

THE END OF THE WORLD, AND OTHER FAMILY DRAMA

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EXT. SUBURBAN STREET - NIGHT

The quiet street is lined with identical houses, bikes on the lawns and minivans in the driveways, all the lights off and crickets chirping.

A tired PAPER BOY peddles slowly, throwing papers from his basket.

Suddenly, A small and rickety BRIGHT BLUE RV zooms right past the paper boy, throwing off his balance. The paper boy flips the off and yells obscenities. The RV continues.

The RV speeds down a similar street, it's headlights blare, its tires screech and its engine sounds very old.

A dog begins to bark and the lights of a house turn on. The RV turns quickly, ignoring a stop sign. More houses turn their lights on as the noisy RV speeds through the sleepy neighborhood.

Finally, it quickly pulls into a driveway with a practical minivan next to it. We see the bumper and back window, covered in stickers:

"Think! It's not illegal yet", "The moon landing is my favorite Stanley Kubrick film", "Fluoride: There's poison in the tap water!", and "KURT COBAIN KILLED JFK, WAKE UP PEOPLE!"

A man steps out, rushing to the front door tripping along the way.

DAN

Oh fuck, oh fuck, oh fuck!

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

This is DAN WRIGHT (50), erratic, paranoid and an extremely devoted dad. He wears a lab coat and unkempt facial hair.

He looks at his watch, it reads: 00:00:11:52, and counting down by the second.

He rushes by the mantel in the center of the living-room, on top is a beautiful blue and black URN next to many family pictures.

INT. FAITH'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

A young couple sleep in a twin sized bed together. This is FAITH WRIGHT (20), oldest daughter, very pretty, and RYAN ERICKSON (22), snoring and drooling.

The alarm clock says "4:00 AM."

Dan bursts into with a megaphone with an alarm and a siren taped on top.

DAN
Code Red! We are in code red this
is not a drill! Everybody up!

He flicks on the light, Faith and Ryan wake up terrified. Ryan falls off the bed and hits the floor with a thump.

Faith covers her ears.

FAITH
What the hell is happening?!

DAN
Time to go princess! To the
shelter! This is not a drill!

FAITH
Oh, Dad, please! Please not today,
please!

Dan drags Faith out of bed. She steps over Ryan who sits up holding his head.

DAN
The apocalypse isn't gonna go on
hold just so you can sleep in!

FAITH
Dad It's four in the morning!

Dan looks at his watch.

DAN
Is it? Huh, this thing doesn't
really... tell time.

RYAN
Are we going to the yard again?

Dan looks down at Ryan, glaring.

DAN
Actually Ryan, unfortunately you'll
have to stay here and die with the
rest of the population--

FAITH
Dad. Don't be mean!
(To Ryan)
You're not gonna die, babe.

Ryan gives a sleepy thumbs up. Dan rolls his eyes.

DAN
Well we're all gonna die if we
don't pick up the pace and get to
the shelter like we practiced--

FAITH
Dad please just let us sleep! Just
today! Jason has a test tomorrow
and mom has this meeting she needs
to--

Dan grabs Faith's shoulders and looks at her with genuine
worry.

DAN
Faithy, honey. Just... Trust me?
Please.

They stare at each other, playing chicken. Faith sighs.

INT. HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

Dan runs through the hallway flicking light switches and
banging on doors.

DAN
Code red people code red! Everybody
to the shelter! Code red!

He opens the door at the far side of the hallway.

DAN (CONT'D)
Jason! Bud, time to get up!

INT. JASON'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

He opens up a room filled with posters of mad scientists and
toys. On the other side of the room, JASON WRIGHT (12), puts
on a jacket and grabs a small cockroach farm. He is wide
awake.

JASON

Fuck yeah! Code reds are my favorite!

DAN

That's my boy.

Dan pats him on the head as he runs down the hallway. The door across the hall opens.

DAN (CONT'D)

World's ending though, so maybe tone down the excitement... and don't curse! Obviously!

Dan turns to see MEGHAN WRIGHT (48), steps out of her room in her silk robe. She crosses her arms, furious.

DAN (CONT'D)

Meg! Hey Hun!

MEGHAN

Again Dan? Seriously?

DAN

I know, I know, he can leave the cockroaches up here when we go to the shelter, that's like. The whole point.

Faith guides Ryan down the hall. He still holds his head.

MEGHAN

Dan this boy who cried wolf shtick is getting your mother level of old.

DAN

Meghan, I know how much you appreciate a full eight hours but I'm sure you can also appreciate the severity of--

The door across from Faith's room opens and a very old lady steps out.

This is ELIZABETH WRIGHT (80s), cranky grandma, usually drunk, in a long nightgown holding a bottle of gin.

ELIZABETH

What's that noise?!

DAN

Mom, just go to the shelter!

ELIZABETH

My shoulder? I just had surgery on it you know this!

DAN

The shelter mom! The backyard!

ELIZABETH

You're a blowhard!

DAN

Mom you're drunk!

ELIZABETH

Don't yell at your mother!

DAN

Well you can't hear me when I don't yell so what am I-- Jesus. Shelter! Mom! Please!

Elizabeth grunts and slowly shuffles down the hallway. Dan turns back to Meghan.

DAN (CONT'D)

You coming?

Meghan opens her mouth to lecture Dan when: Jason peeks his head around the corner of the hallway.

JASON

Mom! Come on! Code red!

A beat.

MEGHAN

... Coming, sweetie!

Jason happily runs off. Dan smiles. Meghan ties her robe and walks past. Dan goes to follow but--

Dan quickly runs further back grabs the urn from the mantel, then runs back after his family.

JASON (O.S)

Dad come on!

DAN

Coming! Coming sorry!

EXT. BACKYARD - NIGHT

Faith helps Elizabeth enter the large metal hatch in the middle of the backyard as he climbs down the ladder, then she gets in herself.

FAITH
Watch your head grandma.

ELIZABETH
Watch your attitude, young lady!

They all pile into the shelter and the door seals shut.

INT. SHELTER - DAWN

Everyone sits impatiently in the cramped shelter, Ryan sleeps across the ground. The clock on the wall says 6:12 AM. Dan looks at it very confused.

FAITH
Alright. Let's go.

Everyone stands up and sighs.

DAN
... But I was so sure...

RYAN
That's like the third time this week...

Faith opens the shelter door and the light of a sunrise pours in. Dan snaps out of his depressive state and into a fake smile.

DAN
Well I mean, thank God right?

No one responds, they all shuffle out of the shelter.

DAN (CONT'D)
Hey! Better safe than sorry! We live another day! Woo!

Jason pats his dad on the shoulder and walks out, shaking his head.

DAN (CONT'D)
Right gang? ... Right?

Meghan rolls her eyes as she climbs up the ladder.

Dan is left alone. He looks at the urn in his hands and sighs.

DAN (CONT'D)
... Back to the lab I guess.

He places the urn down next to a gas mask and rushes out of the shelter.

Outside, dogs bark and a door slams.

DAN (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Sorry! Sorry Jim! False alarm!
How's the house arrest?

INT. KITCHEN - MORNING

Dan turns on a radio on a kitchen counter. He drops three pieces of bacon onto a frying pan with a satisfying sizzle.

INT. FAITH'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Faith sleeps peacefully next to a snoring Ryan. The start of the music from the radio wakes her up.

She groggily looks to the alarm clock. It reads "8:23 AM."
Her eyes go wide and she jumps out of bed, waking Ryan.

FAITH
Fuck! Fuck fuck!

RYAN
Huh?

INT. KITCHEN - MORNING

Dan, wide awake and in an apron, cracks two eggs into a bowl while dancing embarrassingly to the music.

INT. FAITH'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Faith changes her pajama shirt for her work one, panicked, Ryan rubs his eyes, groggily.

RYAN
What's wrong?

FAITH
I slept through my alarm!

Faith struggles to get her jeans on.

RYAN
Why didn't your mom wake you?

Faith's jaw drops.

FAITH
Oh shit...

INT. KITCHEN - MORNING

Dan whisks the eggs in the bowl while dancing around the kitchen, a wide smile on his face.

INT. HALLWAY - MORNING

Faith rushes across the hallway, tripping over the jeans around her ankles, she bangs on Meghan's door.

FAITH
Mom? Mom!

Faith bursts through the door. Meghan is asleep on top of her bed, wine glass in hand.

FAITH (CONT'D)
Mom!

Meghan snaps awake.

MEGHAN
What?! Who's hurt??

FAITH
We overslept!

Faith runs out of the doorway, Meghan looks at the clock and jumps out of bed and rushes to her dresser.

MEGHAN
Mother fucker!

INT. JASON'S BEDROOM - DAY

Faith opens Jason's door and rushes to his bed, buttoning up her pants. She shakes the blanket.

FAITH
Jason! Get up! We're late!

She tears the blanket away and the bed is empty.

FAITH (CONT'D)
Where the fuck--

INT. KITCHEN - MORNING

Dan pours multiple glasses of orange juice to the beat of the music, the eggs cooking behind him.

INT. ELIZABETH'S ROOM - DAY

Faith swings open the door.

FAITH
Grandma, have you seen--

Jason and Elizabeth sit on her bed playing cards in their pajamas.

ELIZABETH
It's not polite to barge into a room you know.

FAITH
... Whatever, just, Jason. Get changed. We're late.

Jason sighs and heads to the door.

JASON
Yeah, I know.

Faith rolls her eyes as Jason pushes past her. Elizabeth packs up the cards.

FAITH
You couldn't have woken me?

ELIZABETH
No, I could have.

Faith grunts and slams the door. Elizabeth chuckles.

INT. KITCHEN - MORNING

Dan sets the table with plates of bacon and eggs. Faith rushes into the room, looking for something. She checks a small bowl on the mantel.

Dan looks up at her with a smile, he switches off the radio.

DAN
Well good morning, sleepyhead!
Happy Friday!

FAITH
Uh, have you seen my keys?

Faith rushes over to the purse on the kitchen counter.

DAN
What's your rush!
(Holds up plate)
Bacon?

Faith eyes the full table and sighs.

FAITH
I... Really don't have time, dad--

Dan walks around the counter and continues to set the table.

DAN
Listen, I know that little false
alarm last night probably got you
guys all groggy, so I made us all a
nice little breakfast! Thought we
could all sit and eat together!
Like we used to! Just, you know, a
little "I'm sorry" from dad to
family! So what do you say?

He waits for Faith's response wide eyed.

A beat.

FAITH
... Uh. I mean I'd love to Dad but--

Faith looks down in the purse again and pulls out a pair of
keys.

FAITH (CONT'D)
Aha! Jason! Let's go!

Faith pockets the keys and rushes by Dan, kissing him on the
cheek.

FAITH (CONT'D)
Bye dad, sorry about breakfast.

Faith rushes out the door, Dan's smile drops.

DAN
But--

Jason rushes past him with his backpack on. He grabs a piece of bacon on the way.

JASON
Morning, dad!

DAN
Hey, bud! Still have some pancakes
left if--

Jason rushes out the door. Dan stares at the full table and sighs.

Suddenly he is interrupted when Meghan rounds the corner in a pantsuit, texting. Dan smiles.

DAN (CONT'D)
Oh good morning my beautiful and
intelligent queen! How'd you sleep,
can I offer you some--

Meghan walks right past him, not even looking up from her phone, she walks out the door. Dan's smile drops, he sighs.

He turns around to see Ryan eating bacon at the head of the table.

RYAN
Really great bacon, Mr. Wright!
Super crisp!

Dan stares at Ryan with disbelief, he scoffs and marches out of the room, headed towards the garage.

As his hand grabs the door handle, Dan's phone makes a loud buzz. He looks down at it, confused, he rushes into the garage and slams the door behind him.

INT. GROCERY STORE - DAY

Faith stands behind the cash register of a fancy grocery store. She hands an impatient woman a paper bag. The woman grumbles and walks off.

FAITH
... Have a nice day!

Ryan walks up to the counter in sweatpants. Faith's smile drops.

RYAN
Excuse me, ma'am, do you have space-
pants here, 'cause your butt--

FAITH

Ryan! We talked about this, you gotta stop visiting me at work.

RYAN

... You're butt is out of this world. That's what I was gonna say.

FAITH

Babe. My boss hates personal visits! And I already got yelled at for being so late.

RYAN

But the house is so boring when everyone is at work!

Faith starts helping the man behind him.

FAITH

Well maybe it's time to finally follow my dad's advice and "Get a God damned job you bum."

Faith hands the man his bag.

RYAN

Well I've heard that there's a lot of job opportunities in... California?

Ryan holds up a worn out POSTCARD. Faith groans.

FAITH

Ryan, can we please not talk about this while I'm at work--

RYAN

Oh but you see I've trapped you! You are obligated to stand exactly where you are and now can't avoid me bringing this up this time!

FAITH

What do you want me to say Ryan! Now's not a good time. Can't we wait another month?

RYAN

We've been waiting another month for eleven months! We've been in this dead end state for almost a year now, Faith! When are we gonna talk about finally leaving?

FAITH

New jersey is not a dead end state!
There is a very large iron and
steel scrap industry! That's
promising!

Faith bags the groceries of the impatient man in line.

RYAN

Faith. I know how badly you want to
go. Don't try to hide it! You know
if we leave now we could probably
be there for that big rocket launch
in a week! That would be cool--

FAITH

Of course I do! But I can't just
uproot my life at the snap of my
fingers Ryan, I have
responsibilities here, it takes
time--

RYAN

Faith, we dropped out of college
together so we could move to
California and I could be the
world's coolest stunt man and you
could become the best actress of
the twenty first century, not so
you could stay here and. Bag
different cheeses!

FAITH

Who even knows if I want to keep
acting! It's a pipe dream!

RYAN

Than be whatever you want to be!
It's not about the acting! Or the
stunting! Or even California! It's
about not being stuck here! About
being apart of something bigger
than us! I know you and I know deep
down you want to be somewhere...
Significant!

FAITH

I'm helping my mom Ryan! I'm
helping my family--

RYAN

Are you helping your family or are
they helping you avoid moving on?

Faith takes a deep breath.

RYAN (CONT'D)
...It's been a year Faith... You're
mom can't keep putting everything
on you like this--

FAITH
Ryan. Just ...Don't.

RYAN
... If this is where you wanna be,
I'll be here with you. You know
that but. But if you want more, and
I know you do...

Ryan pushes the postcard towards her. Faith stares at it
longingly.

FAITH
... Okay! Okay! We can... Look at
flights. We can look! But not a
word to my dad! And especially not
my mom!

Ryan smiles and kisses her across the counter.

FAITH (CONT'D)
... Now can you please buy
something so I don't get fired.

Ryan throws a pack of gum onto the counter.

FAITH (CONT'D)
That'll be two fifty.

RYAN
... Can I borrow two fifty?

Faith rolls her eyes and reaches for her wallet. Her phone
rings. She takes it out and picks it up confused.

FAITH
Hello? ... Oh God damn it.

