

REMEMBRANCE

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FADE IN:

1 INT. BEDROOM - MORNING 1

BEEP. BEEP. BEEP. An alarm clock monotonously rings.

We are looking at a ceiling. It is somewhat blurry. The rest of the room slowly slides into view.

Everything in the room is vaguely obscured. The books, the closet, the lamp. They are all out of focus.

Cynical JOSEPH (16), a jaded high school student sits in his bed looking around. He appears dazed and squints as he looks around.

JOSEPH (V.O.)

One morning I woke up like this. I
couldn't see shit.

Joseph tries to hit the alarm clock. In his attempt to turn it off he knocks it of the night stand.

JOSEPH

Damn it!

Joseph steps out of bed and runs into a few things on the way to the bathroom. He squints as he struggles to see.

2 INT. BATHROOM - MORNING 2

The bathroom light flickers on. Joseph steps in and stares into his reflection. His reflection is blurry. His eyes carry a red tinge. Frustration is evident in his gaze.

3 EXT. SIDEWALK - DAY 3

Joseph slowly walks down the sidewalk with difficulty.

Joseph stumbles over a crack in the sidewalk and falls to the ground hard.

JOSEPH

Shit!

Joseph pounds the ground in rage and frustration. He eventually stops and looks at the ground, hopeless.

FADE TO BLACK.

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4 INT. BEDROOM - MORNING

4

TWO YEARS LATER

BEEP. BEEP. BEEP. BE-SMACK! Joseph, now (18) slams his hand down on the alarm clock to shut it off.

Joseph sits up in bed. He looks more rugged, older. The entire room is now barely visible from his perspective.

Joseph sits in rumination. He hears the voice of a somber DOCTOR (40) in his head.

DOCTOR (V.O.)

Unfortunately Joseph going completely blind is inevitable. He experiences a condition called retinopathy of prematurity.

Joseph drags himself out of bed and looks around, though he can barely see.

DOCTOR (V.O.)

Because Joseph was born twenty two weeks premature as you noted, the result is that he will continue to gradually lose his sight over time. I'm very sorry.

Joseph grabs a book and hurls it across the room. He slowly slides on a pair of dark sunglasses resting on his night stand.

5 EXT. HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS - DAY

5

Joseph walks up to a pretty dead campus. He sports the black sunglasses and uses a walking cane to find his way. He stops and looks at the school, as much as he can see of it.

We can make out very little of the campus from Joseph's perspective. Suddenly a small student appears out of nowhere.

Joseph accidentally knocks over brilliant GENE (16) a small and frail student who is socially inept. Gene's books and papers scatter everywhere as he hits the ground.

JOSEPH

What the hell is wrong with you!
Are you fucking blind!? Because I
am, so what's your excuse.

Gene scrambles to attain his books and papers.

GENE
Sin, cosign, sin?

Gene's eyes frantically dart back and forth. His movements are frantic and neurotic. He wears big glasses and looks at Joseph with wide eyes. He grabs Joseph's sleeve.

GENE (CONT'D)
Or is it tangent!?

JOSEPH
Get off me you twerp! Don't touch me again or I'll use this cane.

GENE
But statistically speaking, the chances of you bashing my head in with that cane before security makes it over to us are not very good.

JOSEPH
Shut up!

Joseph starts to walk away.

GENE
That is not a rational response.

Joseph turns and starts to stumble back toward Gene.

JOSEPH
If you don't-

GENE
Calculating your speed over time vs. my speed over time means you can't catch me!

Gene jumps to his feet and bolts. Joseph watches him run away, dazed.

JOSEPH
That little shit.

6 EXT. HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS - DAY

6

The bell rings. Joseph walks across campus and is approached by snobbish CALEIGH (18).

CALEIGH
Question.

JOSEPH
What?

CALEIGH
(Sarcastically)
Want to see a movie this Friday?

Caleigh laughs mockingly. There is pain in Joseph's expression.

JOSEPH
(Under his breath)
Bitch.

Joseph walks away as Caleigh smirks. Joseph continues to walk with his cane. Dorky BRENT (18) approaches and claps Joseph on the back.

BRENT
Dude, what's up my man?

JOSEPH
Don't touch me.

BRENT
You sure got a stick up your ass.

JOSEPH
Yeah try going blind.

Joseph walks away leaving Brent to watch him go.

7 EXT. BEHIND HIGH SCHOOL - DAY

7

Joseph leans up against a wall and drops his cane. He takes his glasses off and tries to see. Very little is visible from his perspective.

We see a dumpster and faint glimpses of the sky and the trees.

Joseph rubs his eyes in frustration.

GENE (O.S.)
Hi!

Joseph turns his head to make out the image of Gene sitting on a dumpster.

JOSEPH

What the hell are you doing? Beat
it four eyes!

Gene hops off the dumpster and holds a calculator.

GENE

I'd rather have four eyes than
none. Also, I'm Gene and I love
numbers. Hi.

Joseph grabs his cane and stumbles over to Gene.

JOSEPH

Get lost!

Gene punches in a few numbers into the calculator. The number
2 is on the screen.

GENE

Err! Wrong! Sorry. According to my
calculations, two threats don't
make a right.

Joseph drops his cane and grabs Gene by the shirt.

JOSEPH

What in the hell do you want and
why the fuck won't you leave me
alone?

GENE

Well. I've been watching you and
you think the world is so ugly. I
just wanted to show you that the
world is beautiful. And we get to
experience three hundred and sixty
five days of it a year.

JOSEPH

You can't show me anything. I can't
see shit!

GENE

You aren't looking. You don't have
to use your eyes.

Joseph yells in frustration.

JOSEPH

It's just bullshit! I remember how
everything used to look.

8 EXT. FIELD - DAY 8

We see a beautiful flower.

JOSEPH (O.S.)
All of the colors. How vibrant it
used to be.

9 INT. BEDROOM - DAY 9

We see the beautiful wavy hair of A PRETTY GIRL (18).

PRETTY GIRL
Look at me.

We turn to get a full view of her face as she smiles at us.

JOSEPH (O.S.)
How beautiful the human face is.

PRETTY GIRL
Come here.

She leans toward us as if to kiss us. Her hair falls over
face as blinding white light fills the screen.

10 EXT. FIELD - DAY 10

A field is blurry and dark. The grass appears to go black as
the color drains out of the field.

JOSEPH (O.S.)
And now the color has been drained
from everything. My world is going
black.

11 EXT. BEHIND HIGH SCHOOL - DAY 11

Joseph looks down, dejected.

JOSEPH
I just want to see it all again. I
just want to see it.

GENE
It doesn't mean you can't see. Just
look through things with a new
lens. Switch numbers for letters.
Capish?

Gene hops back onto the dumpster. Joseph looks up into the sky. Tears slowly trickle down his face. Joseph cries in frustration, longing.

GENE (CONT'D)

Your seat is over here. Follow my voice.

Joseph wipes his eyes and slowly makes his way to the dumpster.

GENE (CONT'D)

See two peas make a pod. I double checked my math.

Gene holds up the 2 on his calculator. Joseph hops onto the dumpster and sits next to Gene.

We see quick flashes of the FLOWER, the SKY, the FIELD and the face of the PRETTY GIRL.

Joseph and Gene watch the sky. Joseph smiles.

JOSEPH

What a view.

FADE OUT.