs, and put them in the corner.

BLADE
What?

DONNY
We can't leave behind any traces of our DNA. I'm going to get rid of them.

Blade thinks a moment, then lowers his gun, picks up the legs, and places them in the corner.

Donny turns the dials on the laser gun, he points it at the legs and shoots.

A long gold laser forms from the laser gun, hits the legs, and there's a small red explosion.

EXT. BANK - NIGHT

The officers out front watch as the red glow shines through the bank's glass windows and door.

INT. BANK - NIGHT

The room still glows red. Donny's clothes flutter slightly and him and the rest of the people in the bank shield their eyes.

The legs blow up into nothing and there are scorch marks left in the corner.

INT. BANK - DAY

Donny sits on the ground, his back against the wall. Pistol in his hand and laser gun at his side.

Blade rushes over to him.

BLADE
The officers are gone. There's still a few, most of them are gone, though. Something big must be happening. I think making a break for it now would be our best bet.
Donny gets up, then him and Blade remove a plate of bullet-proof glass from the bank's counter.

EXT. BANK - DAY

Donny, Blade, and Rev burst out of the front doors. They ride on a bank cart down the front steps. Donny welded the glass with a laser gun onto the front and back of the cart as shields.

Rev lies on top of the cart, while Donny and Blade hang onto each side.

The officers fire their guns at them, but they miss or hit the bullet-proof glass.

Once they hit the ground, Donny and Blade hop off, and run with the cart to the edge of the hill. The officers chase after them.

They hop back on the cart, and ride it down the hill. The officers run back to their cruisers.

EXT. STREET - DAY

They jump off the cart when they're outside the alley with their car.

Donny and Blade get up, Blade picks up Rev.

They run into the alley, into the car, then peel off back into the street. The officers not far behind.

BEGIN FLASHBACK

EXT. STREET - DAY

SUPER: 12 WEEKS AGO

The one-armed homeless man who could not get a job at the cafe when Donny was young walks the street.

His name is CURTIS RICOTZ (45), Caucasian. He talks to the voices he has in his head while he walks.

CURTIS

Probably the usual. I know I said that, it's been a slow week. You're being paranoid. I'm not worried. I'm not. Thank you! Why can't you all be that positive?
He enters a run-down building.

INT. COMMUNITY KITCHEN - DAY

Activists hand out soup and bread and sunscreen lotion to a long line of homeless people. Curtis sits at a table and eats some soup in a bowl.

Footsteps can be heard as they go up stairs.

Officers break down the door. They swarm and arrest all of the activists and homeless.

An officer interrogates Curtis, who stares forward blankly.

    OFFICER
    You do know that what you're doing here is illegal, right? Are you listening to me?! Alright, wise guy. You know, sometimes I think you people will never learn.

INT. CURTIS' CELL - DAY

Curtis sits in his cell and talks to the voices in his head. The sounds of people who struggle with each other can be heard.

    CURTIS
    He's not going to do it this time. We aren't going to let him this time. That's right! We almost beat him last time. What the fuck are you talking about?! I've never given up without a fight!

A bell rings, Curtis' cell door opens, and a large man walks over and stands at the entry-way.

Curtis quickly stands.

INT. PRISON BLOCK - DAY

The large man enters Curtis' cell, there's even more sounds of a struggle.

Another large man exits a different cell, blood covers him head to toe, and he holds a wound at his side.
On his way out the large man with a wound walks past a prison guard who reads a newspaper inside his booth and also a doctor in white scrubs, and next to him, a cart full of needles and syringes full of a gold-color liquid.

The doctor injects the gold-color liquid into the large men's arms before they enter the prison block.

Many large men wait outside the block in a long line with no end in sight.

EXT. STREET - DAY

Curtis walks the street and stops in front of an electronics shop when he notices the NEWS REPORT that plays on the TV on display.

He watches footage of Donny's bank robberies.

NEWS REPORT
The bandits call themselves, The Homeless Crusaders, and during their robberies they declare that they, quote, "will take no more! It is past due time for the homeless to be given some respect! So, now, we're taking it!" End quote.