INT. OFFICE - DAY

Meghan speed-walks down the hall of an office building,
shoving her way through many scared interns. She talks loudly
into blue-tooth.

MEGHAN

Because, Jerry! There aren't enough resources to cover both cases! ... Oh! Oh! Okay, sure, Jerry why don't you go find me fifteen thousand to cut from operations and then come back to me! You'll be able to find me on my flying God damned pig!

Meghan slams the door to her office, the door swings back open, the lock clearly broken.

INT. MEGHAN'S OFFICE - DAY

Meghan paces in her office, still on blue-tooth, papers everywhere and multiple cups off coffee on her desk.

BEN (45), shit eating grin, dressed in a very nice suit, knocks on the open door.

BEN

Meghan! Babe! You got a minute?

Meghan waves him in. He sits in her chair.

MEGHAN

No... No, Jerry. Jerry. How about this Jerry: go stab yourself in the groin and never call me again. Okay? Okay Jerry? Okay great. Yeah get back to me.

She hangs up.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

What's going on, Ben!

BEN

Hey Meg. I saw you were late again?

Meghan sits across from Ben.

MEGHAN

Yeah! Yeah, I'm sorry, Ben, my husband-- Dan woke everyone up with some crackpot--

BEN

That's the third time just this week--

MEGHAN

I know, Ben, again I'm sorry, Dan just--

BEN

Meghan I'm gonna cut to the chase here. Me and the guys upstairs think it's time we let you go. With severance of course.

Meghan chuckles. Ben is serious.

MEGHAN

... What is this, a joke? Are you serious?!

BEN

Listen, it's nothing personal! It's just business--

MEGHAN

I have a family Ben!

Ben sighs.

BEN

... Meghan, if you want the truth. You scare people! You make this office tense! Five interns have quit because they got your coffee order wrong! You're making business harder. I gotta let you go.

MEGHAN

Ben. You can't be serious! I work more hours than any of the shmucks here! I'm the best lawyer you've got!

BEN

Hey! Take some time off! Spend some time with your family! Go see that uh, uh, that meteor fly by next week! I bet the kids would love that!

Ben sees Meghan's head hanged low. He sighs.

MEGHAN

... Ben... I need this job... Please...

BEN
... Okay! Okay! If you're gonna
twist my arm... I'll give you one
more shot.

Meghan's head shoots up.

MEGHAN
Thank you! Oh my God thank you Ben--

BEN
On one condition!

MEGHAN
Anything!

BEN
You have to take over the Mensino
case. Solo.

Meghan's smile drops.

MEGHAN
Ben are you kidding? The whole long
island mafia is wrapped up in that
shit show! It's extensive enough to
warrant a whole team of lawyers,
and it's in a week! I haven't even--

He heads for the door.

BEN
You wanna keep your job, you gotta
figure it out. Prove to me you're
worth the trouble... And smile a
little! Eh?

He clicks his blue-tooth.

BEN (CONT'D)
Jerry! What's going on buddy--

The door closes behind him. Meghan clenches her fist and
shakes with anger. Her phone rings. He clicks her blue-tooth.

MEGHAN
Jerry I swear to God-- Then who the
hell is this?! ... God damn it!!

EXT. MIDDLE SCHOOL - DAY

Meghan's minivan pulls into the schools parking lot very
quickly. She rushes out of the car.

INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - DAY

Meghan bursts into the small office.

MEGHAN

I'm here! Is he okay?!

Sitting in the office is the very bored PRINCIPAL SMITH (60), Faith and Jason. They all stare at Meghan.

PRINCIPAL SMITH

Mrs. Wright. Good of you to join us, we were just finishing up here.

Meghan sits in the third seat across from the principal.

MEGHAN

What's going on here?

PRINCIPAL SMITH

Well, as I was telling your daughter--

Meghan looks at Faith confused.

PRINCIPAL SMITH (CONT'D)

Jason has been brought in for... Well, let's just say Bobby Harris is going to be getting a very profitable visit from the tooth fairy thanks to your son.

Meghan glares at Jason. He hangs his head.

FAITH

Jay why would you do something like that?

JASON

... He said that everyone always says dad is crazy. I told him to shut up. He didn't...

Faith and Meghan look at each other sadly. Principal Smith sighs and picks at his nails.

PRINCIPAL SMITH

... Regardless. This behavior is obviously unsupportable and thus, Jason will have to attend weekly detentions for the next month...

Faith, Meghan and Jason all look off in separate directions, all clearly not listening, thinking about something else. The principal keeps talking.

EXT. MIDDLE SCHOOL - DAY

The three of them walk out of the school.

MEGHAN

Where's your father? Why aren't you at work?

FAITH

They couldn't reach him. I put my name down as a back up contact last time. I gave up my lunch break to come.

Meghan takes a deep frustrated breath.

FAITH (CONT'D)

... I'll take Jason home, grandma can watch him when I go back to work.

MEGHAN

No. No I can take him. Go back to work.

FAITH

Are... Are you sure?

Meghan nods, holding Jason's hand. Faith walks towards her car.

FAITH (CONT'D)

Aright... I'll see you at home I guess.

Faith drives away.

MEGHAN

... You want ice cream?

Jason looks at her confused.

JASON

... Is this a trick question.

Meghan smirks.

MEGHAN

Let's go.

They walk off.

INT. WRIGHT HOME - AFTERNOON

Meghan and Faith walk in from the front door eating ice cream.

JASON
Can't I just try it? It's just
coffee ice cream.

MEGHAN
When you're older.

Meghan trips over a stack of books.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)
What the-

They see that the room is filled with books, loose papers,
and white boards covered in intense calculations.

Dan runs into the room focused on his book.

JASON
Dad?

Meghan clenches her fists in anger. Dan rushes to a white
board and starts writing.

DAN
Oh! Hey guys...

MEGHAN
Dan what the hell--

Dan looks at his watch.

DAN
Hey Jason come hold this book up
for Dad!

Jason goes to run to him, Meghan holds him back. Jason hangs
his head.

MEGHAN
Dan. The school said they couldn't
reach you today. They called us in
about Jason.

DAN
Oh yeah?

MEGHAN

Yeah. Faith had to leave work to pick him up. He got a month's detention!

DAN

Mhm...

Dan is completely focused on his book. Meghan stares at him.

MEGHAN

Jason, go to your room.

JASON

I can't help dad?

MEGHAN

No. You have to go study for your big science test.

JASON

That's like a week away!

MEGHAN

You wanna get detentions, you gotta study everyday. It's called being grounded. Room. Now.

Jason marches to his room.

JASON

I knew the ice cream was a trick.

Jason leaves the room and Meghan glares at Dan who hasn't even noticed.

Meghan marches over to Dan and throws his book across the room. Dan shoots up.

DAN

Hey! I was reading that!

MEGHAN

Really? I didn't realize.

DAN

This is life and death stuff Meg!

MEGHAN

Can't you stop with this crazy theories and think about your family just once!

DAN

I am thinking about my family! I can't just choose to be ignorant again and just let my family suffer!

MEGHAN

We are suffering! Do you not see that?!

Dan turns back to the white board.

DAN

Meghan! I'm a rocket scientist? Okay! Trust me! Do you see these calculations! If my math is right--

MEGHAN

Don't put your job over mine! I work hard for this family too!

DAN

I wasn't! And I know!

MEGHAN

Don't shoot down my feelings either! You always steam roll me! We talked about this!

DAN

Right! I'm sorry! I wont do it again! But Meghan, you gotta listen okay? This stuff--

MEGHAN

Did you know your little stunt last night caused everyone to be late today?! Faith lost her lunch break, I nearly got--

DAN

Sigh. Meghan. I know you're angry and I'm sorry that we had a false alarm last night, but my bug at the FBI delivered something very promising this morning and if you would just--

MEGHAN

I want a divorce!

The room goes silent.

DAN
... Meghan--

MEGHAN
... Clean up all this... Crap. And
take it to the RV. Or a motel. I
don't care... Just. Get the fuck
out of my house.

Meghan marches out of the room.

DAN
Meg! ... Meghan!

Dan stands alone. He takes a deep breath.

Dan looks at his watch and grabs a metal briefcase next to a
white board. He rushes out the door, leaving the room a mess.

Jason peeks around the corner, very sad. He walks to his
room.

The RV starts outside and a sheet falls off of a white board.

On it, a printed out picture of the METEOR and the date 12/15
under it, and next to it is a picture of the ROCKET with the
date 12/15 under it.

The RV gets quieter as it speeds away.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

Meghan, Faith, Ryan, Jason and Elizabeth sit around the
kitchen table silently.

They awkwardly pick at the Chinese takeout in front of them,
surrounded by the mess that Dan left around the house and has
still yet to clean up.

RYAN
... The food's great Mrs. W.

MEGHAN
Thanks Ryan... I didn't make it.

There is a long silence before finally...

JASON
... Mom and Dad are getting a
divorce!

FAITH
What?!

MEGHAN

Jason!

JASON

What!

ELIZABETH

Took you long enough.

FAITH

Grandma!

RYAN

Does anyone want water! I'm gonna
go get water!

Elizabeth drinks her wine. Ryan speed walks to the fridge.

MEGHAN

(To Jason)

You were supposed to be in your
room studying!

JASON

Well you were supposed to support
dad through better or worse!
Through sickness and--

FAITH

Mom, is this true?

MEGHAN

Well--

JASON

It is! I heard it!

MEGHAN

I brought up the idea is all!

ELIZABETH

Yeah that's how your grandfather
and I started our divorce too.

JASON

Oh God!

RYAN

Oop! No ice for the water! I'll get
some from the garage.

Ryan runs to the garage.

FAITH

When were you gonna tell us?

MEGHAN

I haven't even--

JASON

Are we gonna have to move? Is dad gonna get a new house? I can't bring my cockroaches on a plane, they're on a no fly list--

MEGHAN

Guys can we please just eat and--

ELIZABETH

Well I doubt he'll want to be here when you get remarried.

JASON

Remarried?!

RYAN (O.S)

Where is the fucking ice?!

FAITH

Is this because of us?

MEGHAN

No! Of course not!

ELIZABETH

That's what I told your father, too. Of course it really was--

JASON

I knew it!

MEGHAN

Elizabeth!

FAITH

Well is it... Because of... What happened?

Everyone becomes quite and somber. Meghan takes a deep breath.

MEGHAN

... It's because of a lot of things! Me and your father have a lot of problems... And I don't know what is gonna happen. But...

(MORE)

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

We both love both of you. So very much...

Elizebeth puts her feet up on the table.

ELIZABETH

So how long has the affair been going on?

Jason slams his hands on the table.

JASON

Affair?!

MEGHAN

Liz I swear to fucking God--

FAITH

Who gave you wine?!

ELIZABETH

Oh, this is a four loco.

Ryan walks back in with a bag of ice.

RYAN

I found the ice!

JASON

I'm not calling him dad! You can't make me!

FAITH

I can't believe this is happening...

MEGHAN

I-- Wait, nothing is happening! Just--

Suddenly, Dan bursts through the front door, sweating and holding a silver briefcase. He locks the many locks frantically, staring through the peep hole.

He turns around to see everyone at the table looking at him. The room is silent.

DAN

... Hey gang!

Meghan sighs.

JASON

Dad! Where were you?! Did mom kick you out?!

DAN

Uh... I was... At work!

RYAN

... Weren't you fired four months ago?

Dan glares at Ryan.

RYAN (CONT'D)

You know what? I'm gonna go get more Ice actually!

Ryan shuffles back to the garage with the ice. Dan turns to Meghan.

DAN

I was just. Picking up some old research. Trying to confirm some theories--

Meghan groans and takes a drink, Faith glares at her.

JASON

Dad, are you and mom really getting a divorce?

DAN

... Uh. Well--

FAITH

Jason go do your homework.

JASON

But I already did my homework!

FAITH

Then go play video games!

JASON

Wha--

FAITH

Go!

Jason grumbles and stomps to his room. Meghan turns to Faith.

MEGHAN

Don't boss your brother around like that!

FAITH
Well if I don't, who will!

MEGHAN
Excuse me?! What does that mean?

Faith walks out of the room. Meghan sighs.

Dan and Meghan stare at each other. Elizabeth stands.

ELIZABETH
I'll let you two work this out.

DAN
... Thank you mom--

ELIZABETH
But for the record! ... I cast my
vote for divorce--

DAN
Mom!

Elizabeth struts out of the room. Meghan at Dan avoid eye contact.

DAN (CONT'D)
... Meghan--

MEGHAN
Are you about to console me about
our crumbling family... Or are you
about to tell me about another
upcoming apocolypse?

Dan is silent. Meghan sighs and heads for the hallway.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)
Yeah... That's what I thought.

She walks out of the room. Dan is speechless. Ryan re-enters the room with even more ice, he's about to topple over.

RYAN
Ice time! I got the ice! I'm the
ice guy and you know what Ice guy
always says! Who needs to fight
when you've got the ice-- Oh, has
everyone left?

Dan glares at him.

RYAN (CONT'D)
... Right.

Ryan drops waddles to Faith's room with the ice.

Dan plops onto the couch. The briefcase besides him seems to glow. He looks at it and takes a deep breath.

INT. JASON'S BEDROOM - DAY

Meghan walks into the doorway and knocks on Jason's door. Inside, Jason lies in his bed facing the wall and Faith rubs his back.

MEGHAN

... Hey.

Faith glares at her, stands and walks out of the room and into the hall.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

Faith--

Faith slams her bedroom door. Meghan sighs and turns back to Jason. She walks up to the bed and sits. She thinks for a while and opens her mouth to talk before Jason cuts her off.

JASON

Are you and dad gonna get divorced?

Meghan sighs.

MEGHAN

... I don't know honey. It's been... Hard.

Jason sits up.

JASON

But you love each other right?

MEGHAN

Yeah! Yeah we do. It's just. Adult stuff gets in the way... But yeah. We do...

JASON

... And you love us? Right?

MEGHAN

Baby. Of course. Always. Your father and I love you and Faith more than anything in the whole world--

JASON
Neither of you are gonna leave
then... Right?

MEGHAN
... No baby. We're here to stay.

Jason snuffles and hugs his mom. She takes a deep breath.

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT

Meghan shuts Jason's door gently and walks up to her door across the hall, she hesitates with her hand on the doorknob.

She turns and looks at the door at the end of the hallway. It is labeled in big pink letters: "Hope"

She takes a deep breath and lets go of the door.

INT. BEDROOM AT END OF HALL - NIGHT

Meghan slowly enters the bedroom. The walls are purple and the decorations are floral. There are boy band posters on the walls and textbooks on the desk. The room clearly belongs to a teenage girl.

Meghan looks around and shuffles to the bed. She picks up the teddy-bear resting against the pillow and smells it. She holds back tears.

She falls onto the bed, stroking the fur of the teddy-bear.

Meghan slowly falls asleep.

INT. RV - MOVING - DAWN

Meghan slowly wakes up with a yawn, still holding the teddy bear. She opens her eyes and looks around.

