

EXT. SCHOOL - DAY

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Aaron walks towards the bus. He sees Sophia in the distance, talking with a clique of pretty and popular girls. MANDY, white as a porcelain doll and with golden hair is flanked at her sides by CINDY and SANDY. The girls appear to be laughing at Sophia. Sophia laughs as well. She seems oddly out of place. Right before Aaron gets on the bus, he hears a loud HONK.

JAMES

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Aaron! Over here.

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INT. JAMES' CAR - CONTINUOUS

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JAMES

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Hey, buddy. How was your last day as a 4th grader?

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AARON

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5th grade.

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JAMES

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Right. Fifth grader.

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AARON

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Fine, I guess.

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JAMES

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Let's go home.

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James opens the passenger side door.

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EXT. JAMES' CAR - CONTINUOUS

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JAMES

Mr. Ross hasn't decided between Larry
and me. I'm sure I'll get the
position, though.

AARON

As the new Operations Manager. I
know.

JAMES

Assistant Operations Manager.

Aaron looks at James. Silence.

AARON

When will you and mom get back
together?

JAMES

I don't know, Aaron. It's tough, you
know? Dealing with the same person
day in and day out. Things change
over time. In the end, you just
want someone that stands by you,
someone to rely on. A best friend,
you know what I mean.

AARON

Sure.

Silence.

AARON (CONT'D)

Do you think a hurricane will hit
Florida this summer?

JAMES

Uh... I haven't heard anything in
the news, bud.

AARON

Do you still love mom?

JAMES

I... do.

Aaron looks at James with a puzzled look as James turns on
the car's radio.