Curtis looks down away from the TV, his face contorts while he thinks and listens.

NEWS REPORT (O.S.) (CONT'D)
The string of bank robberies, that began three months ago, and still continue, has officers baffled, since the culprits all wear masks. Although, these masks are different from the ones people are used to seeing. These types of masks, once worn annually, to celebrate--

Curtis processes what he just saw and heard, and he stomps away, furious.

INT. COMMUNITY SHELTER - NIGHT

Curtis stands and delivers a speech to dozens of other homeless people, a group of activists, and also a group of insurgents who look like activists.
CURTIS
Two months ago I risked visiting a
community kitchen. It was raided by
officers, of course. My sisters and
brothers and I were arrested and
thrown in prison, and, of course,
we were all abused, some were
murdered, and some disappeared
completely!

An ACTIVIST (25), Caucasian, steps to Curtis and asks him for
the floor.

ACTIVIST
May I? We sympathize with you,
truly. We lose friends because of
the system, just the same as you.
We risk our lives to help. I say
this because I care about you
people, please don't do anything
drastic.

CURTIS
I never said we don't appreciate
your help, though do not speak for
us! You will never know what it is
truly like to walk our paths.

The activist looks away and backs down.

CURTIS (CONT'D)
Anyone of us who tries to reveal
the injustice we face, ends up
murdered! The news doesn't care
about us. The people don't care
about us. The government sure as
Hell don't care about us! I was
just released from prison this
morning, and what was one of the
first things I see when I get out?
I'm sure most of you have already
seen these so called, Homeless
Crusaders on the news. I tell you,
the instant I saw them, I knew,
those people aren't actually
homeless. They pretend to be us, so
they can get away with their
crimes, and this city's homeless
will be left to inherit all the
accusations from the officers, and
will also be forced to face all of
the blame! I have a solution,
though.
CURTIS (CONT’D)
I propose that we band together, protect one another, and if any officer, if anyone, tries to abuse one of us, we stop them! With force if necessary! We will show everyone that the homeless people of the world are not criminals, and that we deserve true respect!

Many of the homeless people cheer Curtis on. The activists express worry to each other.

After things settle an INSURGENT (25), Caucasian, approaches Curtis.

INSURGENT
Your speech was very inspiring.

CURTIS
That's the point.

INSURGENT
My team and I have been planning something very similar to what you speak of in your vision.

CURTIS
Soon, the dream will become real.

INSURGENT
We feel we have a lot to offer your cause. Please, hear us out.

INT. STADIUM - DAY

Curtis stands on a make-shift stage inside a dingy, run-down sports stadium, and delivers another speech, this time to hundreds of homeless.

There are some flood-lights set up around the complex, also the stadium's sky-dome is half-open and shines light onto the stage.

Curtis' crew of insurgents sit to his left, and the activists on the right.

CURTIS
We must take action, and make our voices heard!
CURTIS (CONT’D)
Our newly accepted comrades have a plan, seven years in the making, they will equip us, so we have a means to defend ourselves, and the best part is, we are not alone! Right at this moment, thousands of homeless people in cities all over Canada are preparing for the same exact task that we are!

Among the cheers, an activist stands up and hurries to where Curtis stands, then he snatches the microphone from Curtis' hand and gives his own speech.

ACTIVIST
I'm through listening to this! I can't believe any of you are listening to this! This man is obviously insane. He's in a very dark state of mind, and what he's proposing is going to get all of you killed! Violence only leads to more violence. Those of you who still stand for peace, and righteousness, join us! Or, follow this lunatic to your deaths.

The activist leads the other activists and some of the homeless out of the stadium.

Once at the exit to the stadium, the lead activist turns around, much to his disappointment.

Hundreds of homeless people remain in the stadium and Curtis begins a new speech.

CURTIS
I am happy you all decided that it is time to no longer live in fear. Our dream is unreachable without the strength of sisters and brothers, who will stand by each others sides, and keep one another safe, always!