Her eyes widen as she realizes where she is, in the passenger seat of the RV, buckled in. To her left is Dan, driving and smiling.

DAN
... Morning!

Meghan is speechless, she starts to hyperventilate. She looks behind her to see the rest of the family sleeping in the RV.

DAN (CONT'D)
Whoa, take a breath--

MEGHAN

Pull over! Pull the car over!

DAN

We're making great time actually--

She punches Dan in the arm repeatedly.

MEGHAN

Pull over right fucking now!

Dan pulls over, terrified, she unbuckles.

DAN

Ow! Ow! Okay! Okay!

EXT. ROAD - DAWN

Meghan runs out of the RV. Dan exits and runs after her.

DAN

Meghan! Take a breath!

Meghan stops.

MEGHAN

Are you literally insane?! How
could you-- This is borderline--
No! No this is full on kidnapping!
Are you crazy!? Oh God, I'm gonna
vomit!

DAN

Meg--

Faith, Ryan, Elizabeth and Jason walk out of the RV,
groggily.

FAITH

Um. Why'd we wake up in the RV?

JASON

Dad, is this a code blue?

DAN

Kids just... Go back in the RV?

MEGHAN

Kids do not step foot into that RV.

DAN

Meg--

MEGHAN

Why Dan! Why would you possibly think this was okay to do! Where are we even going?!

DAN

... California--

Faith and Ryan look at each other.

MEGHAN

Ha! California! Of course!

FAITH

California?!

JASON

Is that Disney land or Disney world?

Elizabeth shrugs.

DAN

Guys! In the RV! Please... Me and mom gotta talk.

They all shuffle back into the RV with a sigh. Meghan is hyperventilating.

MEGHAN

We couldn't just camp out in the your shelter for another night?! That wasn't enough for you!

DAN

Not for this Meg! This is intense--

MEGHAN

And we couldn't just fly because--

DAN

Because they'll be watching the airports!

MEGHAN

Of course they will be!

DAN

Meghan this is... This is some high level--

MEGHAN

Oh! Of course! Of course it is, you can't keep doing this Dan, it's sociopathic, you can't keep ruining our lives because you hate yours--

DAN

None of us will have a life if we don't hurry up and--

MEGHAN

You know, you're one real selfish piece of--

DAN

I'll leave! If I'm wrong about this! If what I think is going to happen doesn't actually happen... That's it! I'll leave your lives! I won't fight for custody! I won't even try to keep the house! I'll just fuck right off and you'll be done with me... You have everything to gain and nothing to lose...

Meghan thinks.

MEGHAN

... I can't just take the time off work--

DAN

I brought all your files! You can work the whole trip!

MEGHAN

I- And Faith? She can't do her work on the road--

DAN

That was a dead end job! She was only there for you and you know it--

MEGHAN

Jason has school--

DAN

And if I'm wrong you will be back before his big test! Guaranteed... And if I'm right. Well he won't have to worry about it.

Meghan is speechless.

DAN (CONT'D)
... You win either way... What do
you say?

Meghan thinks.

MEGHAN
... When you're wrong--

DAN
If--

MEGHAN
When! When you're wrong... You
never ruin our lives with this shit
again. You leave us alone.
Forever... And you don't say
anything to the kids about this!
Ever!

DAN
... If that's what you want.

Meghan walks back to the RV. Dan waits.

MEGHAN
... Well! Let's go!

Dan smiles.

INT. RV - DAWN

The two walk back into the RV.

DAN
Alright guys! Buckle back up! Mom's
on board!

FAITH
Wait, what?

In the RV, Ryan groans, Jason cheers.

JASON (O.S)
End of the world road trip! So
cool!

Meghan walks back to the passenger seat, Dan follows behind.
Faith sighs.

FAITH
Mom you can't have actually agreed
to this!

MEGHAN

I know honey. But we just have to
make it through one road trip. And
then...

Dan sits and starts the car. Under his seat is the urn and
the glowing briefcase.

EXT. WRIGHT HOME - DAWN

Miles behind them:

The Wright home is up in flames, many empty cans of gasoline
litter the lawn and sirens approach in the distance. A small
cockroach crawls out from the rubble and half burned papers
fly out onto the lawn, labeled "Classified" and "FBI"

A black car pulls up and stops in front of the house.

MEGHAN (V.O.)

And then we'll be done fixing your
father's mistakes.

A SECRET AGENT(50), striking black suit, expensive sunglasses
and a permanent stern look, steps out of the car and looks at
the house. He clenches his fist and steps on the cockroach
crawling about.

We see on his dashboard a picture of Dan with two address's
written on it.

As the sirens approach, he quickly ducks back into the car
and drives off.

INT. RV - MOVING - DAY

Faith drives the RV as Dan studies a map in the passenger
seat. The family lounges around behind them.

Meghan reads through a file for work, she checks her phone
and sighs, across from her Jason studies out of a textbook
and quickly gets frustrated.

JASON

Ugh! This is so stupid!

MEGHAN

Hey! Language!

JASON

Stupid isn't even a curse word!

ELIZABETH

It is if you use it right.

MEGHAN

Elizabeth, don't start.

Elizabeth sips her drink.

JASON

Why do I have to study! It's not like I'm going to use physics in everyday life!

MEGHAN

Well you're gonna have to use it in college!

FAITH

Yeah. Plus, I we all use physics like. Every day.

MEGHAN

See? This stuff is important.

JASON

You didn't even finish college! And "The definition of suction" won't be important when the world ends either way!

DAN

He's not wrong.

Meghan glares at Dan. Dan looks back at her and sighs.

DAN (CONT'D)

... Listen to your mom Jay. After all, you never know what--

FAITH

--"Skill you'll need in a crisis!" Yeah. We're aware. Jay just be lucky you were still young during dad's cold war phase. Physics is way more practical than Morse code.

JASON

What?! Morse code?! Lucky!

Meghan sighs.

MEGHAN

Well lucky for us, the world isn't ending baby!

(MORE)

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

So you have to be prepared for
highschool school next year!
Because there will be a next year.

JASON

Well I hope there isn't...

MEGHAN

Hey!

Jason buries his head back in his textbook. Meghan glares at Dan, he clearly doesn't know what he did wrong.

Ryan sits up from his bored position.

RYAN

Uh, Mr. W? I hate to make a fuss
but, we've been driving for hours
and... Well, I really need to pee!

DAN

Faith I'll hit him--

FAITH

Babe we're going to California.
We're not even close! Just pee in
the RV! We have a bathroom.

RYAN

I'm a shy pee-er!

FAITH

Dad?

DAN

We're almost there! Five more
minutes!

RYAN

Right of course, but you said that
twenty minutes ago?

DAN

... Yup.

RYAN

... Geez, I mean, do you like
seeing me suffer?

Dan smiles.

FAITH

Wait five minutes away from where?
We're in like. Texas!

Ryan chuckles.

RYAN
Um we're going west Faith. Not
south. Duh.

JASON
Dude. Even I know that's stupid.

ELIZABETH
Great catch you got here Faith.

Meghan tries to focus on her work and appease her migraine.

JASON
Why are we even bringing him dad?

DAN
Well as much as I hate to admit it,
he does have some utility to our
mission.

Everyone stares at Dan shocked.

FAITH
... Wait really?

RYAN
Yeah what? Really?

JASON
How so?

DAN
Well... He'll help with the gene
pool. Down the line.

Everyone is silent.

RYAN
... Jesus Christ!

FAITH
Oh my God.

JASON
What's a Gene pool?

MEGHAN
Nothing sweetie--

ELIZABETH
It's the people making babies
together--

Elizabeth winks.

MEGHAN
Elizabeth!

DAN
It basically helps inbreeding
during repopulating!

FAITH
Oh my God!

MEGHAN
Dan!

JASON
Inbreeding?

Dan begins to speak.

MEGHAN
Dan! Don't you dare!

Dan shuts up. Meghan takes a deep breath.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)
... Basically. Jason... When, or
if, your sister and her... Ryan.
Choose to have babies. Down the
line... Those babies will have
different DNA! Which is... Better
than the alternative...

Everyone is silenced by embarrassment.

JASON
... Oh... So who am I gonna inbreed
with.

RYAN
... Jesus Christ.

FAITH
Honestly, this is going much better
than my sex talk did.

ELIZABETH
Barely.

MEGHAN
We're not gonna think about that
right now Jay!

JASON
Maybe we can find someone during
the trip? Dad?

DAN
Uh. Maybe bud...

MEGHAN
Dan!

DAN
Well it's better than the
alternative!

FAITH
Oh my God...

Dan glances at the map and looks up panicked.

DAN
Oh oh! Get off here.

FAITH
What?!

DAN
The exit!

FAITH
Okay! Jesus...

Faith swerves takes the exit. We see a sign that reads:
"Houston Space Center, next exit."

EXT. PARKING LOT - DAY

The RV pulls into the parking lot, the family looks out the
window at the building.

FAITH
A museum?

DAN
A space center!

JASON
Aw man! That's school stuff!

FAITH
Dad what are we doing here?

Dan gets up and heads to the door.

DAN

This is our first stop! Come on!

Ryan pushes past Dan and out the door.

RYAN

Sorry Mr. Wright! Gotta pee! Move
aside!

Dan shakes his head and exits the RV. Everyone else
begrudgingly follows, Meghan searching for signal on her
phone.

FAITH

Mom, you have no comment?

MEGHAN

Just entertain your father Faith.
We'll be home in no time.

FAITH

But isn't this kinda weird--

MEGHAN

Aha! Signal! Finally! Uh, watch
your brother!

Meghan rushes out excitedly. Faith sighs and follows.

INT. SCIENCE CENTER - LOBBY - DAY

Dan, Jason, Elizabeth and Faith walk into the impressive
building.

Standing in front of a desk is a CURATOR(30), fake smile in a
bland pantsuit.

CURATOR

Hello! Welcome to the Houston
Science Center.

Ryan rushes past the desk inside.

CURATOR (CONT'D)

Oh, um, sir! There's an admission!

FAITH

He's with us, sorry. He has to pee.

The Curator barely tries to hide her disgust in the family.

CURATOR

Right... Five then?

JASON

Six! My mom's on the phone outside.

The curator types.

CURATOR

Excellent. We take debit or credit.

Dan, Jason and Elizabeth walk further in.

DAN

Great! Faith?

Faith is left alone with the Curator.

FAITH

Wha--

The Curator waits impatiently. Faith sighs and takes out her wallet.

EXT. PARKING LOT - DAY

Meghan paces around the entrance on her phone. Every time she does the automatic doors open and close, aggravating the Curator inside.

MEGHAN

... Ben! Yes! Finally got you! ...
Yes! Yeah, yes I know I'm... I'm in
Texas.

Ben's voice grows louder over the phone.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

Ben! Ben! I know! Yes! No! Listen!
I have all the files with me! I'm
working around the clock! I'll be
back in time for-- No! I do not
need Jerry's help on this! That's a
self contradicting idea--

Meghan listens.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

... I know. I'm sorry! I know. It's
my husband he's just... Yeah.
Exactly... It's been a rough couple
months since... I know. I know
thank you.

She stops in front of the door, keeping it open.

CURATOR

Miss! Could you not! You're letting
the air out!

Meghan puts her finger up. The Curator sighs.

MEGHAN

Yes! Absolutely! Thank you! Yes! No
overtime got it! Thank you! ... And
a pay dock sure! Whatever you
need...

Meghan's excitement drops.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

... And I'll come in on Sunday
yes... and Monday! Sure. Why not...
Um. Okay I guess. Can you not
record your own niece's clarinet
recital?

INT. SCIENCE CENTER - LOBBY - DAY

Meghan walks in festering. She sees Faith sitting bored on a
bench in front of the desk.

MEGHAN

Faith? Where's your father?

FAITH

I only had enough for four
tickets...

Meghan sighs and walks up to the Curator.

MEGHAN

Two please.

INT. SCIENCE CENTER - MAIN EXHIBIT - DAY

Meghan and Faith walk towards a large dark room, Elizabeth
stands at the velvet rope at the entrance.

MEGHAN

Liz, where are the boys?

ELIZABETH

Heh, you're sure as hell not gonna
like my answer.

Meghan looks at the rope.

MEGHAN
Is this exhibit closed?

ELIZABETH
Like I said...

Elizabeth drinks out of her flask.

MEGHAN
Oh God damn it.

Meghan pushes past the velvet rope, Faith follows.

The two go deeper into the room to find Dan and Jason standing much too close next to a decommissioned rocket. Dan holds Jason's legs on his shoulders.

DAN
Okay! One! Two! Three!

Jason jumps up but not high enough. He lands in Dan's arms.

JASON
I'm telling you! It's too high! You need a boost!

MEGHAN
What the hell are you two doing?!

DAN
I don't need a boost we got this!
One two three!

Dan throws Jason up and he grabs onto the window with a thunk.

FAITH
Oh God!

DAN
Ha! Told you we could do it!

JASON
Now what?

DAN
Cockpit!

Jason awkwardly crawls into the cockpit. Meghan rushes next to Dan and hits him repeatedly!

DAN (CONT'D)
Ow! Ow! Hey! What the hell?!

MEGHAN
Are you crazy?!

FAITH
Jay? You okay up there?

JASON (O.S)
I'm good!

DAN
Lower your voices!

Meghan hits him again.

MEGHAN
You're stealing from a museum?!
What is this national treasure?!

DAN
You know there is actually a map on
the back of the declaration of
independence... Well according to
this blog I follow--

Meghan hits Dan even harder.

DAN (CONT'D)
Ow! Violent! Meghan! Use your
words!

MEGHAN
We could be arrested for even being
in here!

DAN
And what spend the final days of
Earth in a prison cell? Come on
Meg, I wouldn't let that happen!
This is all part of the plan!

FAITH
What if that lady in the pantsuit
finds us?

DAN
Your grandmother's on look out!

FAITH
Well that's comforting.

JASON (O.S)
What am I looking for up here?

DAN
Rectangular key! Green! Should be
in the middle of the console! Can't
miss it!

MEGHAN
Jason! Get down from there right
now!

DAN
No! Jay! Buddy you got this!

MEGHAN
Do not contradict my parenting with
an affirmation you always
contradict my parenting with
affirmations! It makes me the bad
guy!

DAN
Right. Yes. I'm sorry I know.

He turns to the rocket.

DAN (CONT'D)
Jay! Listen to your mother but only
once you have the green thingy!
Then she's the boss! Or not boss!
Depending on your view of
authority!

JASON (O.S)
It's generally negative!

DAN
Then not the boss!

Dan turns back to Meghan.

DAN (CONT'D)
Better?

FAITH
Can we have this conversation at
literally any other time?

MEGHAN
Jason David Wright! You get down
here this instant or I swear--

Jason pops his head out of the window holding a green
rectangular KEY.

JASON
Found it!

DAN
That's my boy!

MEGHAN
Jason you put that back right now!

DAN
Meghan, you're killing me right now--
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FAITH
Great! We got the thing! Mission
complete! Can. We. Please. Go now!

