

# DYLAN

SCENE 1

INT. MCCALLISTER - PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - DAY

CLOSE ON A CALENDAR featuring the month of December and three adorable kittens dressed as elves. The dates are X'd out up to today: DECEMBER 23rd. Starting on the 24th and written across the next week is "WINTER BREAK!"

On a nearby desk is a nameplate: "PRINCIPAL SOPHIA BAILEY." And sitting behind this is the woman herself, PRINCIPAL BAILEY. She speaks to someone just off screen.

PRINCIPAL BAILEY

It's the day before Winter Break.  
Nobody expects you to learn  
anything. All you gotta do is watch  
Frozen II and eat candy until 3PM.  
But somehow, some way, on this--the  
blow-off day of all blow-off days--  
you get sent to my office.

REVEAL DYLAN SANDERS, a baby George Clooney.

DYLAN

**START →**

It wasn't my fault! It's like I  
told Mr. Bonner, I don't know how  
it happened!

WHIP TO:

INT. MCCALLISTER - SCIENCE CLASS - DAY (FLASHBACK)

Behind Dylan, it's total chaos. Flames shoot up from Bunsen burners. Sprinklers rain down. A janitor blasts the fire with an extinguisher. Dylan throws his hands in the air and yells:

DYLAN

I'm tellin' you Mr. Bonner, I don't  
know how it happened!

BACK TO:

INT. MCCALLISTER - PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - DAY

Principal Bailey opens a drawer and takes out a THICK DOSSIER. She drops it on her desk with a thud. Opens it.

PRINCIPAL BAILEY

(re: dossier)  
Just like you didn't know who was  
running that McCallister Little  
League gambling ring.

DYLAN

That was a mystery...

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PRINCIPAL BAILEY

(re: dossier)

Or how the entire sixth grade class got caught using fake ID's to get into a PG-13 movie.

DYLAN

Thirteen is such an arbitrary age. We hear those swears at school every day.

Principal Bailey slams the dossier closed.

PRINCIPAL BAILEY

Dylan, you are smart and charming and I truly believe there's nothing you can't do if you put your mind to it. Problem is you keep putting your mind to the wrong stuff.

This seems to hit home with Dylan. He puts his face in his hands. When he looks up again, he has tears in his eyes.

DYLAN

I swear, Principal Bailey, I'm not a bad kid!

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Dylan grabs a Kleenex off her desk and loudly blows his nose. Principal Bailey softens a bit. Suddenly Dylan leaps up and hugs Principal Bailey.

DYLAN

I want to be something better. I can change, Principal Bailey, I know I can.

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Dylan sobs and snuffles, pressing his face into her jacket. **←END**

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SCENE 2

INT. MCCALLISTER - HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

Dylan shoulders his backpack as he steps out of the Principal's Office. He wipes the tears from his cheeks. And then a big smile spreads across his face. It was all an act.

Dylan starts down the hall, a spring in his step. Right on cue, his best friend, SUMMER (tough, dry, sarcastic, think \*Zendaya in *Spider-Man: Homecoming*) falls in step beside him. \*

**START →**

SUMMER

Tears were a nice touch.

Dylan holds up a baggie with half an onion in it.

DYLAN

Huffed half an onion when she wasn't looking.

SUMMER

I wondered what happened to the other half of my onion.

She takes the onion out of the bag and eats it like an apple.

SUMMER (CONT'D)

(mouth full)

So you get it?

DYLAN

Summer, who you talking to?  
Of course I got it.

Dylan holds up a KEY.

WHIP TO:

INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - DAY (FLASHBACK)

Dylan sobs, his face into the Principal's jacket. Now we see: Dylan reaches into her jacket pocket and TAKES OUT THE KEY.

BACK TO:

INT. MCCALLISTER - HALLWAY - DAY

Summer eats the last bite of onion as they reach a CLOSET. Dylan looks at the door with awe.

DYLAN

The Closet of Confiscation. Behind this door is every item ever unjustly snatched from a student's hand.

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SUMMER

Welp, I'm inspired. Let's rob this thing.

DYLAN

We're not robbing it. We're returning these lost treasures to their owners.

SUMMER

Whatever. Just hurry up. That onion's startin' to give me the burps real bad.

