



Motions

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FADE IN:

EXT. GRAVEYARD - DAY

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.)

*Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent
land...*

Grey. Overcast. As if the clouds are hiding this place from the heavens.

GRAVES line the pathways, like spectators to a parade that never arrives.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.) (CONT'D)

*Yet if you should forget me for a
while
And afterwards remember, do not
grieve...*

Focus on one particular GRAVE in the distance with a BLACK MARBLE HEADSTONE - a single child's grave among neglected plots.

As we approach, flowers wilt; grass grows tall around the stone. The fur of the teddy bear placed there fades.

FEMALE VOICE (V.O.) (CONT'D)

*For if the darkness and corruption
leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once
I had,
Better by far you should forget and
smile
Than that you should remember and
be sad.*

On the headstone, little HAND PRINTS and little FOOTPRINTS enclose an INSCRIPTION -

In loving memory of my beautiful boy -

Joshua Lee

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"Never to be forgotten.

Never far from home."

FADE TO WHITE.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

White voile curtains stir in a light breeze, leaking light into a scantily furnished, run-down room.

Discarded NEEDLES, ASHTRAYS, PIPES, empty ALCOHOL BOTTLES and other devices used for escapism, litter the coffee table.

OUR WOMAN (late 20s), fully clothed, sleeps curled on a stained WHITE SATIN SOFA.

Her eyelids flicker. Her breathing quickens.

Different VOICES begin to permeate the air - children's voices, plaintive cries, screams, laughter, whispers, prayers - growing louder and louder.

Repeatedly, a soft voice is heard through the chaos -

YOUNG BOY (V.O.)

Mommy...

She writhes and struggles.

The sound repeats, a little closer.

YOUNG BOY (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Mommy...

She clamps her hands over her ears, trembling.

Suddenly - silence.

A soft shuffle of feet.

Opening her eyes suddenly, she sits up fast. There standing in front of her like a dream, is a beautifully innocent, blonde haired BOY - **JOSHUA LEE (7)**.