DAN
Come on buddy! Jump down!

Jason swings his legs out the window.

MEGHAN
Dan I swear to God--

Suddenly, the curator walks up behind them, everyone freezes.

CURATOR
Excuse me! This exhibit is closed!

ELIZABETH
... Oh no. Wait... Don't go.

Dan sighs.

DAN
Thank you mom.

She notices Dan and Jason for the first time.

CURATOR
Excuse me! What in the world are
you doing?!

Dan sprints out of the room.

DAN
Uhhh... Book it!

CURATOR
Hey! Where does he think he's
going!

The rest hesitate a moment before Jason jumps down and runs after his father.

JASON
Dad! Wait up!

The rest all groan and run after them.

CURATOR
Hey! Get back here!

The curator run after the escaping family.

On the wall that they pass are two posters. One says "Meteor Shower! Free! This Wednesday!" The other says "California Rocket launch viewing party this Wednesday!"

On both papers, this Wednesday is crossed out with "Tomorrow!"

INT. RV - MOVING - DAY

Dan jumps in the driver's seat as the family piles in, he waits till everyone is in to start the car and speed away, leaving the Curator chasing after them.

Dan looks in the rearview mirror. Everyone is out of breath, especially Elizabeth.

FAITH
Fuck me!

ELIZABETH
You wish.

JASON
Ha! That was awesome!

FAITH
No Jason! It wasn't! That was breaking and entering! Maybe felony vandalism!

MEGHAN
What the Fuck is wrong with you?!

DAN
Me?! We almost got caught because you couldn't help but raise your voice!

MEGHAN

You used our child to steal from a museum! And I'm not even that surprised! We could have been arrested!

DAN

I wouldn't let that happen! This is all a part of the plan! Trust me!

JASON

Yeah the plan!

MEGHAN

Ha! Trust you?! Okay.

DAN

Speaking of which, Jay?

Jason pulls out the key.

JASON

Got it right here!

DAN

Good man!

FAITH

Are you ever gonna fill us in on this plan? Or are we just gonna have to be surprised when you ask us to rob a bank too.

DAN

Of course not! Just. You just have to trust me right now baby! Okay?

Meghan laughs mockingly.

MEGHAN

You're unbelievable! We made a deal!

FAITH

Deal?

ELIZABETH

The new deal Faith! Don't you read the papers?

DAN

And nowhere in that deal does it say I have to tell you the plan!

JASON
Wait a second--

MEGHAN
And yet you ask us to trust you!

JASON
Wait--

FAITH
Yeah, What deal?!

DAN
I'm keeping everyone calm!

MEGHAN
Does this look calm?!

Jason shoots up.

JASON
Everyone just wait for a second!

The family is silenced.

JASON (CONT'D)
... Where's Ryan?

Everyone looks around.

FAITH
... Oh God damn it.

Dan groans and makes a U turn.

EXT. PARKING LOT - DAY

Ryan speeds out of the building, being hit over the head repeatedly by the screaming Curator, he is very confused.

The RV pulls into the driveway and slows down. Faith opens the door and sticks her arm out, Ryan grabs it and is pulled in.

They speed away.

INT. RV - MOVING - DAY

Ryan catches his breath as Faith consoles him. Jason slouches in the passenger seat, exhausted. Dan chuckles.

DAN
That place is severely
understaffed! Am I right?

Everyone silently glares at Dan. After a moment he notices.

DAN (CONT'D)
... What?

Meghan hits him in the arm.

MEGHAN
Are you literally insane?! Do you
think this is funny!

FAITH
This is getting... Intense dad.
More than usual. I mean are you
just gonna keep us in the dark this
whole trip--

JASON
I am admittedly curious about the
plan as well actually... In an
information based way though! Cause
I totally... Trust you.

DAN
I-- It's-- This is confidential
stuff guys!

Meghan scoffs.

MEGHAN
I don't have time for this! I have
work to do! Without overtime thanks
to you! So thanks for that!

Meghan walks back to her folders.

Dan turns around, still driving.

DAN
Meghan. Hun. You know I respect
your work but don't compare my
confidential information to your
confidential information okay--

MEGHAN
Oh! Really! You wanna go there?!

DAN
I mean--

EXT. HIGHWAY - DAY

The RV starts to drift into the shoulder.

JASON

Um. Dad.

MEGHAN

You know what, actually. I agree, our "work" is incomparable. One of us is saving people, and the other is writing fairy tales!

DAN

Well thank you, I imagine it was hard for you to say that!

They keep drifting.

INT. RV - MOVING - DAY

Meghan has fully forgotten her work.

MEGHAN

Jesus Christ you're an idiot!

FAITH

Mom!

DAN

I've asked you to stop saying that Meghan!

MEGHAN

Well I feel like this is an especially idiotic circumstance!

DAN

Okay! Fine! Let's start the PhD argument again shall we?

MEGHAN

That statement itself proves that you don't respect my work at all!

DAN

You know what! Forget I said anything!

EXT. HIGHWAY - DAY

They are completely on the grass now.

JASON

Dad!

FAITH

Mom!

INT. RV - MOVING - DAY

MEGHAN

Oh you would love that! Why don't I
just forget the last twelve months
while I'm at it!

Meghan and Dan breath heavily and stare at each other. There is clear sexual tension. Faith is silenced and raises an eyebrow.

FAITH

Um... What's happening right now?

RYAN

Oh my-- Mr. And Mrs. Wright!

Dan and Meghan turn to Ryan, furious.

DAN

What Ryan?!

MEGHAN

What Ryan?!

Ryan meekly withdraws. Elizabeth calmly speaks up.

ELIZABETH

The road you idiots.

Their eyes widen and they both turn back to the road, Dan whips the wheel to the left and they swerve.

EXT. HIGHWAY - DAY

Cars honk as they swerve to avoid the massive RV suddenly moving back onto the road. Dan swerves the other way to compensate.

FAITH

Brake! Brake!

Dan slams the break and the car stops suddenly on the shoulder. Cars honk as the fly past.

INT. RV - DAY

Everyone breaths heavily, holding onto the RV tightly. Dan exhales.

DAN
Is everyone okay?!

MEGHAN
No thanks to you!

DAN
Meghan, I swear--

Red and Blue lights flash behind them. A siren is heard. Everyone's face goes pale, they turn and look back.

EXT. HIGHWAY - DAY

A cop pulls up slowly behind the RV and stops. It turns off its siren and shuts off the engine. A heavy set COP (50) steps out of the car and walks up to the RV.

INT/EXT. RV - DAY

Everyone panics, Faith hyperventilates, Ryan ducks into the bathroom, Jason curls up and Meghan paces. Elizabeth calmly drinks.

RYAN
Nope!

FAITH
Oh my God! Oh my God!

DAN
Fuck! Okay just... Calm down!

MEGHAN
Calm down?! We just Thomas Crown
affair-ed a museum not twenty
minutes ago!

DAN
Well don't say that so loud--

A knock at the driver side door. Everyone freezes. Ryan peeks out of the bathroom. Dan takes a deep breath and rolls down the window.

The cop looks a bit short in the window of the taller RV.

DAN (CONT'D)
Hello officer...

Dan looks down at his name tag, it says "Cöp"

COP
Coop. It's polish.

DAN
Right... What seems to be the
problem officer... Coop?

The cop stares at him.

COP
Well... You're stopped in the
middle of the interstate.

Dan looks out the window at the cars honking as they zoom
past him in the surrounding lanes.

DAN
Right! Yes! It appears so!

The cop blinks very slowly. Meghan puts her head in his
hands.

COP
... License and registration
please.

DAN
... Yeah! Yup. Sure.

Dan hands him the documents. The cop look them over. Dan
wipes away some sweat.

DAN (CONT'D)
... So. Slow day?

COP
... Not really. Got an APB ten
minutes ago.

DAN
Wow. That's...

He turns back to see the launch key sitting out on the table,
specifically it's sticker that reads "Property of the Houston
space center". His eyes widen.

DAN (CONT'D)
Interesting! What could that be
about?!

COP
Beats me...

Dan turns to the kids and mouths "Key!" They have no idea what he is saying.

COP (CONT'D)
... New Jersey huh?

Dan whips his head back to the cop.

DAN
... Hm?

COP
You're from New Jersey this says?
Pretty far from home.

DAN
Oh um... Family road trip!

Dan points behind him to the table, maintaining eye contact. Jason and Faith are confused. They look at the table.

COP
... On a school day?

DAN
... We're home school-ers! Weirdos
I know!

The cop looks into the side window, everyone nervously waves as Jason lays on the table, one hand behind his back. The cop waves back.

COP
Mhm...

The cop quints suspiciously.

COP (CONT'D)
... All right. I'll be right
back...

The cop walks back to his car. Dan whips around to the kids.

DAN
Put it somewhere!

MEGHAN
Where?!

DAN
Anywhere without a window!

FAITH
This is one big room!

DAN
Well then--

They see the cop walking back through the window. Dan leans back on the window very casually.

DAN (CONT'D)
Officer! Welcome back!

The cop reaches the window, writing a ticket. In the RV, Jason and Faith try to think.

COP
Next time...

He hands Dan the ticket. Suddenly Jason rushes to the bathroom, whips open the door and shoves the key into the confused Ryan's hands. He slams the door again.

COP (CONT'D)
Drive more carefully? And no parking on freeways.

Dan relaxes a bit.

DAN
Yes officer! Of course. Will do!

The cop goes to walk away, he looks in the window, the family waves nervously to him again.

The cop pauses, thinks and turns back to Dan. Dan sighs.

COP
Actually... Before I go. May I take a look inside your vehicle please?

Dan's face goes pale.

DAN
... Of course. Officer...

The cop smiles and nods. Dan gets out of the car and slowly walks around to the side door, the cop following.

He opens it for the cop and the cop steps in. Everyone in the family is standing up with huge fake smiles.

COP
... Hi folks.

They silently sweat. The cop glances around until he spots:
The bathroom. His eyes light up.

COP (CONT'D)
Oh thank God! Can I use your
bathroom really quickly?

Dan sighs relieved.

DAN
Yes! Of course! Go right ahead.

Faith widens her eyes and glares at her Dad, shaking her head. Dan's smile turns to confusion.

The cop slowly walks up to the bathroom. Dan walks in and faith whispers to him.

FAITH
(Whisper)
Ryan has the key!

Dan begins to sweat again. The whole family is incredibly tense, until:

The cop opens the bathroom door. Inside he sees Ryan, standing up straight, arms behind his back, frozen in fear.

The cop looks down, Ryan has peed his pants. The cop looks back up, disgusted. Ryan chuckles nervously.

RYAN
... I'm a shy pee-er.

The cop turns back to the frozen family.

COP
... I think I'll just wait till I
pass a gas station actually!

The cop walks back to the door. Everyone is shocked that they didn't get caught.

DAN
Um! Okay! Yeah! If you insist!

The cop steps outside.

COP
You folks have a good trip!

DAN
Yes! You too! To the bathroom I
mean!

The cop smiles uncomfortably. He walks back to his car.

COP
Drive safe... Weirdos...

Dan slowly closes the door. He turns to the family and
smiles!

DAN
See! What'd I tell you! Trust in
dad! Am I right or am I right!

MEGHAN
Jesus Christ I thought I was having
a heart attack.

JASON
That was awesome! Fuck the police!

DAN
Yeah alright! Don't curse though!

He high fives Jason. Everyone grumbles to themselves but
calms down and catches their breath.

Elizabeth is as calm as ever, she nudges Faith.

ELIZABETH
I say ditch the diaper boy and go
for the pig. He was a looker!

FAITH
Grandma he was like fifty!

ELIZABETH
Oh, like you're such a catch?

Faith sighs, passes her dad and goes to console Ryan, who is
now sitting on the floor, still petrified and holding the
key. Jason continues to celebrate.

DAN
See Faithy! It's like I've been
telling you! Have a little trust in
your old man and things work out!
It's as simple as that.

Faith sighs.

FAITH

Dad... How can you keep asking us to trust you, when you so clearly don't trust us? I mean ... Families don't keep secrets.

Dan thinks for a moment as the family returns to their seats, disheartened. Dan turns to the family.

DAN

... Okay. You're right.

The briefcase under his seat glows slightly. The family waits with anticipation.

INT. DINER - AFTERNOON

The entire family sits in a booth, a waiter writes notes on her note pad in front of them. Faith is consumed in thought. Jason tries to open a packet of saltines to no avail.

FAITH

Huh.

DAN

Yeah.

MEGHAN

And I'll have, uh, the omelet. And a black coffee.

The waitress takes the menus and walks away.

FAITH

So the news says it's just a meteors shower, but according to your calculations--

DAN

And my bug in the FBI's surveillance tech--

FAITH

Sure and that too I guess, according to that "evidence"--

DAN

The meteors will in fact hit us. Yeah. No survivors.

JASON

Told you guys...

FAITH
And the rocket launch--

DAN
So that the powerful can get off
safely, before the calamity. Cold
hearted I know.

MEGHAN
Lucky them.

FAITH
And what, we're just gonna beg them
to let us on?

Dan wavers his hand.

DAN
I mean... Yeah something like that,
yeah!

Everyone thinks.

FAITH
... And that's everything? All of
it?

Dan thinks.

INT. RV - AFTERNOON

The briefcase glows under the seat.

INT. DINER - AFTERNOON

Dan puts on a fake smile.

DAN
Yup! You are now... Filled in!

Everyone lets this sink in. Jason still struggles with the
plastic.

Meghan thinks, Dan's logic makes sense to her and some anger
starts to drain from her face.

Dan grabs the saltine packet and opens it, handing it back to
the excited Jason.

JASON
Thank you!

Dan tussles his hair. Meghan cracks a small smile at this.

FAITH

Huh... Honestly? Kinda disappointing.

ELIZABETH

Really? I figured you'd be happy. A three on earth is like. An eight in space.

JASON

Ha!

Faith rolls her eyes.

FAITH

No I just. I don't know, it's not your craziest I guess.

RYAN

Yeah.

DAN

What do you mean?

FAITH

I just mean. There was a whole month where you fortified the house in preparation for the mole people uprising so. I don't know. Just a little under-whelmed I guess. Makes too much sense.

RYAN

Yeah, politicians lying to us, natural disasters. I mean. It's almost like. Scary realistic.

DAN

... Well cause it is.

FAITH

Yeah I mean. It seems it too! Just. We all piled into the RV, going cross country, I kinda assumed you know. It would break top five craziest theories at least but--

ELIZABETH

It's pretty grounded, relatively.

FAITH

Exactly.

Dan is visibly offended.

DAN
... Wow. Thanks.

The waitress comes back and places down the meals.

RYAN
Yeah. I mean. It's no Bigfoot
killed the duke of Austria.

FAITH
Oh my God! That's top five! At
least!

JASON
Oh oh! What about that one about
how the Vietnam war actually took
place in Australia?

FAITH
Oh my God totally!

ELIZABETH
Or when he was five and he
convinced himself no one knew he
wet the bed every night at sleep
away camp?