More cheers ring out from the hundreds of homeless people in the stadium.

The insurgents transport close to a thousand supplies into the stadium the next day.

They bring in very old, extremely heavy robotic limbs, and also tons of guns for the homeless to use.
Curtis tests out the supplies in a back room with the insurgents. He watches as they use a robotic lifter to carry one of the robotic arms onto a table to fit it on Curtis.

CURTIS (CONT’D)
Is this a joke? These look ancient.
Do they even work?

INSURGENT
Don't let the appearance fool you. True, these are very old models, except they are also the most efficient robotic limbs ever created. That's what they won't tell you, these were actually taken off the market for having absolutely nothing wrong with them.

An insurgent attaches the limb onto Curtis, it does not move though.

CURTIS
How the Hell does it--

The insurgent then places a small computer chip on Curtis' temple. A blue light lights up on it, and Curtis can now move the robotic limb. He looks at the insurgents and nods.

They then hand him a pistol. Curtis quickly notices a small, metal, half-circle device on top of his and all of the other guns.

CURTIS (CONT’D)
I've never seen those things on guns before, what the fuck are they?

INSURGENT
These, they increase stopping power at an immense amount. The difference is absolutely uncanny. See for yourself.

Curtis points the pistol at the wall.

There's a regular bullet in the gun's chamber.

Curtis fires the bullet at the wall and it leaves a small hole. Curtis looks over at the insurgents.

CURTIS
That doesn't look like much!
One of them holds up a small device with a button. He presses the button. Nothing happens.

INSURGENT
Now try.

The next bullet in the chamber and the ones in the remainder of the clip, and the rest of the gun's clips, are larger and armor-piercing rounds.

Curtis shoots the wall again, and this time the bullet leaves a bigger hole and it also causes a large chunk of concrete to crumble away. He looks over at the insurgents with excitement.

In the back room a group of twenty homeless test out the equipment. They wait in line to get robotic limbs put on.

A HOMELESS PERSON (50), Caucasian, sits at the table where the insurgents fit the robotic limbs, they lift a right arm onto the table and it lands with a crash. The homeless person has fear on his face.

They attach the arm and the homeless person tries to move but cannot. He panics.

HOMELESS PERSON
I can't move! I can't move!

The insurgent at the table then places the computer chip on his temple, the blue light turns on and the homeless person can now move his robotic arm freely. He looks down at it and smiles.

HOMELESS PERSON (CONT'D)
That's wicked.

He curls his fingers into a fist.

The first ten of the homeless people to get limbs then practice with the guns, they learn how to reload and aim, then they shoot at targets.

Hundreds of homeless people crowd outside the doors to the back room.

EXT. STREET – DAY

Curtis and his army of homeless people march in the street. Most of them brandish guns, the rest another type of weapon.

They arrive outside of city hall.
INT. CITY HALL - DAY

Guards stand and watch as Curtis and a large group of other homeless people waltz through the building.

They burst into a meeting, which the city's MAYOR (40), Caucasian, and his council people attend.

MAYOR
What's going on-- What is the meaning of this?!

Curtis hurries over and he slams the mayor's head on the table, then places the end of his pistol on the mayor's temple.

CURTIS
You're under arrest, mayor, for abandoning your people.

EXT. STREET - DAY

The mayor leads the pack of homeless to the center of downtown.

Curtis walks a few paces behind the mayor, beside a homeless man who holds a piece of long rope that binds around the mayor's hands at the other end.

Once at downtown's core, someone hands Curtis a megaphone.

CURTIS
We are the homeless people of Vancouver, and we have had enough of the constant injustice that we face, at the hands of officers, politicians, even average people! Almost all of us are veterans of the war, and because we lost, we are treated as lessers. Not only by our past enemies, by our own country, too! That is why--

A drone hovers above and videotapes the scene.

INT. DR. WARDER'S MANSION - DAY

In front of an extremely large TV, Dr. Warder sits on his luxurious couch and he flips through different news channels, that all show the usual-fare.
He then switches to the local news station. He stands up slowly as he watches the events of the homeless uprising, that the news report shows in almost real-time.

