

MADDIE'S HOUSE, INT, PRESENT

EDDIE, 11 an average eleven year old. His main characteristics are his glasses, and his bud Maddie.

MADDIE, 10 a thin girl with a love of Taekwondo and justice, making her the enemy of bullies.

EDDIE

Woah.

MADDIE

I never knew this was here!

SECRET ROOM, INT

The Nerdlettes enter the hidden room which contains two costumes, dramatically backlit from above one vaguely batman-y (utility belts and gadgets,) and one (feminine, a martial arts costume with martial arts weapons on the wall around it, and a display stand holding an open scrapbook.

Maddie stands transfixed on the costumes, while Eddie examines the scrapbook

EDDIE (V.O. WHISPERED)

Hey, Mad? Am I crazy or is this my dad?

Eddie's finger points to a costumed man in a newspaper clipping pasted into the book.

MADDIE(V.O. WHISPERED)

Duuuude. Did you read the caption?
He took out a terrorist cell!

The kids flip back and forth, eyes scanning the pages and pictures they hold. They quickly become more and more excited.

MADDIE'S ROOM, INT

MADDIE

I can't believe our parents were superheroes!

EDDIE

I know! We gotta show our friends!
They're gonna be so jelly!

MADDIE

Supa jelly!

homeroom, the next day, int

A swarm of students buzz around Maddie's desk, vying to get a look at the scrapbook.

STUDENT #1
(whispered) Hey, Maddie, are your
parent's still superheroes?

Maddie shakes her head

MADDIE
I don't think so. Crime fighting is
for the young. he's almost
thirty-five!

STUDENT #1
wow, that's old.
(cue ominous music)

Maddie looks up and sees her homeroom teacher glaring at her

MADDIE
Well hello Miss Meanor! Boy am I
glad to see you. (she shoos student
#1 away)

The teacher looks completely nonplussed.

MADDIE
...Well, I brought this in, and was
hoping we could do a little show
and tell.

Maddie holds up the scrapbook with a hopeful look.

DEE MEANOR, 42
Hand it over.

Maddie hands it to her and beams.

Miss Meanor plops down at her desk and opens the scrapbook. She flips through it uninterestedly until she comes across something that startles her. She leaps to her feet and dashes out of the room. (beat) she dashes back in and snags the scrapbook before dashing out again (beat) She rushes in again

DEE MEANOR
Nobody do anything!

She dashes out again, clutching the scrapbook

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE, INT

The Principal is reading something on her computer when Dee rushes in, breathless.

PRINCIPAL THROPE
Is something the matter, Dee?

Dee nods and slams the scrapbook on the desk, opens it to a specific page then spins it for the principal to see.

PRINCIPAL THROPE
...Is that?

DEE MEANOR
Madison Gray said these were her parents.

PRINCIPAL THROPE
I'll take care of this. Get back to class.

Dee snags the scrapbook and rushes out slamming the door behind her.

The principal picks up her phone and presses a button.

PRINCIPAL THROPE
Edna? I need you to call in the parents of Madison Gray, 5th grade. Pronto.

The principal hangs up the phone and sits back in her chair, leaning back

PRINCIPAL THROPE
...After all these years.

LUNCH ROOM, INT.

Eddie is picking at his lunch disinterestedly

Maddie creeps up behind him and slaps him on the back and plops her lunch tray beside his.

MADDIE
EDDIE! I got a text from the 'rents. There's a Patent/teacher conference tonight, so we're gonna hang here till it's done.

EDDIE

Aw man. We won't get any game time.

Maddie takes a pull on her apple juice

MADDIE

It is what it is. I wonder if I'm
in trouble again?

Eddie raises an eyebrow at Maddie.

EDDIE

You been fighting again?

Maddie grins and eats her lunch quickly, and starts sneaking
Eddie's

MADDIE

I'm scrappy, what can I say?

EDDIE

Bullies?

MADDIE

Yeah. You'd think they'd learn by
now. They must be new here.

Eddie snorts

EDDIE

Mad, you gotta stop being a hero
and just enjoy life.

MADDIE

Lookit you talking, you're only
eleven, and only three months older
than me. Don't go getting all adult
on me.

Maddie shoves her empty lunch tray away.

SUB BASEMENT OF SCHOOL, LATER. (POV SUE) INT

Ned Gray, 35. Ned is creeping up on a case of dad
bod, short hair, cargo shorts and a comic book themed
shirt.

SUE GRAY, 33 Well toned and fit. Taekwondo instructor, and
looks every bit of it.

Susan and Ned are tied to chairs. The principal and Miss
Meanor stand nearby, waiting

POV SUE GRAY briefly blurry, then comes clear. (V.O. SUE grunting as she tries to stand) She looks down and sees that she and her husband are tied up.

SUE GRAY, 32
What happened? (groggy)

PRINCIPAL THROPE
I happened. And now that you're both awake...

She unrolls a leather toolkit that holds various wicked looking torture implements.

PRINCIPAL THROPE
...We can get started.

NED GRAY, 35
What's going on here!?

SUB BASEMENT OF SCHOOL, INT

The principal holds a RUBBER MALLET.

PRINCIPAL THROPE
We're going to have a nice chat.

NED
N-No need for violence! We'll tell you everything you want.

The Principal grins evilly.

PRINCIPAL THROPE
I know. This will make sure you're truthful. And just so you know. I'm using it on her. Not you, and you're going to watch. Dee. Move him.

Miss Meanor drags his chair away a bit and spins him around so he's facing his wife.

The principal leans in and whispers into Sue's Ear.