Elizabeth holds her hand up to high five Ryan.

RYAN
I don't think you really know what
we're doing here grams.

Elizabeth shrugs. The kids laugh. Dan's frown turns to a
slight smile.

DAN
... Or when I stalked the Kennedy's
beach house for nuclear waste for a
week?

FAITH
Yes! I even met Teddy! What a weird
week!

RYAN
So weird!

Everyone laughs, except Meghan, the anger slowly returns to
her face.

DAN
I'm the first to admit they're not
always winners aright!

JASON
Ha! Since when?

FAITH
Oh oh! What about Vampire month! I
least got all the twilight DVDs
from that one!

MEGHAN
Yeah, or what about that time we
didn't have heat during
thanksgiving weekend because you
spent the money on lead doors for
your bomb shelter and Jason's
goldfish froze to death! Funny
right!

The laughter stops.

JASON
Rest in peace Mr. Bubbles...

RYAN
... That one's not really as, uh,
as fun Mrs. W.

MEGHAN
Yeah well, this isn't all fun and
games. This is our lives... So.

The family sits in silence.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)
... I'm going to settle the check.

Meghan stands and walks to the counter. After a moment Dan
sighs and follows.

INT. DINER - COUNTER - DAY

Meghan searches through her purse in front of a register, Dan
walks up behind her.

MEGHAN
Oh good.

DAN

Can you not even be civil in front of the kids? I mean. What is your problem?!

MEGHAN

Well for starters I'm married to you--

Meghan places money down.

DAN

I'm trying here, Meghan. You know I'm trying.

MEGHAN

Save it for someone who cares. This might be just another world ending mission to you Dan, but this is our last ride in my book. You might as well get that into your head now. It'll make the aftermath much easier.

Meghan walks away, calling to the family across the diner..
Dan scoffs and follows.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

Come on guys. We're going.

RYAN

But. I'm hungry...

INT. PARKING LOT - AFTERNOON

Meghan walks out of the diner across the parking lot. Dan and the family rush out behind her. Dan simmers silently as he walks.

FAITH

So... Are you guys alright?

MEGHAN

It's adult stuff, Faith. Just...
Stay out of it.

Faith scoffs and stops walking.

FAITH

I'm twenty years old!

MEGHAN

... What?

RYAN

Oh boy.

FAITH

I'm twenty years old! I take care of Jason, I go to work, I pay off the mortgage every month! And yet you treat me like a child!

Dan chuckles.

DAN

Heh. That deal doesn't really seem like a win-win now does it?

FAITH

And for the love of God, what is this deal you two have made?!

Dan and Meghan are silent.

FAITH (CONT'D)

What?! Are you cooking crack or something! What could possibly be so dangerous that we can't know!

MEGHAN

Faith, just. Can we not right now--

FAITH

Don't just Faith me! Come on! I'm a part of this family!

Dan thinks.

DAN

... You know what? She's right! We're a family. Families don't keep secrets!

MEGHAN

Dan--

DAN

Faith, your mother-

MEGHAN

Dan!

DAN

Your mother only agreed to this trip--

MEGHAN

Don't!

DAN

Because if I'm wrong about this-

MEGHAN

When you're wrong!

DAN

If I'm wrong! I've agreed to never interfere with any of your lives again! Ever! No shared custody, no visits on the weekend. Nada!

Everyone falls silent.

JASON

Mom?

MEGHAN

... Dan I swear to God--

DAN

Well if I'm so clearly wrong they were gonna find out eventually.

JASON

... But you said no one would leave...

MEGHAN

... Jay, listen--

Jason runs into the RV. Everyone is stunned.

RYAN

... I'll uh... I'll go make sure he's okay.

Ryan runs in after him. Dan walks away as well, Meghan grabs his arm.

MEGHAN

This wasn't a part of our deal.

DAN

Tell that to our marriage certificate.

Dan shakes her arm off and climbs into the RV. Faith walks past.

MEGHAN

... Faith-

FAITH

You know, I expect this from dad.
But I thought I could trust you
more... I guess not...

Faith walks in. Meghan takes a deep breath. Elizabeth walks up to her.

ELIZABETH

... That went well.

She laughs and walks in. Meghan stands alone outside.

INT. BLACK CAR - AFTERNOON

From yards away, the Secret Agent in his striking black suit and expensive sunglasses. He watches Meghan as she gets in the RV and drives off.

On his dashboard a picture of Dan and half burned classified documents.

He starts his engine as they drive away.

INT. RV - MOVING - NIGHT

Meghan sits in her seat in front of her files. Dan drives and the rest of the family sits silently.

Meghan looks to her work, but sighs. She looks up at Faith who is starring at her angrily.

She looks to Jason who glances sadly at her then away again.

She looks to Dan who focuses on driving.

She looks at Ryan who smiles and waves at her.

Meghan sighs and stands.

MEGHAN

Okay. Are we gonna just pout or are
we gonna talk about this like a
functional family.

Elizabeth chuckles. Everyone else keeps pouting.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

Right. Fair enough... Listen. I made an executive decision, I did this for you guys--

Faith scoffs.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

You know what? I work my ass off for this family okay! And no matter what! I'm the bad guy! I am forced to be the stern one because no one else will! How is that fair?!

FAITH

How is kicking dad out of the family fair?!

JASON

Yeah!

MEGHAN

I wasn't kicking him out of the family!

DAN

Oh yeah? What do you call it then?

MEGHAN

I call it protecting my family from a delusional lunatic!

Dan rolls his eyes and looks out the window.

JASON

Hey! Leave him alone!

MEGHAN

Jason just! Stay out of it!

ELIZABETH

Hey! Don't yell at the kid will ya!

MEGHAN

Oh shove it Liz! The only reason you're even here is because no retirement home will house your drunk ass!

FAITH

Mom!

MEGHAN

What?! It's true!

Ryan gets up.

RYAN

Okay guys! Come on, we're getting a little carried away, I think we should just--

MEGHAN

Shut the hell up Ryan! At least she has a reason to be a freeloader in my house! What's your excuse!

DAN

Well--

MEGHAN

Dan if you say reproduction I will slap you!

Faith pulls Ryan back, he backs down.

DAN

Okay! Fine! Here's one! He makes Faith genuinely happy! Is that not good enough for you?

MEGHAN

Oh of course! Always the good guy! You don't even like this lazy idiot!

JASON

Stop fighting! Dad didn't even do anything!

MEGHAN

Jason. I know you're young and I know young boys idolize their fathers but you can't go on defending him like this!

JASON

But--

MEGHAN

Baby he didn't even show up when you got punched at school because he was too busy with his crackpot bullshit! And you got punched for him! I mean! Am I crazy!?

Jason hangs his head.

FAITH
... Jesus Christ--

MEGHAN
You have something else to say
young lady?!

Faith is silent.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)
No! Go ahead! Say it! I'm curious
say it!

FAITH
Stop pretending you're this
unappreciated saint who's
protecting us mom! You just want to
protect yourself! Dad keeps almost
getting you fired so you want him
gone! Don't act like you're dying
on this cross for us because we all
know you really just want to
protect your job! Your own little
escape from the rest of us! Your
little distraction from the people
your convinced need this from you!
Like I don't want an escape?! Like
you running isn't leaving all of us
behind?! Fuck! You're so fucking
selfish, you know that right?!
Fuck! Fucking... Fuck! This is
exactly the reason that Hope killed
herself!--

Faith catches herself. The car is silent, even Elizabeth is
shaken by this.

DAN
Faith...

FAITH
... I... I didn't mean that.

Meghan tears up.

MEGHAN
Well you said it, so... I mean.
Nothing new... I'm the bad guy,
right?

Meghan plops down in her seat.

Faith is speechless. Ryan rubs her back sympathetically. Jason snuffles in Elizabeth lap. Dan continues to stare out the window blankly.

In the rearview mirror is the black FBI car. Dan notices this and raises an eyebrow.

DAN
... How long has that black car
been following us?

MEGHAN
... What the fuck are you talking
about?

DAN
That car. Two car lengths behind
us. Tinted windows.

The family looks out the back window.

DAN (CONT'D)
Carefully!

The family rolls their eyes and kneels down, peeking through now.

RYAN
I don't get it, what's so weird
about it?

DAN
Jason, what does the licence plate
say?

JASON
It's municipal for sure, say's
official right at the bottom.

MEGHAN
And you can't remember basic
physics?!

The family returns to their seats.

DAN
Shit.

FAITH
You think someone is following us?

ELIZABETH
Wouldn't be the first time.

Dan gets off at an exit.

The car follows.

DAN

Shit!

RYAN

No way they're actually following us though... Right?

Dan turns again, the car follows.

JASON

What are you thinking? CIA?

DAN

No. FBI more likely...

FAITH

The FBI?!

MEGHAN

And I'm the bad guy!

FAITH

Why would the FBI even want to follow us?!

RYAN

Well we did steal from a museum.

JASON

No... No way. I remember seeing that car in the museum parking lot too. He's been following us for a while.

FAITH

Well if not that, then what did we do?

Dan is silent. Everyone turns to him.

DAN

... Um--

FAITH

Dad! What did we do?!

JASON

Maybe they're onto us!

ELIZABETH

That would imply your father's theory is correct though, so probably not.

RYAN

Even so--

FAITH

How would the FBI be onto us if we haven't done anything! Except minor felony! Unless, of course, dad did something that he isn't telling us...

They all turn back to Dan.

DAN

... Um. Well. I may. Have... Borrowed. Just like. A little tiny bit of... Uranium? Headed on a transport to California?

The family is stunned.

FAITH

... Uranium?!

JASON

Cool...

MEGHAN

Are you fucking crazy?!

DAN

It was a necessary part of the plan!

FAITH

The Plan?! That's like! Twenty felonies!

MEGHAN

Do you people see what I'm saying now! We have been made into felons! Literal felons! By your father!

DAN

Meghan! Not the time!

JASON

Seriously!

FAITH

Why would we ever need uranium?!

DAN

Power! For the rocket! I really can't go into it right now okay!

RYAN

Wait... Is it... In here? Right now?

DAN

Well I didn't leave it at home Ryan!

RYAN

Well where is it then?!

DAN

Under my seat!

Everyone but Jason backs up afraid.

FAITH

This whole time?!

DAN

For the love of-- It's a lead suitcase calm down! We're completely protected!

They all relax.

ELIZABETH

Meh. I lived through Chernobyl. I wasn't scared.

MEGHAN

Oh please! So did I technically!

ELIZABETH

Really? Wow. You are... Old.

Meghan rolls her eyes.

FAITH

I can't believe you!

DAN

Can we please focus!

FAITH

You said you told us everything!

DAN
Well now I mostly have!

Meghan scoffs.

MEGHAN
Mostly?!

DAN
Well--

JASON
Dad come on, we can't help if we
don't know all the information.

FAITH
Families don't keep secrets!

Dan takes a deep breath.

DAN
I also. Kinda. Set fire. A little
bit... To our house. To throw him
off our trail! For the uranium!
Which it did for a while!

Everyone stares at him angrily.

FAITH
What?!

JASON
Aw man... My Xbox...

Meghan starts hitting Dan.

MEGHAN
You burned down our house?!?!

RYAN
That's pretty rough Mr. Wright.
Even for you.

MEGHAN
I can't believe you, you selfish
fucking bastard, you absolute--

DAN
Hey! Hey! Well I tried not to tell
you!

FAITH

This is not exactly information you should be hiding from your family dad!

DAN

Well I thought you'd freak out!

MEGHAN

To which part?! The self arson or the terroristic espionage?!

DAN

Both?

ELIZABETH

To be fair he was right...

FAITH

Grandma!

Meghan slumps into the passenger seat.

MEGHAN

I can't even... You... Fuck!

DAN

I'm sorry! Hey! Will you look at me, Meghan I'm sorry, okay? I was just trying to protect you all! Meghan, I'm sorry!

FAITH

So if that really is the FBI--

RYAN

... What are we gonna do?

Everyone is silently terrified.

DAN

... Everyone, seat belts.

Everyone buckles into a seat, scared.

EXT. HIGHWAY - NIGHT

The RV picks up speed and quickly gets off at an exit, the black car behind them swerves to make the exit with them.

INT. RV - MOVING - NIGHT

Ryan peers out the window.

RYAN
Fuck! This guy is like! Actually
following us!

JASON
He is onto us!

DAN
Hold on!

EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

The RV is speeding now, it runs a red light bringing honking cars to a stop in the middle of the road. The black car speeds around the stopped cars.

INT. RV - MOVING - NIGHT

DAN
Shit, this guy's isn't letting
up...

ELIZABETH
Well this clunker's not doin us any
favors!

Dan thinks.

DAN
... Kids. Do you remember our trip
to Mount Rushmore?

FAITH
Is this really the time for
reminiscing?

JASON
That was the trip I lost my
favorite teddy bear because Faith--

Jason and Faith's eyes widen.

EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

The back window of the RV swings open, Faith and Jason pop up with big smiles and start throwing things, pillows, pencils, toilet paper, anything and everything in the RV.

The black car swerves slightly to avoid this but stays on track.

They make a hard right, the car follows.

INT. RV - MOVING - NIGHT

MEGHAN

Oh God! Who the hell is this FBI agent? Brian O' Conner?!

Dan looks at her confused.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

... Paul walker? Fast in the furious?! He's an FBI agent!

JASON

Mom can you stop with the pop culture references, it's really low bar.

MEGHAN

You're the one who made me watch it!

Dan looks down, they are running out of gas.

DAN

Oh what the-

He turns.

DAN (CONT'D)

Ryan?! Did you fill the tank like I asked at the last stop?!

Ryan stares blankly.

RYAN

... Was... Was it my turn?

JASON

Jesus Christ Ryan! You dip-shit!

MEGHAN

Hey! Language!

DAN

Hey! Language!

INT. RV - MOVING - NIGHT

Ryan hands Jason and Faith throwing material behind them.

JASON
Aim better!

FAITH
Oh shut up!

EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

They are now on a straight road, the black car speeds up and hits their bumper slightly.

INT. RV - MOVING - NIGHT

Meghan grabs Dan's arm, scared, Dan is surprised but forces himself to stay focused.

DAN
Guys! We're running out of gas here!

Faith turns to Ryan.

FAITH
Ryan! More stuff!

RYAN
We're out of stuff!

FAITH
What?!

ELIZABETH
... I vote we throw Ryan!

FAITH
Grandma!

DAN
Seconded!

FAITH
Dad!

JASON
Well we have to throw something!
This guys not letting up at all!

Meghan turns back and looks at her paperwork and files.

EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

Meghan runs to the back of the car, grabs her files and tosses them out the window. They stick to the windshield of the black car as it swerves blindly.

The black car swerves to the left of the RV and zooms ahead of them. It crashes into a telephone pole on the side of the road ahead of them.

INT. RV - MOVING - NIGHT

Meghan is amazed. Dan turns to them.

MEGHAN

Oh my God! I did it! Did you see that?!

DAN

Whoa!

JASON

Nice shot mom!