NEWS REPORT
If you're just joining us now, it has been reported, and would appear to be, in fact, happening right before our eyes, Vancouver's very own mayor is being held hostage by a crazed group of homeless people. Yes, that's right, homeless people. Hold on a moment, it would appear the leader is saying something. Can we get--

The drone camera zooms in on Curtis.

CURTIS
That is why we are doing this! This man has made promises to his people, that he has no intention of keeping! It is clear he has lost his way. He turns his back, while the homeless people of this city are forced to die, from starvation, dehydration, drug overdose, and by the hands of their fellow people! This all happens in the city, this man swore to make prosperous! He failed his city, and he failed his people, and the penalty for his crimes, is death.

Curtis nods to another homeless person. The camera zooms out and adjusts its angle slightly, to show two homeless people kick the back of the mayor's knees and make him kneel down.

Then the homeless person who got the nod from Curtis, proceeds to walk over and shoot a single bullet into the mayor's head, who crumples onto the pavement.

Dr. Warder looks down from his TV, and he appears to be in deep thought.

CURTIS (O.S.) (CONT’D)
He was just one of many who abused their powers. As we speak, the same justice we just brought to the people of our city, is happening in dozens of other cities all over Canada!
CURTIS (O.S.) (CONT’D)
Remember, though, this is only the beginning of our dream, of a world where all are equal. I have hope that day will reach us soon.

Dr. Warder exits his living room.

END FLASHBACK

EXT. STREET - DAY

Close to one hundred officers arrive and they keep their distance from the homeless army.

Curtis begins to rile his people all up for a fight.

CURTIS
This is it, everyone, our redemption is beyond that wall! Those people want nothing more than to take away our dream!

INT. APARTMENT - DAY

The insurgents watch Curtis through a window from a run-down apartment as he tries his best to inspire his soldiers.

There's a table to the side of the room with three small devices with tiny antennas and a button on each them.

CURTIS (O.S.)
We will no longer fall prey to their abuse! They are evil, and we must bring an end to their kind!

EXT. STREET - DAY

Curtis paces around while he addresses the enormous crowd before him.

CURTIS
Now! Everybody! Charge!

Curtis turns and charges at the officers, his followers quickly join him.
INT. APARTMENT - DAY

One of the insurgents walks over to the table, he picks up one of the devices, and he presses the button.

EXT. STREET - DAY

As they all run at full speed, all of the homeless' robotic limbs power down and the homeless all collapse to the ground.

Bodies fall on top of Curtis.

The officers cheer then start to stroll over to the fallen bodies.

INT. DR. WARDER’S MANSION - DAY

The TV continues to play local news and the news report shows the pile-up of homeless people, as they writhe around slightly, still stuck in their place.

NEWS REPORT
It appears the homeless terrorists have lost their mobility, and thankfully, the officers can now safely deescalate this situation.

The camera pans slightly, to show the officers walk towards the homeless on the ground, then they begin to take out their clubs as they close-in on them.

The drone camera footage cuts away to a newsperson.

NEWS REPORT (CONT’D)
It appears we're having some technical issues connecting to our live footage of the events, for some reason. Though, if what we just witnessed at the end there was any indication, I'd say Vancouverites are now safe for another day, thanks to the vigilant work of our city's very own officers, whose job it is to protect us, and deliver justice, one day at a time.

EXT. STREET - DAY

The officers get close and the homeless ready their guns to fire at them.
INT. APARTMENT - DAY

The insurgent moves in front of the second device on the table, he picks it up and presses the button.

EXT. STREET - DAY

A tiny, circular, red light turns on on the small devices that were put onto the homeless' guns.

A metal rod from the devices cuts through the barrel of all of their guns, in order to prevent use.

Some of the homeless fire their weapons, and their guns and their hands explode. They scream in pain, while the rest of the homeless throw away their guns.

Curtis lays under cover in a trap of bodies.