Summer belches into her fist. Dylan gets a whiff and grimaces.

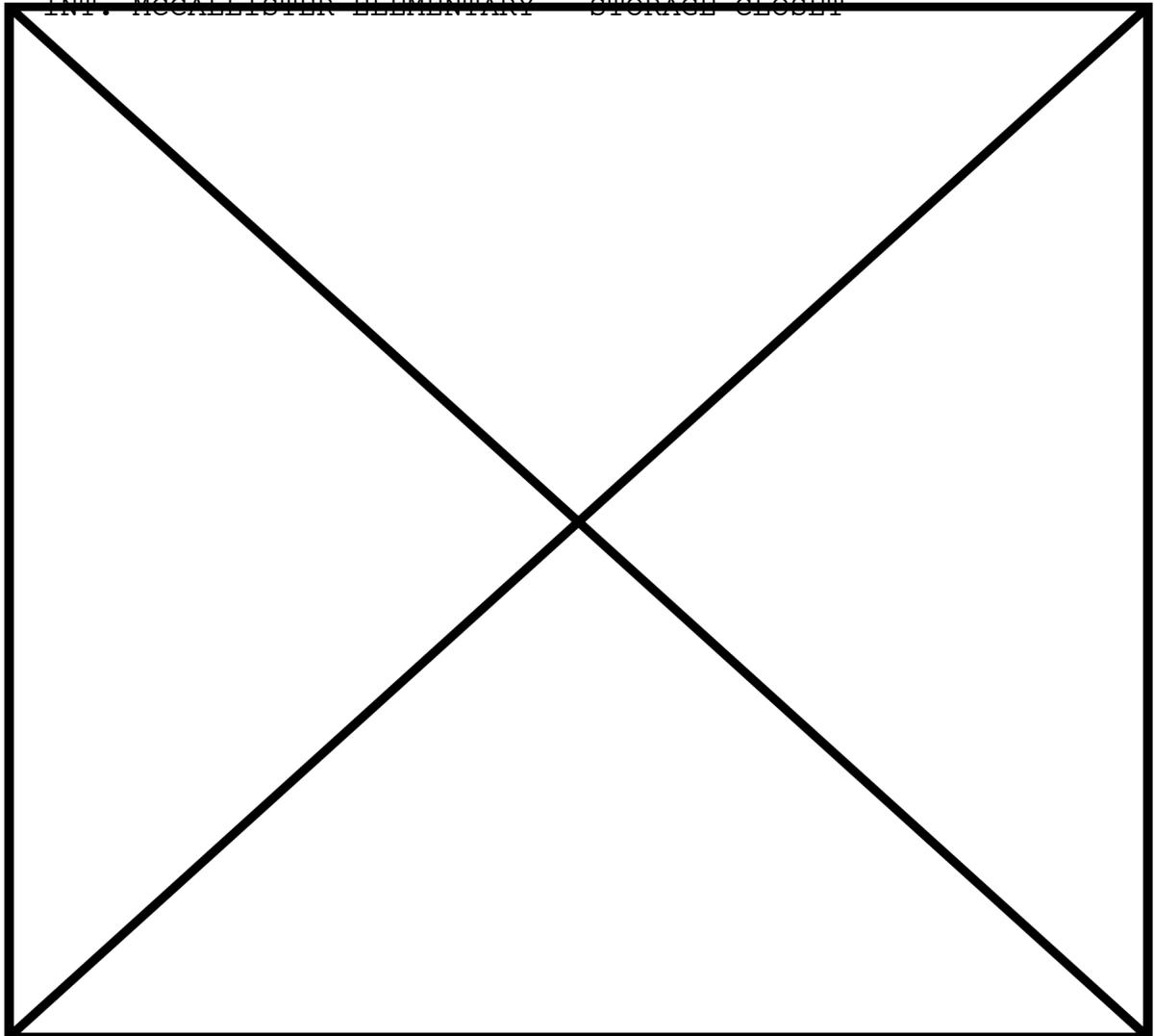
DYLAN

Gross.

Summer blocks the view of Dylan as he slips the key into the lock. He quietly opens the door and ducks inside--

← **END**

~~INT. MCCALLISTER ELEMENTARY STORAGE CLOSET~~



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