DAN

Good job Meg!

Faith turns to the front.

FAITH

Dad! Brake! Brake!

Dan turns back to the front and slams on the brake as everyone holds on for dear life.

EXT. ROAD - NIGHT

The RV comes to a screeching halt right before it hits the back of the black car.

INT. RV - NIGHT

Everyone has been thrown all around the RV.

DAN

... Is everyone okay?!

MEGHAN

Yeah... Yeah we're all good back here.

Meghan and Dan smile at each other.

FAITH

... Oh god do you think he's okay?

Everyone looks at each other. Faith runs out of the RV.

DAN

No! Faith!

MEGHAN

Oh God... Did I just kill a man?!

ELIZABETH

Welcome to the club!

RYAN

What is your deal!?

Meghan runs out at well.

DAN

Girls! Wait! Ugh!

Dan runs out after them and the rest follow.

EXT. ROADSIDE - NIGHT

Dan and the rest catch up to Meghan and Faith who stare at the unconscious secret agent, his driver side door open, his forehead bloodied and his sunglasses cracked.

DAN

... Is he--

MEGHAN

No. Thank God...

RYAN

Cool cool... So we should go?
Right?

FAITH

We can't just leave him Ryan!

DAN

Yeah Ryan! ... Plus we're more or
less out of gas so...

FAITH

... Well. Now what?

They are all silent.

ELIZABETH
... Lets cut him up!

DAN
Mom, no.

ELIZABETH
Fine! I'm just saying! Back in my
day you did what you had to do!

RYAN
Wha- Were you in the mob or
something?

ELIZABETH
Oh who remembers.

FAITH
Guys! Can we be serious for a
minute... What the hell are we
gonna do with him?

They look across the street and see a large neon sign for a
motel.

EXT. MOTEL WINDOW - NIGHT

Faith walks up to a window.

FAITH
Hi quick question before I get into
the room business, what's your
security camera situation?

The family carries the secret agent's body across sneakily
behind her.

INT. MOTEL BATHROOM - NIGHT

The secret agent is dumped into a bathtub and slumps over,
still unconscious.

Dan and Ryan catch their breath.

RYAN
Damn this guy's heavy!

Dan hands Ryan some rope.

DAN
Hands and Legs, tie him good!

RYAN
You got it! I was a boy scout so,
no big deal for--

DAN
Don't care.

Ryan rolls his eyes.

INT. MOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

Dan walks out of the bathroom.

FAITH
-- And Jason and Grandma you'll be
in room six.

Faith hands Jason a pair of keys. Jason and Elizabeth high five.

DAN
We're all set in there... Where's
your mother?

Ryan walks out of the bathroom.

FAITH
On the phone by the pool.

Dan thinks.

DAN
Alright. Hold down the fort.

JASON
Why? Where are you goin?

DAN
Pool.

FAITH
To do what?

DAN
Something I've needed to for a
while... Apologize.

Dan leaves, the rest of the family is left confused.

JASON
... Hey Faith, why'd you and Ryan
have rope in your luggage anyway?

Ryan and Faith stare at each other wide eyed, bright red.

RYAN

... Boy scout... Stuff... Boy scout stuff.

Elizabeth snickers, she takes the key from Jason and walks out. Jason follows confused. Faith sighs.

EXT. POOLSIDE - NIGHT

Dan walks up towards the pool, Meghan sits, her shoes beside her and her feet dangling in the water.

DAN

... Room for one more?

Dan sits, taking off his shoes.

MEGHAN

You're a real dick, you know that?

Dan plops his feet into the water.

DAN

... Yeah. I know.

They sit.

DAN (CONT'D)

... Our hostage is tied up.

MEGHAN

Please don't call him that.

DAN

Hm. Okay. How's unwilling visitor?

MEGHAN

... Better?

Dan smirks.

DAN

... How was your call?

MEGHAN

Took some doing but. Convinced Ben not to fire me. Somehow.

DAN

Oh come on. That firm would be nothing without you.

MEGHAN

Oh please.

DAN

Seriously! You could punch that douche in the face and he still wouldn't fire you. He'd be broke without you! And he knows it too.

MEGHAN

Well... That's true... Might not matter after this anyway. Given the whole felon thing and all...

DAN

Good point...

Dan notices that Meghan is holding Hope's urn in her lap, she rubs the side.

MEGHAN

... I found it under your seat.
Helps me think...

DAN

... I get it.

Silence.

MEGHAN

Faith was right... I'm such a selfish bitch...

DAN

She didn't say that.

MEGHAN

More or less.

DAN

Well she didn't mean it.

MEGHAN

Either way she's right. That job is... My escape! My reason to get up to just... Not think about it you know?

Meghan starts to well up.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

I mean! If I didn't have that job I'd... I don't know.

(MORE)

MEGHAN (CONT'D)
Become an alcoholic or something!
How selfish is that...

Dan thinks. Meghan laughs a bit.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)
Oh God, I'm your mother!

Dan chuckles.

DAN
At least you'll build up the
strongest liver any eighty year old
can have.

The two laugh together, Meghan sniffles.

MEGHAN
Yeah. At least...

Meghan plays with the water.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)
... It's all my fault.

DAN
Meghan--

MEGHAN
Not just Hope! Jason's violent
outbursts, Faith dropping out, you
losing your god damned mind! Ryan
in general!? I mean fuck!

Tears stream down her face.

DAN
... You really think I've lost my
mind?

Meghan sighs.

MEGHAN
Fuck Dan... I mean look at us! Look
at where we are! We have an FBI
agent in our bathroom and uranium
in our RV! And I'm not even that
surprised! Can you blame me?

DAN
... Guess not.

They sit in silence.

MEGHAN

I don't know... Maybe we've both
lost our minds honestly... I don't
know...

More silence.

DAN

... You know. The worst part was
that... I didn't see it coming...
I'm the dad! And... And my whole
job is to see things coming, to
look out for the family... Somehow
I couldn't see what was right under
my nose! ... I failed! I failed
her...

Dan starts to well up.

DAN (CONT'D)

I guess after that I just... I
couldn't handle not seeing it
coming anymore. Any of it... If
that makes sense... and if it makes
me seem crazy, well so be it...

Meghan thinks.

MEGHAN

... How are you always so sure?
You're always so sure you're right!
And you never are! How are you
always so committed to repeating
the same thing over and over!?

DAN

... It's not too complicated... I
just know I can't risk our family ,
our life... Just because I'm not
one hundred percent... I have to
try, right?... What kind of father
would I be if I didn't.

MEGHAN

... What kind of father are you now
Dan?.

They sit silently for a moment.

DAN

... Meg--

MEGHAN

I'm done Dan. I'm taking the kids home Dan... Or. To a motel closer to home I guess--

DAN

Meghan, please--

MEGHAN

I can't... I can't let you drag us along anymore. I can't let you keep treating me and our kids like we're objects, like we're not our own people who's lives you're fucking with. That's not a family... That's just a recipe for resentment... So. You can continue on your little quest if you want but... But I'm done. We're done.

Dan is silent.

Meghan caresses the urn.

DAN

... Okay.

Dan stifles his tears and stands.

DAN (CONT'D)

... I'm sorry Meghan. For everything...

He walks off and Meghan is left alone with the urn.

She stares at it and looks up at the stars. They're beautiful. Some shooting stars dash across the sky.

Meghan picks up her phone and dials.

MEGHAN

... Hey Ben... Yeah, I quit.

INT. RV - NIGHT

Dan swings open the RV door and trudges in. He snuffles and plops into the seat closest to the door.

He lets out a couple tears, takes a deep breath and composes himself. He looks forward and his eyes widen.

Sitting across from him is the bruised and bloodied secret agent, wearing his broken sunglasses and holding a gun.

Dan tenses up.

SECRET AGENT

Daniel Wright. I've been looking forward to meeting you for some time... You have something that doesn't belong to you. And I need it back.

Dan gulps.

EXT. MOTEL - NIGHT

Meghan walks back to the room, she looks to the parking lot to see the RV gone. She sighs sadly and unlocks the motel room door.

INT. MOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

Meghan opens the door and flips the lights on, her eyes widen.

The bathroom door is off it's hinges, Ryan and Faith are tied back to back on the bed and Ryan has a black eye, they both have tape over their mouths.

MEGHAN

Oh my god!

Meghan puts the urn down and rushes to them.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

What the hell happened!

Meghan takes Faith's tape off.

FAITH

The FBI guy got loose!

Meghan takes Ryan's tape off, he is sobbing.

RYAN

I was never a very good boy scout!

Meghan attempts to untie them.

MEGHAN

Just. Hold on, I'll get you out of this thing.

FAITH
Mom! The secret agent he, he, he
said...

Faith is scared.

MEGHAN
... What? What'd he say?

INT. RV - MOVING - NIGHT

Dan drives the RV, his eyes dart continuously to the passenger seat where the secret agent sits holding the briefcase. He holds the gun on Dan.

SECRET AGENT
Hey! Eyes on the road!

Dan whips his eyes back to the road.

DAN
Maybe if you put the gun down I
could drive with a bit more focus--

SECRET AGENT
Please, what? You think I'm an
amateur like you and your idiot
family?

The secret agent starts searching the glove box flippantly.

SECRET AGENT (CONT'D)
I mean seriously, who doesn't check
for a gun.

Dan is silent.

SECRET AGENT (CONT'D)
... Can you step on it, for the
love of God. I got a flight to
catch.

Dan thinks.

DAN
... You know you're getting played
right? You don't have to do this
man! Your bosses haven't told you
why you're really after--

SECRET AGENT

Oh I know all about the meteor
"man." And getting this back from
you and your little Addams family
freak show is my ticket off this
sinking ship of a planet... Gotta
say, those two lovebirds were
pretty shocked when I mentioned
that to them. They really don't
trust you do they! Heh...

Dan tightens his grip on the wheel.

DAN

... You got kids?

SECRET AGENT

The hell does it matter to you?

DAN

You know, they could still be lying
to you. They can't possibly have
enough space for your whole family
on that ship--

SECRET AGENT

Fuck my family! Those people kicked
me out of my own house! They
promised one space and one space is
all I need! Let's see who's paying
child support now!

DAN

Well... If that's really the way
you feel...

Dan turns the wheel to the left, ready to try to flip the
car.

The RV starts to putter and jerk.

DAN (CONT'D)

Oh come on...

SECRET AGENT

What's happening?

DAN

I don't know, I--

EXT. ROADSIDE - NIGHT

The RV pulls over onto the desert adjacent to the road.

The car putters out and comes to a stop.

INT. RV - NIGHT

The agent holds the gun up.

SECRET AGENT
What the hell are you trying to
pull!

DAN
We ran out of gas!

SECRET AGENT
Oh please!

DAN
I told you we were running on fumes-
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The secret agent points the gun at Dan's head. Dan shuts up.

SECRET AGENT
... Whatever. This is close enough.
Let's go.

The secret agent stands. Dan slowly stand from his seat,
afraid.

SECRET AGENT (CONT'D)
... What're you getting paid
hourly?! Move!

Dan stands and walks in front of the agent who nudges him out
of the RV with the gun.

EXT. ROADSIDE - NIGHT

Dan walks out of the Rv, followed by the secret agent.

SECRET AGENT
And don't think I didn't notice
that little wheel move you pulled
back there!

DAN
... Please just... Take my family
up there with you. Please.

The secret agent laughs.

SECRET AGENT

How about this, I'll pay your family a visit before I go. Just so they die before seeing you were right all along, how's that sound?

Dan clenches his fist, turns and punches him in the face.

The secret agent barely even stumbles. He slowly turns his head to Dan.

DAN

... So you're probably gonna want the key to the briefcase as well actually right? So let me just--

The secret agent smirks and hits Dan. He falls to his knees and the agent holds the gun to the back of his head.

SECRET AGENT

You know, they said to bring you fuckers in alive, but after that... I'm sure dead will do.

Dan closes his eyes and winces when suddenly:

THUNK!

Dan opens an eye. The secret agent falls unconscious to Dan's side. Dan whips his head backwards and sees Meghan, holding the urn above her head.

DAN

Oh thank God!

Meghan frantically helps up Dan, checking him for injuries.

MEGHAN

Are you okay!?

DAN

I think!

MEGHAN

Did he hurt you?

DAN

No! Well psychologically definitely but--

Meghan interrupts him with a kiss. Dan is shocked but embraces her.

They break.

MEGHAN
... I'm really glad you're okay.

Dan kisses her again. They break and laugh a bit.

DAN
Heh. Been a while.

Meghan smiles.

MEGHAN
You're not too rusty.

Dan smiles.

FAITH (O.S.)
Ahem.

Dan looks past Meghan and sees the rest of the family standing outside the very dented black FBI car.

FAITH (CONT'D)
... You guys are gross.

JASON
Don't ruin the moment!

Dan picks up the brief case from the ground and turns to Meghan.

DAN
Wait. So what about everything you said--

MEGHAN
Fuck what I said the worlds ending!
We need to get on that fucking
rocket!

Meghan marches to the RV. Dan smirks and follows. Dan notices Ryan's eye.

DAN
Looking cool Ryan.

RYAN
Thanks!

MEGHAN
So... What's the plan?

Dan looks off farther into the desert where he can see the outline of a large ship behind a tall fence.

They enter the RV.

INT. RV - NIGHT

Dan opens the briefcase on the table, everyone huddled around. Inside is a small green glowing metal container and a large folded up blueprint.

DAN

Aright. Listen up. This isn't some hick town museum. This is a highly guarded government military base where there's only one way out. Up.

RYAN

Love that movie.

ELIZABETH

Shh!

DAN

Needless to say. This requires a plan. This requires... Teamwork.

MEGHAN

Museum could have also used a plan but. Just happy to be included!

Dan smiles.

DAN

Happy to have you on board.

Dan unfolds the blueprint.

DAN (CONT'D)

This is a blueprint of the compound.

JASON

Whoa! Where'd you steal this? FBI? CIA? White house?!

DAN

Google.

Jason is disappointed.

RYAN

So what's the plan? Make a mad dash for the rocket?

DAN

No, that'd be a suicide mission.

FAITH

In what world is this not a suicide mission?

DAN

No I mean. Because we wouldn't be able to launch the rocket without the go ahead from the computers in the main facility. We'd just be breaking into a metal tube.

MEGHAN

Wait but wouldn't they want the rocket just to be able to launch on it's own? No one in their right mind would stay behind and launch it.

DAN

Unless they didn't know the world was ending! Most of the base has no idea what the real purpose of this rocket is, otherwise it'd be chaos. That's our edge.

ELIZABETH

So who's staying behind to launch the damn thing? I vote Ryan. I'm too young to die.

DAN

No one! That's why we have this.

Dan takes out the launch key.

JASON

The museum thing?

DAN

If we download the launch sequence to this from the main terminal, we can take it to the rocket and launch it from the inside.

FAITH

How do you know all this?

DAN

Cause I was helping design the damn thing! Before, you know. I got fired.

MEGHAN

Oh! Interesting. I thought your work was confidential!