CURTIS
Shit! Shit! Why are they-- What the fuck-- Those bastards! They fucking double-crossed us all! Fuck you, so did you! How was I to know?! They seemed-- Oh, God, those officers out there, they're going to--

Curtis starts to hear the sounds the officer's clubs make when they strike flesh and more screams and shouts from the homeless.

CURTIS (CONT'D)
Oh, Jesus. Those fucking cowards! Someone stop them! No. No. No! It's theirs!
(beat)
Please, make it stop. No. Wait!
Don't leave! Don't leave.

After a while, the sounds of the clubs cease, then the sounds of gunfire start.

CURTIS (CONT'D)
Jesus, when will they stop?

Eventually, the officers finish their job and leave.

INT. APARTMENT - DAY

As the other insurgents pack up their stuff and get ready to leave, The insurgent at the table moves to the final device, picks it up and presses it.
EXT. STREET - DAY

The robotic limbs detach from the homeless on the ground.

Survivors who had the cover of other homeless, crawl out from underneath the lifeless bodies and carefully step off of them.

Curtis is one of them. The others flee, while he remains and looks around, while he thinks about what he has done.

CURTIS
Dear, God.

Far off in the distance Donny and his crew drive by in their rusty, old car, a couple of officers in their cruisers trail them closely.

Curtis falls to his knees.

CURTIS (CONT’D)
What have I done? I know. I know.

Curtis begins to cry.

CURTIS (CONT’D)
I've killed them all. How can I--
Please, God, please save us.

The shadow of a man appears behind Curtis and the man reaches out and places his hand on Curtis' shoulder.

EXT. UNDERPASS - DAY

The car is at a stop. Blade sits in the driver's seat, and Rev in the back, with sunglasses on.

Donny stands next to Blade.

BLADE
This is goodbye, kid. I had a bad feeling about you from the start.

DONNY
Just give me my share.

Blade hands him a bag of money.

BLADE
I bet that’s more than you were expecting. Especially considering what you did to Rev.
BLADE (CONT’D)
Don't worry about him, by the way. With the money we have--

Donny puts a handful of money into the bag and hands the rest back to Blade.

BLADE (CONT’D)
You're sure? Well, my friend, take care.

DONNY
We're not friends.

BLADE
I disagree. Friends know you.

Blade puts on sunglasses.

BLADE (CONT’D)
Sometimes, more than you know yourself.

Blade and Rev drive away.

INT. ARTI-LIMB STORE - DAY

Donny sits at a salesman's desk. The SALESMAN (25), Caucasian, types into his computer then reads what's on the screen.

SALESMAN
Alrighty. Your background check came up clean. Just sign here and you'll be walking out of here with a brand new limb. Now that contract basically states--

DONNY
 Doesn't matter.

Donny signs the contract and hands it back to the salesman.

SALESMAN
Now, I should tell you how it works.

DONNY
The commercial said it works automatically.
SALESMAN
Yes, although, there are some
fitness and dietary concerns. As
well as legal restrictions, of
course.

DONNY
Just give me my arm.

SALESMAN
Very well.

Another employee fits Donny with a device. Donny winces, then
the red fabric appears and forms his left arm.

EXT. TRACEY & WALLACE'S APARTMENT - DAY
Donny knocks on the door. Wallace answers.

WALLACE
Where have you been?

DONNY
Can't you tell?!

WALLACE
You know, I forgave you when you
ignored me for eight months to
workout and go to the academy, and
now I'm starting to think that was
a mistake.

DONNY
What are you talking about?

WALLACE
Where did you even get the money
for that? I thought you were
basically broke, and I know why.
It's from chewing on those pills
all the time.

DONNY
What's your problem, man?

WALLACE
Look at you! You may be buff now,
but you look like shit. Are you
even sleeping?

DONNY
I don't have time to sleep.
WALLACE
You need help, and I'm done trying.

Wallace closes the door.

DONNY
You're just jealous!

Donny winces, grabs his chest, pops a Chewie, and walks away.

Donny exits the apartment building. Tracey runs out after him.

TRACEY
Donny, wait!