PRINCIPAL THROPE
This is going to hurt him a lot more than it's going to hurt you.

NED'S HOUSE INT 11 YEARS AGO

JAKE POLOWSKI, 30(ish) well muscled. looks a bit shy of the gym goon look. Works as a PT for a private hospital. Jake is a retired superhero. No-one knows, not even Tina.

TINA POLOWSKI, 24 Thin and hyper. She is a multi-gold winner olympic sharpshooter.

NED

Guys, Miss Suzy-Q here has something to announce.

SUE

Thank you, dear. We're going to play a long-game prank on the kids. We're all going to recreate our costumes from that time we went to SuperCon, and hide them for our future kids

Sue points to Tina's nacent belly-bump.

SUE

You're already a few months in, and I just found out I am too! So we're going to trick them into thinking we're superheroes with with the costumes and a fake scrapbook full of shopped news articles showing us on the job as supers.

Jake mumbles into his whiskey-and coke.

JAKE

I have a bad feeling about this...

Tina elbows Jake roughly.

TINA

Don't be a negative Nancy. Tell me More, Q.

SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, INT, PRESENT

A scream is heard through the ventilation, and Maddie and Eddie, who were shooting hoops, drop the ball and look around, confused

MADDIE

Da heck was that?

EDDIE
I think it came from the vents?

MADDIE
C'mon! Someone needs help!

Maddie dashes out of the gym, with Eddie in tow

SCHOOL HALLWAY, CONTINUOUS, INT

The two exit the gym and head down the hallway. The two turn the corner and head down the stairs.

NED(V.O.)
Nooooo! Stop! (screaming)

SUE (V.O.)
(screams in pain)

EDDIE
That's your dad! Mad, call my dad.

Eddie passes her his cell phone and pulls out an oddly shaped box, which unfolds into a DRONE. He sends it in.

EDDIE
It's Helga, the principals daughter. She's guarding the door.

MADDIE
I got this. Your dad said he was en route. Watch my back.

Maddie returns his phone and throws open the door then runs full-tilt towards Helga

Maddie and Helga fight. Eddie slides past the brawl and barges into the room beyond.

SUB BASEMENT OF SCHOOL, INT

The principal and Miss Meanor(MisDeeMeanor) look up from their work, surprised.

PRINCIPAL THROPE
Dee. Handle him.

MISDEEMEANOR
Got it.

She points to Eddie, and waves of energy engulf him (cgi)

EDDIE'S POV (ALL SOUNDS MUTED 80%)

Missdemeanor points to a nearby chair

MISDEEMEANOR

Sit down and shut up, this is an
adult conversation.

EDDIE (V.O.)

Yeah. I better obey. I might get in
trouble

Eddie watches as the principal turns her attention back to Sue. A noise from offscreen catches his attention, and Maddie's beaten body slides into the room and comes to a rest next to him. She's barely conscious. He looks away, into the middle distance.

The ceiling crashes in, revealing Eddie's dad wearing the costume that was in the scrapbook.

He and the principal are shouting. He turns to shout to Eddie, but the words don't make sense. As he's turned, the principal leaps on his back, and opens her mouth wide, exposing long fangs. She bites him, and they begin fighting.

EDDIE(V.O)

That's. My. Dad!

He leaps up in horror as he snaps out of the mind control. MissDeeMeanor cocks her head and uses her power on him again, but fails.

CONTRAZOOM, FOCUSED ON EDDIE

He reaches out towards MissDeemeanor, who immediately falls like a sack of potatoes, eyes shaking wildly and vomiting

The principal notices what just happened, and drops the unconscious body of his father, and further transforms into a werewolf.

EDDIE

Bad doggie! Get DOWN!

360 DEGREE PANO EDDIE'S POV

Helga is sneaking up on Eddie, but he sees her with new expanded vision

EDDIE

I said get DOWN!

Helga falls like Missdemeanor, but the principal continues her approach.

EDDIE

Get back!

The principal is thrown against the far wall, and is knocked out. Eddies father struggles to his feet and rushes to his son just as Eddie passes out.

OUTSIDE OF HOSPITAL ROOM, INT

Maddie looks into the room through the door. His father sits beside him, holding his hand.

She pushes open the door and enters meekly.

MADDIE

Can I see him?

JAKE

Yes. He'd like that.

MADDIE

Is he...

JAKE

Just sleeping.

MADDIE

He needs a superhero name.

JAKE

I suppose he does.

Eddie groans and struggles to sit up, his father restrains him with a fingertip. Eddie stops struggling.

EDDIE

I can see ...everything. And my eyes are closed.

JAKE

Yeah, that's a big part of the big talk we're about to have.

Maddie sits on a nearby chair and leans in with a wide grin

JAKE

And the only reason you're going to hear it, Madison, is that you're very important to Eddie. You're his...

MADDIE

Sidekick?

JAKE

...Annnnywayyy. Eddie inherited his special abilities from me. His mother doesn't know, by the way. It's better that way. You parents have all been treated. They won't remember anything either.

Maddie laughs

MADDIE

That's a crock if I ever heard one, My mom looks like she just went toe-to-toe with Mike Tyson.

JAKE

Not anymore. This is a very special hospital. We treat special injuries. ...and memories.

EDDIE

What about Maddie? You going to erase her too?

JAKE

No. I'm giving you the one thing I never had. Someone you can rely on. Maddie, did you think of a name?

Maddie kisses Eddie gently on the cheek.

MADDIE

UnstEddie.

JAKE

I like it.

EDDIE

Me too.