DAN

Families don't keep secrets Meghan.

They smile at each other.

FAITH

Even still! How in the hell are we gonna sneak onto a military base? They'd spot us in two seconds!

Dan smirks.

DAN

That's the plan...

EXT. GATE - NIGHT

The black FBI car comes pulling up to the front gate. It flashes it's lights. After a moment, the gates open slowly and the black car pulls forward.

A guard with a large gun strapped across his chest steps out and stops the vehicle inside. He walks to the tinted window and it slowly lowers, revealing:

Dan, dressed in the secret agent's clothes and sunglasses.

He smiles.

DAN

Hello there! Uranium delivery!

The guard looks at him and his broken sunglasses and dented car suspiciously.

GUARD

... Identification.

DAN

Ah, yes.

Dan pats his suit jacket.

DAN (CONT'D)

Um...

Dan finally finds a wallet and hands the guard an ID, he wipes away some sweat.

DAN (CONT'D)
There you go!

The guard looks up and down at the ID and Dan. The ID is also wearing sunglasses.

GUARD
... Agent Leslie Scoot?

Dan holds back a smile.

DAN
... That's me!

GUARD
Yeah... We've been expecting you.

DAN
Yes! Me! Leslie Scoot! Secret agent!

The guard looks deeper into the car.

GUARD
And them?

The guard looks in to see the whole family tied by their wrists sitting in the car nervously.

DAN
Oh. Uranium thieves I'm afraid...
Damn... Criminals. And such.

The guard stares at them, then Dan. A stressful moment passes.

GUARD
... Proceed.

Dan sighs. He raises the window and drives forward into the busy military base.

DAN
... Leslie?!

MEGHAN
Shut up...

EXT. LAUNCH SIGHT - NIGHT

The launch sight is large and modern, the central building is a tall high tech mostly glass building surrounded by smaller military bases.

The ROCKET itself is large and imposing. A large station attached to four thrusters, It almost resembles a cruise ship on it's side, with windows that give it a residential look.

The ship is connected by a moving docking room that is at the end of a glass hallway on the top floor of the central building.

The family stares up at the colossus tower of science fiction in front of them.

They keep driving and getting closer until the road dips and they go into a subterranean loading bay, fork lifts and army jeeps cross around the open space.

INT. LOADING BAY - NIGHT

Dan gets out of the car with the briefcase, Jason's school backpack on his back and the agent's gun in his hand.

He walks to the other side of the car and opens the doors. The rest of the family steps out still bound, Everyone looks around nervous.

Dan spots their goal, the breakroom on the other side of the loading bay.

DAN

Aright just. Act natural.

They begin to walk to the breakroom in a single file line with dan in the back, drawing no significant attention.

Dan scans the room. He makes eye contact with a suspicious guard. He smiles and waves.

Suddenly Dan bumps into a large stack of barrels, sending them all falling to the ground loudly.

Everyone in the room turns to look at the family. Faith sighs.

FAITH

... We're gonna die.

Dan laughs nervously.

DAN

Heh! That's prisoner transport right guys? Not watching where you're going when you're watching for some scum-bag making a run for it!

Everyone stares silently.

DAN (CONT'D)

It's like! Um! Can I get a second pair of eyes please management? I'd really like to go home to the wife un-shanked! ... Right? Right guys?

Everyone turns away awkwardly. The family relaxes.

ELIZABETH

Huh. You made them so uncomfortable they're ignoring how suspicious you are. Nice save.

DAN

Okay, we're walking again. Natural guys come on.

They keep marching.

INT. BREAKROOM - NIGHT

The family gets into the empty breakroom and lock the door behind them. Dan unties their wrists and takes off the glasses.

DAN

Okay! Good job guys, I got a couple notes for next time, Ryan, you're too tense--

FAITH

Dad.

DAN

Right. Sorry. Now... For the hard part.

RYAN

This was the easy part?!

Dan opens the backpack and pulls out three lab coats and fake Ids. The only thing left in the backpack is Hope's urn.

DAN

Meg, Faith, mom, you're going to floor twelve. Control room. All you have to do it plug this key into the console and wait till the little light next to it turns green, then we meet each other at the top floor, docking.

Dan throws the lab coats to the girls and passes out the Ids.

DAN (CONT'D)
 Ryan, we're heading to the engine
 room with the uranium. Ship can't
 go anywhere without fuel.

Dan opens the lockers, inside are neon vests. Dan throws Ryan
 a vest.

JASON
 What about me dad!

DAN
 Um...

Dan looks around. He sees a garbage can with wheels.

Jason smiles. Meghan rolls her eyes.

INT. LOADING BAY - NIGHT

The two groups exit the breakroom and head in two different
 directions.

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT

Dan and Ryan rush down a narrow corridor with the garbage
 can.

JASON (O.S)
 Dad! I'm like a cockroach!

DAN
 Shh!

JASON (O.S)
 Oh hey! Speaking of which! What's
 up little guy--

Ryan hits the can as they pass a worker in an orange vest.
 They wave awkwardly.

JASON (O.S) (CONT'D)
 Ow!

RYAN
 Be quite!

JASON (O.S)
 You be quite!

Dan furrows his brow.

RYAN
What's wrong?

DAN
Nothing just... Feel like we forgot something.

RYAN
Hm. Leave the stove on?

DAN
Yes. On purpose.

RYAN
Oh yeah right...

DAN
It's fine. It's probably nothing.
Lets keep moving.

The two shrug it off and keep walking towards the large metal engines at the end of the hall.

EXT. GATE - NIGHT

The RV is parked behind a small bush, the key is hanging from the lock on the door.

The door is kicked open and stumbling out is the secret agent, wearing only boxers and a tank top.

He looks around, realizes where he is and stumbles towards the gate, furious.

INT. ELEVATOR - NIGHT

Faith, Meghan and Elizabeth stand in the elevator, Faith taps her foot anxiously.

MEGHAN
You alright?

FAITH
Just... Nervous.

Meghan places a hand on her daughter's shoulder.

MEGHAN
Hey. We got this.

Elizabeth takes out a flask and drinks.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)
Liz! Really? ... Stop bogarting the
gin come on.

Meghan snatches the flask and takes a big gulp.

FAITH
Not nervous at all huh?

Meghan shrugs and offers her the flask. Faith sighs, takes it
and chugs.

The elevator dings and the doors open.

INT. CONTROL ROOM - NIGHT

The control room is full of people working and talking. Not a
single person is in a lab coat.

The three of them stand in the elevator petrified.

FAITH
... We're gonna die.

EXT. ENGINES - NIGHT

Dan and Ryan walk into an large open space, hanging from the
center of the room is the rocket's four colossal engines.

They move in further until they are in the middle of all four
and above them is a large connecting piece.

Ryan puts the trash can down.

RYAN
Oh Jesus. These wont turn on right?

DAN
Probably not!

Ryan whimpers.

DAN (CONT'D)
Okay. You're on lookout, if any
soldiers come in, distract them.

RYAN
Wha-- But I, uh, don't do well with
cops if you haven't noticed?

DAN
I know! It's fine! This is
military! Totally different!

RYAN
I-- But--

DAN
Be right back.

Dan runs off towards the center of the room.

RYAN
Oh geez...

Ryan looks around terrified. Dan moves a ladder to under the center.

From the same hallway they entered a SOLDIER(50) comes marching down. Ryan is terrified.

RYAN (CONT'D)
Um. Mr. W!

Dan turns the large hatch on the bottom of this connecting structure slowly.

The soldier is almost in the room.

RYAN (CONT'D)
Mr. W?! Mr. Wright!

The hatch opens and a small hold is revealed under it. The Soldier enters and notices Ryan. Ryan smiles and waves.

SOLDIER
Excuse me!

RYAN
Ah... Shit.

Dan opens the briefcase, takes out the container of uranium and gently places it in the hole.

SOLDIER
Garbage doesn't come through here,
this is a highly dangerous area!
State your business.

RYAN
Good afternoon! Um... Gar...
Grabbb...

SOLDIER

... What?

RYAN

Garbage... I am... Garbage man...
Move.. Garbage...

SOLDIER

... Is there something wrong with
you son?

Ryan's eyes continuously dart over to Dan, he is sweating.

The canister clicks in and glows green. Dan smiles and shuts the hatch.

SOLDIER (CONT'D)

Son?

The soldier follows Ryan's eyes slowly and his eyes widen as he sees Dan.

SOLDIER (CONT'D)

Hey! You! Hands up! Get down from
there!

Dan's smile drops, he looks at the frozen Ryan and sighs. Dan comes down the ladder slowly, hands up.

DAN

God damn it Ryan...

INT. CONTROL ROOM - NIGHT

Meghan, Faith and Elizabeth walk through the room, awkwardly smiling at all the people giving them weird glances.

FAITH

We are so not stealthy right now.

MEGHAN

Yes thank you Faith I'm aware.

ELIZABETH

I don't know what you guys are
talking about, I'm blending
perfectly.

Elizabeth winks to someone off screen.

The three walk up to BALDY(35), bald and nerdy, sitting at the large computer in the center of the room.

BALDY
Um. Can I help you guys?

Faith and Meghan look at each other.

MEGHAN
Um. Yes! We are... Scientists!
From... Area fifty one! Yeah, the
president sent us over to check out
some, you know... Science stuff.
Make sure it's all tip top!

The bald man squints at her.

BALDY
... Science. Stuff?

MEGHAN
Heh. Yeah, you know our president.
Always so. Vague!

Faith buries her face in her hands.

Elizabeth rolls her eyes. She grabs the Key from Meghan,
walks up to the bald scientist and pushes his chair over.
Meghan and Faith are mortified.

ELIZABETH
Move it baldy.

BALDY
I-- You-- But--

ELIZABETH
Did I stutter nerd?!

He snuffles and marches off. Elizabeth plugs the key into a
slot and it's LED light lights up blue.

MEGHAN
Liz!

ELIZABETH
Oh come on, they're scientists.
What are they gonna do about us,
hypothesize?

The scientist walks over to a phone and calls, whispering
into it while staring right at them.

FAITH
Maybe. Or call the military.

ELIZABETH

Ah. Yeah maybe. Hope this works fast then.

EXT. ENGINES - NIGHT

Dan is now off the ladder, hands still up, the soldier walks towards Dan.

DAN

Listen. I can explain.

SOLDIER

Well that's lucky, cause you and your friend sure have a lot of that to do.

Ryan looks at the soldier's gun terrified.

DAN

I'm agent Leslie Scoot. I'm just returning some uranium--

SOLDIER

Leslie?

DAN

I know right!

The soldier tightens his grip on his gun as he passes the garbage can. Dan sighs.

Ryan inches towards the soldier.

DAN (CONT'D)

Listen...

Jason slowly rises from the trash can.

Dan's eyes dart to Jason terrified.

The soldier turns to match his eye line. Jason lets out a war scream, He jumps at the soldier covered in garbage and cockroaches.

Jason grabs onto the shoulder back and bites at his ear.

The soldier screams and throws Jason onto the ground, Dan rushes over to him and the soldier repositions his gun.

SOLDIER

You little--

Ryan comes out of no where and cracks the soldier across the face. The soldier falls to the ground unconscious and Dan and Jason looks up at him surprised.

DAN
... Holy shit!

JASON
Yeah! Get some! I knew violence was
sometimes the answer! Suck it Mrs.
Goldstein!

DAN
That's one mean right hook Ryan!
Life saving!

RYAN
I. Um... Thanks Mr. Wright.

Dan smiles.

DAN
... Dan's fine Ryan. Come on. Let's
go meet the girls!

Jason and Dan run off down the hallway. Ryan smiles and follows.

RYAN
... Dan!

INT. CONTROL ROOM - NIGHT

Every worker on the floor is staring at the three women in the center of the room, waving with big fake smiles back to them, the key still blue.

They whisper through their grins.

FAITH
What the fuck is the hold up!

MEGHAN
If I knew I would fix it wouldn't I
my lovely daughter!

ELIZABETH
I think that bald guy's into me, he
keeps staring.

Meghan rolls her eyes.

Faith looks and two soldiers come in from the staircase and walk to the bald man, he talks to them and points towards the women.

FAITH
Mom!

MEGHAN
I see!

FAITH
Hurry it up!

MEGHAN
I would if I even knew how!

The soldiers start to walk towards them with the bald man. Meghan hovers her hand over the key.

FAITH
Mom!

ELIZABETH
Oh, he brought some friends.

Elizabeth blows a kiss.

The light turns green and Meghan quickly snatches it out of the port.

She grabs Faith and Elizabeth by the arms and speed walks to the elevator.

MEGHAN
Let's go!

The soldiers and the scientist follow them.

BALDY
Um! Excuse me!

Their speed walk turns into a light jog as they approach the elevator.

FAITH
Fuck fuck fuck!

The soldiers begin to jog after them as well. Elizabeth points at the soldiers and thinks.

ELIZABETH
Hm good point Faith... Fuck.
Definitely fuck! And... Eh, pass.

As the soldiers catch up, the elevator doors open with Dan Ryan and Jason inside.

DAN
Meg?

MEGHAN
Close the doors!

Dan clicks the button as they begin to run. The girls squeeze through the closing doors. The soldiers are confused and turn back to baldy.

INT. ELEVATOR - NIGHT

Meghan, Faith and Elizabeth relax as the elevator doors close. They catch their breath.

RYAN
Are you guys okay?!

MEGHAN
Are you?!

DAN
We're fine! Went off without a hitch!

JASON
Ryan knocked a guy out!

FAITH
What?!

DAN
There were slight hitches!

Meghan sighs. They all take off their respective disguises.

MEGHAN
I can't say you we were any better off.

FAITH
Yeah dad, fun fact. Not all rocket scientists wear lab coats! So thanks for that!

DAN
Really? Huh. Guess I'm a trendsetter.

Dan turns to Meghan and puts back on one of the lab coats.

DAN (CONT'D)
So... Did you get it?

Meghan holds up the key. Dan hugs her ecstatic.

DAN (CONT'D)
That's my girls! Fuck yeah! I knew
you could do it, never doubted you
for a second.

ELIZABETH
Yeah yeah, sure. But we got noticed
in the process.

Elizabeth takes out a second flask and hands it to Meghan.

DAN
Who cares! Hard parts over! It's
just a mad dash to the docking bay
from this point on, we did it! We
got nothing between us other than a
hallway and some space--

INT. TOP FLOOR - NIGHT

The elevator door ding as they reach the top floor and open
to reveal that outside is a group of a dozen goons in black
suits and sunglasses, all huddled around the Secret Agent,
still in his underwear.

DAN
--Suits... Oh shit.

The group of goons turn to look at the family. The secret
agent turns, eyes widening with fury.

The family looks at them stunned.

There is an awkward moment of pause.

Dan slowly reaches for the close door button.

SECRET AGENT
Stop them!

The elevator doors close as the agent and his goons rush for
them.

The secret agent turns to his goons.

SECRET AGENT (CONT'D)
Shut down the elevators! Now!