Donny stops and turns.

TRACEY (CONT’D)
Why are you doing this?

DONNY
To honor Lauren. She believed I could do this.

LAUREN
Going to space won't bring her back.

DONNY
I know that!

TRACEY
You have friends.

Tracey starts to cry.

TRACEY (CONT’D)
Here on Earth. One's who need you. They need you to give up this obsession, and go back to normal.

DONNY
Lauren made me feel a way nobody ever had before, and I haven't felt that way since she died. If going to space brings even a slight possibility I feel something even remotely similar, it would be worth it.

Donny turns and walks away.
TRACEY
Donny, please! You don't have to do this.

EXT. ELECTRONICS SHOP - DAY

The POTUS, equipped with a fancy, gold robotic left-arm, stands on-screen behind his podium and addresses the public on some TVs on display in the front window.

POTUS
My fellow people. These have been trying times. Vicious acts of terrorism are becoming a commodity.

Images of violence flash on-screen:
Buildings on fire.
An army of protesters rush at an army of officers. The officers open fire.
A group of terrorists hold many business people hostage in their office.
A person stands in front of a camera and shows various signs that has the letters blurred out. Then the person goes and grabs a shotgun and his head blurs out too, seconds before he shoots himself in the head and blows his brain out.
A parade that showcases a newly built rocket moves slowly through a street with thousands of people on the sidewalks. Someone with a bandana on their face runs onto the street and throws a Molotov cocktail at the rocket.

POTUS (CONT'D)
We must give thanks and kind wishes to our country's brave officers, who defend us twenty four seven. Not only that, Temp fluxes affect our day to day lives. Our planet is on its last legs, and terraforming of neighbouring planets has, so far, been a failure. We must keep moving forward, though. We will always have hope. Hope that our astronauts find us a new home. I have hope that day is near.

The address ends and a commercial for something plays.
A small crowd, a couple of officers, and Donny, with a smile on his face, disperse.
EXT. STREET - DAY

Donny walks by a group of officers as they interrogate a
group of homeless who have missing limbs. They hold up
pictures from Donny's robberies and compare.

One of the officers notices Donny and his Arti-Limb. He holds
out a device, and uses it to scan Donny from a distance.

EXT. CANADIAN SPACE AGENCY HQ - DAY

Donny enters the building.

INT. CANADIAN SPACE AGENCY OFFICE - DAY

Donny knocks on the door to Bill's office.

   BILL
   Come in.

Donny enters.

   BILL (CONT'D)
   Donny, I didn't think you'd be back
   so soon.

   DONNY
   That's right, I'm back, and I'm
   qualified now.

Donny shows Bill his new arm.

   BILL
   (beat)
   Donny sit down.
   (beat)
   I'm sorry, Donny. The remaining
   solo pilots have all been selected.

   DONNY
   You said--

   BILL
   The time frame I gave to you was
   really more of an estimation. Even
   if you had applied sooner it was
   highly unlikely you would of been
   selected. We've had an extensive
   list of candidates since--

Bill holds up a piece of paper full of names.
DONNY
Let me see that!

Donny rips it out of his hands and reads it.

DONNY (CONT’D)
Let's see here. Yup. Jerome Kenny. What? Does he fill the quota for the next five years on the number of Black pilots you're sending to space.

BILL
Jerome Kenny is White.

DONNY
Of course he is.

BILL
I assure you, your race is in no way a factor in our decision.

DONNY
Then why?!

BILL (beat)
You have only one arm.

Donny raises his artificial limb.

DONNY
I got that fixed.

BILL
I'm afraid not. Those devices are known to malfunction. It just wouldn't be safe.

Bill picks up the phone.

BILL (CONT’D)
In fact I'm going to have to call security to escort you off the premises.

DONNY
No. You can't do that.

BILL
Security, please.
DONNY
I'll fly with a crew! It doesn't have to be a solo mission!

BILL
There's nothing I can do.

Donny snaps. He brings his left arm back and strongly swings it around to hit Bill in the face, this knocks Bill's head right off his neck.