INT. ELEVATOR - NIGHT

Dan is slamming the ground floor button.

MEGHAN
What the hell!

RYAN
Um! I think I know what we forgot!

DAN
Yes thank you Ryan!

FAITH
What are you doing! Don't we have
to be up there?

DAN
Well we can't really go back up
there can we!

MEGHAN
So what? We're just gonna climb the
scaffolding up to the rocket?

JASON
Full disclosure, I'm not a huge
monkey bars kid. More into swings
over here.

DAN
No! Yes? I don't know we'll
improvise!

The elevator comes to a jarring halt and the lights go out.

ELIZABETH
... Well? Is someone gonna yes and?

INT. ELEVATOR SHAFT - NIGHT

Jason forces open a hatch on top of the elevator then sticks
his head out. He quickly clocks the a ladder.

JASON
There's a ladder up here! It goes
outside I think!

INT. ELEVATOR - NIGHT

Dan is holding up Jason as he sticks his head through the
hatch.

DAN
It'll have to do. Aright, climb up
buddy!

He boosts Jason up.

DAN (CONT'D)
Aright, let's go guys.

He boosts Faith up next.

DAN (CONT'D)
Watch your head!

Elizabeth walks up to him.

ELIZABETH
I just want to be clear that I'm
still not so sure about this whole
world ending thing.

DAN
Little late mom! Ready? Up!

Dan boosts her up as well.

DAN (CONT'D)
Next?

INT. STAIRWELL - NIGHT

The platoon of goons rushes down the stairs, guns in hand.

INT. CONTROL ROOM - NIGHT

The secret agent, now with pants but still no shirt walks up
to a group of goons pulling open the elevator door. The
scientists are confused and scared all around them.

One of the goons is missing his pants.

SECRET AGENT
Faster you idiots!

The secret agent cocks his gun as the goons get the door open
but.

The elevator is empty.

The secret agent steps in and looks up to see the open hatch.
He turns back to his goons.

SECRET AGENT (CONT'D)
Back up! Back up now!

They rush to the stairs.

EXT. ROOFTOP - NIGHT

Meghan helps Dan off the ladder's roof access. Ryan and Faith stare at the rocket, now extremely close.

FAITH
Whoa...

DAN
Yeah. Not half bad... Come on. We gotta move.

Dan walks towards the rocket and onto the roof of the glass hallway, the bridge is broken into panels of large square glass sections. The rest of the family follow.

Ryan flinches at the height and grips Faith's hand. They are extremely high up standing on glass.

DAN (CONT'D)
The docking bay is at the end of the bridge right underneath us! All we have to do is--

Below them, the secret agent and his goons burst through the door into the glass hallway.

DAN (CONT'D)
Run. Run!

The secret agent looks up and notices them. He point his gun up and shoots. The glass is cracked but doesn't break, bullet proof.

INT. GLASS HALLWAY - NIGHT

The secret agent whips around to his men.

SECRET AGENT
You three! To the roof! Don't let them turn back! And someone get me something to break this fucking glass!

EXT. ROOFTOP - NIGHT

The family reaches the end of the hallway, the metal of the movable docking bay and the bullet proof glass panels below them block moving forward at all.

DAN

Fuck!

MEGHAN

What now?!

FAITH

Are we trapped?!

DAN

No we're not we just have to--

At the other end of the roof three goons burst through the roof access door.

DAN (CONT'D)

Okay! Now we're trapped.

Everyone panics.

The three goons march towards the family. Dan grips the backpack tightly looks down and sees the secret agent yelling at his remaining goons who have brought him a soldier's machine gun.

Dan drops to his knees and knocks on the glass. The secret agent turns to him.

DAN (CONT'D)

Hey Leslie! Watch this!

Dan shoots back up, puts the sunglasses back on and starts dancing mockingly.

The secret agent snarls.

FAITH

Dad! What are you doing?

Dan does more embarrassing dance moves, similar to those he did while making breakfast.

JASON

... Uh. Dad? You good?

INT. GLASS HALLWAY - NIGHT

The secret agent gets angrier as he watches.

He grabs the machine gun out of the goon's hand and begins shooting at Dan, walking forward until he is shooting directly up under him.

EXT. ROOFTOP NIGHT - NIGHT

The glass panel Dan is on cracks slightly from the array of bullet holes.

MEGHAN

Honey! Stop!

Dan turns to them and smiles.

DAN

Guys! Come on... Don't you trust me?

Dan finishes his dance with a large jumps, the cracks in the glass grow rapidly.

INT. GLASS HALLWAY - NIGHT

The glass panel above the secret agent is all cracks at this point. His anger drops.

SECRET AGENT

Oh shit.

The glass shatters and Dan and a shower of glass shards fall onto the secret agent. He is knocked out cold.

Dan quickly rolls over and grabs the secret agent's machine gun and starts firing around the goons.

The goons dive behind the corners of the hallways entrance.

Dan looks up with a smile.

DAN

Well? What're you waiting for!

Meghan smiles and jumps down the broken panel. She catches Jason and helps the rest down.

Dan continues to shoot in short bursts. The goons get in some shots around the corner but can't poke their heads out to aim properly.

JASON

Dad I just wanna say you look
totally like John McClane right
now!

DAN

Is that another fast and the
furious?

JASON

No! Die hard!

DAN

Not the time bud!

JASON

Noted!

The family backs up towards the docking bay. The secret agent
wakes up in the middle of the fire and covers his head.

DAN

Go go! Get in there!

SECRET AGENT

No!!

The secret agent gets up and rushes at Dan.

INT. DOCKING BAY - NIGHT

Dan backs up into the Docking bay and slams the door controls
shut. Large metal blast doors close off the hallway. Dan
shoots the controls to the door and tosses the gun aside.

DAN

See you around Leslie!

He turns to the family.

DAN (CONT'D)

Space suits! Lets go!

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT

The secret agent bangs on the metal door.

SECRET AGENT

No! No! No! Get a blow torch! A
rocket launcher! Anything!

INT. STAIRWELL - NIGHT

Goons run back and forth carrying equipment.

INT. DOCKING BAY - NIGHT

Dan helps fasten the helmet onto Jason's spacesuit which is far to large for him.

DAN
All set my man.

Jason gives an awkward thumbs up and shuffles to Elizabeth.

Dan walks over to Meghan and helps her with her helmet.

MEGHAN
Oh, thanks.

DAN
Hey... Are you sure about this? I
could be... Wrong.

Meghan smiles.

MEGHAN
... I'd rather be wrong with you
than right anywhere else... Now
let's go steal this rocket, okay?

Dan smiles and puts his helmet on.

DAN
Alright kids! Step back.

Dan spins the hatch on the door, it slowly swings open.

INT. COCKPIT - NIGHT

The cockpit of the ship is a complicated array of buttons and rowed seats hanging sideways.

Everybody climbs in finds a seat and Dan seals the door shut.

Dan and Meghan sit in front at the controls.

MEGHAN
Seat belts everybody! Jason I'm
looking at you!

Dan plugs in the key and all the lights in the cockpit turn green, it's very pretty, like glow in the dark stars.

RYAN

Woah...

FAITH

You sure you know how to work this thing dad?

DAN

Come on! I designed the damn thing! Of course I can... That and it has auto pilot.

JASON

Oh thank God.

INT. GLASS HALLWAY - NIGHT

Goons and the secret agent beat at the door and use a blowtorch to try to cut through to little avail.

SECRET AGENT

Fucking faster! Cut faster!

INT. COCKPIT - NIGHT

Dan turns back in his seat.

DAN

You guys ready?

RYAN

Emotionally? No.

FAITH

Well, not like we're going back now!

ELIZABETH

Punch it already you pussy!

JASON

Hey! Language!!

Dan turns to Meghan.

DAN

Ready?

Meghan smiles and grabs his hand.

MEGHAN

... Punch it!

Dan smirks and uses his other hand to flip two switches, press a button and push a lever forward. The ship starts to hum.

EXT. ENGINES - NIGHT

The center of the engines glow green as the four engines spark and ignite in a roiling flame, completely destroying the ladder left by Dan.

INT. CONTROL ROOM - NIGHT

All the lights are flashing on every computer in the room, the scientists panic.

EXT. LAUNCHSIGHT - NIGHT

The docking bay automatically moves away from the rocket so to not be destroyed as the rocket begins to lift off the ground.

INT. GLASS HALLWAY - NIGHT

The secret agent falls to his knees as he watches the rocket begin to blast off in amazement.

INT. LOUNGE - SUNRISE

Two dozen fancy and stuck up politicians and rich people drink and laugh in a fancy lounge. Their laughter ends when they notice the rocket flying up without them.

One politician slowly raises his phone to his ear.

POLITICIAN
... Um. Mr. President?

EXT. LAUNCHSIGHT - NIGHT

The rocket soars into the air violently.

INT. COCKPIT - NIGHT

The whole cockpit shakes, Dan and Meghan hold on tight as the sky above them gets closer and closer.

Jason can't even fully see over the base of his helmet, a small cockroach crawls on the glass.

EXT. LAUNCHSIGHT - NIGHT

The rocket soars higher and higher as the air gets thinner.

INT. COCKPIT - NIGHT

The whole family is shaken by the force of leaving the atmosphere, the seats rattle and the their faces are pulled back, until:

It suddenly stops.

And the family begins to float softly in their seats.

EXT. SPACE - NIGHT

The spaceship floats peacefully above the Earth, millions of stars shine around them.

INT. COCKPIT - SUNRISE

Everybody looks around.

FAITH
... Are... Are we dead?

Dan pats himself down.

DAN
... Doesn't seem like it.

JASON
That! Was! Awesome!

Meghan turns.

MEGHAN
Is everyone okay?!

FAITH
I think so--

RYAN
I'm gonna hurl.

Jason unbuckles the seat belt and floats in his suit. He drifts to the bottom of the cockpit and opens the air-locked door, he floats into the room below.

JASON
Dibs on the big bedroom!

FAITH
Hey! Not so fast!

Faith unbuckles and chases after him. Ryan and Elizabeth follow excitedly.

MEGHAN
Hey! Where the hell-- ... Typical.

Dan laughs and unbuckles.

DAN
Typical.

Meghan unbuckles and the two float their way down to follow.

INT. VIEWING DECK - SUNRISE

Faith, Jason, Ryan and Elizabeth crowd around the window without helmets, Meghan and Dan catch up and join them and pop their helmets off.

JASON
Whoa...

FAITH
... Whoa.

EXT. SPACE - SUNRISE

The family huddle together as they watch the sun rise over the Earth.

INT. SPACESHIP - SUNRISE

Dan has his arm around Meghan, Jason and Elizabeth push their faces up to the window and Ryan holds Faith lovingly.

RYAN
Now that's... Significant!

Faith smiles and holds Ryan tighter. There is an awkward moment.

FAITH

... So. Is something gonna happen,
or?

Dan looks at his watch.

DAN

... Yeah um. It should. Just uh,
give it a minute.

They watch silently and full of tension for a long. Long
moment...

ELIZABETH

... Daniel I swear to God if
nothing--

Suddenly, a large orange and blue roiling meteor comes
barreling towards the Earth, it curves awkwardly and crashing
into the surface, sending seismic ripples across everything
instantly. The Earth physically cracks from the impact.

It's horribly beautiful.

Everyone in the family has a large sigh of relief.

FAITH

Oh thank God.

ELIZABETH

Oh nevermind, good job son.

JASON

... So cool.

Meghan stares in disbelief.

MEGHAN

I can't believe it...

They all stare somberly for a moment, everyone's smile drops
and they just watch.

Meghan looks to Dan.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)

... What now?

Dan looks at her and shrugs.

DAN

... I don't know.

Meghan holds him tighter. They both look back out the window and return to their moment of silence with the rest of the family. All of them unsure and somber, except Jason who is as always, excited.

INT. SPACESHIP - MORNING

The lights on the spaceship are all off and it is silent through the entirety of the vessel.

INT. CABIN - MORNING

Faith and Ryan sleep in their own small room peacefully under the covers until...

Dan floats in and the lights turn on. He speaks through a futuristic megaphone.

DAN
Rise and shine family! It's a new day.

Ryan covers his head with a pillow.

DAN (CONT'D)
Wake up wake up wake up!

Ryan groans. Faith stretches.

DAN (CONT'D)
Good morning, Faithy!

FAITH
Morning, dad.

DAN
Breakfast in five!

Faith gives a thumbs up and rubs her sleepy eyes. Ryan uncovers his ears.

RYAN
... Ow.

INT. SPACESHIP - MORNING

Dan floats back into the hallway and peeks his head into Jason's room.

DAN
Hey bud! What shape you want your
pancakes?

Jason feeds little pellets to his pet cockroaches, now in a much more scientific container, while reading from a physics textbook. He whips around to his dad.

JASON
Oh! Spaceships!

Dan winks at him.

DAN
You got it. Don't be late!

JASON
I won't!

Jason goes back to his book, tapping on the cockroaches glass.

DAN (O.S)
Mom! Stop distilling alcohol in the
engine room, please! Mom!

Jason chuckles.

INT. MASTER CABIN - MORNING

Dan floats into a larger cabin where Meghan is just waking up.

DAN
Morning sunshine!

MEGHAN
Pancake day?

DAN
Pancake day!

Meghan smiles.

MEGHAN
Be there in a few.

Dan smiles and floats away. Meghan stretches and looks out the window to a view of stars.

She smiles and pushes off the bed.

INT. VIEWING DECK - MORNING

Meghan makes her way into the viewing deck which now has a large dining table in it with everyone crowded around and Dan handing out spaceship shaped pancakes.

Jason and his pancakes float above his seat.

FAITH
Morning, mom!

Meghan flips a switch and Jason and the pancakes drop, as does the rest of the slightly floating family.

JASON
Aw!

MEGHAN
No zero gravity before lunch!

She kisses Jason's head.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)
Eat your pancakes, spaceman.

Jason digs in. Meghan walks up to Dan and they kiss romantically.

MEGHAN (CONT'D)
Morning...

DAN
Morning...

Jason and Faith are staring at their parents.

JASON
... Ew.

FAITH
Aw come on, I think it's cute!

Meghan takes a seat and Dan keeps serving.

JASON
So glad I never have to
repopulate...

Meghan and Dan chuckle. Everyone begins to eat and talk, passing food back and forth.

On the mantel behind them is Hope's urn, watching over them.

EXT. SPACESHIP - MORNING

The spaceship floats above a cracked Earth, the family eats together behind the large window.

As we zoom out we see: a dozen or so spaceships all hover over the Earth along with them.

DAN
... Pancakes?

MEGHAN
Please!

FAITH
Pass the syrup?

RYAN
Great breakfast Dan!

DAN
Thanks Ryan!

JASON
Do we have butter?

ELIZABETH
Has anyone else tried these space
diapers yet? Cause they are comfy!

FAITH
All in favor of ignoring that?

MEGHAN
Aye!

They laugh and keep on chattering. They continue to eat their breakfast together, as a family.

THE END