It bounces off the wall and rolls onto the ground.

Donny stands and moves quickly over to Bill's headless body.

He grabs him by the scruff of his clothes, lifts him onto his feet, and examines the damage.

DONNY
You're okay.

A SECURITY (30), Caucasian, guard bursts into the room, pistol drawn.

SECURITY
Put the body down, dirt bag!

DONNY
It was an accident. Please, don't shoot--

The security guard fires a bullet, it whizzes by Donny's head.

Donny shields himself with Bill.

The guard fires the rest of his bullets.

Donny fills with rage again.

He pitches Bill's body fast enough at the guard to smoosh both of them into pulp against the wall.

Donny pauses a moment, grabs some tissues from Bill's desk, and cleans himself up.

The voice of MISSION CONTROL plays throughout the building.

MISSION CONTROL (O.S.)
Rocket launch in T-minus twenty minutes.

Donny hurries out of the room.
EXT. LAUNCH SITE - DAY

Donny enters the building which connects to the rocket. The rocket is sleek, white, and enormous.

EXT. ROCKET - DAY

Three astronauts walk down a long walkway to the rocket's entrance. They wear sleek, white spacesuits with small Canadian flag badges on their shoulders.

Mission control radios the lead astronaut through his wrist device.

MISSION CONTROL (O.S.)

Be alert.

The lead astronaut does some hand signs to his fellow astronauts, then draws a pistol that matches their spacesuits and points it at the entrance to the walkway.

The other astronauts draw their pistols too and they all wait.

Donny turns the corner and runs full speed down the long walkway right towards them.

Once he's close they start to fire at him.

Donny jumps out of the way and sits behind cover.

He clutches his chest and yells in pain.

He opens his pill bottle and pops a handful of Chewies.

His heart begins to beat rapidly. Too rapidly.

His heart explodes and his veins fill up with extra thick blood.

Donny crawls out from his cover. The astronauts lower their weapons and watch.

Donny stops, reaches his hand out to the rocket's entrance, then dies.

The astronauts laugh to each other, the lead astronaut presses a button on his wrist device, then they enter the rocket.

The Arti-Limb needle pricks Donny. The thick blood from Donny's vein rushes into it.
INT. ROCKET - DAY

The inside of the rocket is dingy and built like a tank. The astronauts climb up long ladders.

EXT. ROCKET - DAY

The velvety fabric wraps around Donny's entire body. He starts to move.

INT. ROCKET - DAY

The astronauts reach the flight deck, they buckle themselves into their seats, and prepare for lift off.

MISSION CONTROL (O.S.)

EXT. ROCKET - DAY

Donny gets up. He enters the rocket and the hatch closes.

MISSION CONTROL (O.S.)
Six. Five. Four.

INT. ROCKET - DAY

Donny examines the inside of the rocket. He walks over and looks up the middle ladder.

MISSION CONTROL (O.S.)
Three. Two. One. Lift off!

INT. ROCKET - DAY

The astronauts remain in their seats as the rocket rattles and flies skyward with incredible force.

The lead astronaut turns his head to see Donny right beside him.

Donny's fist punches through the astronauts helmet and leaves a crater in his head.

Donny moves behind the seat of the second astronaut and pulls off his head along with his spinal cord.
Donny lets go of the head and it drops down to the bottom of the rocket and smashes into a misty cloud of blood and bone.

The third astronaut unbuckles her belt and jumps out of her seat before Donny gets to her.

She crashes hard into the back of the flight deck.

Donny takes her place at her seat.

The astronaut struggles to press a series of buttons on her wrist device.

The rocket is about to exit Earth's atmosphere.

She presses the final button.

The rocket explodes.

INT. TRACEY & WALLACE'S APARTMENT - DAY

Tracey cries silently as she looks out the window. The window reflects the explosion.

Officers are there and they speak with Wallace.

Wallace just stands there and nods as they talk to him.

EXT. SKY - DAY

The rocket's fiery debris rains over the city as Donny falls to the ground.

FADE OUT.