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INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

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We fade in from black to a clear night sky. Stars twinkle, some shoot, and in the middle of the frame sits a classic, 1950s-style flying saucer, hanging in space. The usual cheesy flying saucer warbling sound plays over this, possibly even backed by X-Files-esque mysterious music. The camera begins to pull back, slowly.

A gust of wind is heard, and the flying saucer moves a bit. But it moves strangely, whisked to the right and up a little, in an arc, before settling back into its original position, swaying back and forth slightly.

As the camera continues to pull back, the frame of a bedroom window becomes visible on both sides. It becomes clear we're inside a bedroom, looking out at the saucer. Another gust of wind is heard, and the saucer moves once again, in a similar way. The camera pulls deeper into the bedroom, and we soon see that the flying saucer is not real, but a model hanging on a length of fishing wire attached to the top of the window.

A third gust of wind, and the illusion is completely broken. Now the camera swivels to the right, revealing a bed occupied by a form covered in heavy blankets. Above the bed there's probably an "I WANT TO BELIEVE" poster or parody thereof. Next to it a telescope. The form moves slightly, wriggling under the covers.

At this point the sound effects/music that has been playing since the beginning audibly stops and loops from the beginning again.

BED-FORM (groaning) Mnnn... dun wa...

A hand reaches out from under the covers, pawing around at the nightstand. It finally lands on the alarm clock, which says "6:00", and the music stops suddenly.

The form sits up in bed, rubbing its eyes. It's a boy, around 14 or 15. He reaches over to the nightstand once again, grabbing a pair of neatly folded glasses and putting them on. He stretches and yawns, before swinging his feet over the side of the bed and standing up. Dressed in rather adorable pajamas he probably got from his grandmother or something, he walks over to the window. He flicks the model flying saucer, causing it to swing back and forth on its string.

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BOY

Huh, keep dreamin' pal.

He looks wistfully out into the starry sky.

INT. DINING ROOM - EARLY MORNING

The boy, now dressed in a t-shirt and pants, sits at the dinner table eating a bowl of cereal. A woman, middle-aged, comes down the stairs into the room.

BOY

Hey mom.

MOM You're up early Harrison.

BOY (HARRISON) (Through a mouthful of cereal) Wanted to practice my report a bit before school.

MOM

Oh, that's today, isn't it?

HARRISON Yeah. Dad already at work?

MOM

They've been calling him in earlier and earlier lately. He told me to say "good morning."

HARRISON

(smiling) Thanks.

MOM

So, you still haven't enlightened us on what exactly this report is on.

HARRISON (Chewing again) Make a wild guess.

MOM

Well, your father and I were hoping it was on an event important to the history of this town.

HARRISON (Nodding)

Mh-hm.

MOM (Somewhat accusatory) The *real* history of this town.

HARRISON (Continuing to nod) Mh-hm.

Harrison brings the cereal bowl to his mouth, drinking the leftover milk. He checks his watch.

HARRISON (cont'd) Gotta go, Mom.

He stands up and grabs his blue hoodie and his backpack, putting them on as he heads toward the front door.

MOM Weren't you going to practice?

Harrison opens the front door.

HARRISON I'll practice at the bus stop.

He exits. Mom shakes her head and smiles resignedly.

MOM Good luck!

The door closes.

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EXT. BUS STOP - EARLY MORNING

Harrison stands at a corner near a "bus stop" sign, looking through flash cards. He spends a few seconds on each, mouthing words silently.

Another boy sidles up behind him, glancing over his shoulder.

BOY Whatcha got there?

HARRISON What? Oh, nothing. Y'know. Assignment stuff.

He quickly shoves the cards in his pocket.

BOY It's your turn to present today, isn't it?

HARRISON Yeah. Y'know, last day and all.

BOY And I'm sure Miss Friedsten will *love* what you have to say.

Harrison leans forward, searching for the bus.

HARRISON (Not really paying attention) Yup.

BOY Just like she did your last presentation.

Harrison sighs.

HARRISON Shove off, Bobby. Can't you save your ridicule for after I present?

BOY (BOBBY)

Gladly.

Bobby steps back a bit, and around the corner comes the yellow school bus.

4 EXT. TOWN - MORNING

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We follow the bus through a desert town, somewhere in what looks to be California or Nevada. It passes by storefronts, houses, etc. One dilapidated looking building has an old, falling apart facade of a flying saucer attached to its roof.

The bus arrives at the high school, which has a sign out front. Warm Springs High School.

5 INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Some time has passed, and now it looks to be the last period of the day. Children fill a small classroom, the walls of which are lined with maps and newspapers of important local events.

The teacher, Miss Friedsten, sits behind a desk at the front of class. A student stands next to a cardboard poster, in front of all of her classmates.

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MISS FRIEDSTEN Thank you Nancy, I don't think any of us will forget the memorabilia crash of '87 any time soon.

Nancy takes her poster and returns to her seat.

MISS FRIEDSTEN And that just leaves us with... Harrison Stanton to finish up. (She looks to his seat) This should be... interesting.

Harrison stands up from his seat, pulls his laptop out of his backpack, and carries it to the front of the class. He plugs a a cord into its side, opens it, and presses a button on the wall.

The projector whirs on, the lights dim, and on the pull-down screen at the front of the classroom now bears a black-and white picture of what appears to be some sort of spacecraft, floating in the distance.

The class groans.

HARRISON The first sighting of an unidentified flying object in Warm Springs happened on April 13th, 1947. A full two months before both the Kenneth Arnold sighting in Washington and the famed Roswell incident in New Mexico.

He taps a button on his laptop. The projected image changes to a black and white photograph of a man, wearing a sweater-vest and tie.

> HARRISON (cont'd) It was seen by local professional accountant and amateur weatherman Frank Washington, who took the picture seen previously, and brought it to the attention of the local newspaper.

He taps a button again. The image changes to a page from a local newspaper, the *Warm Springs Report*. The previously seen image is printed on the page, and the headline says "Alien Allies? Or Extraterrestrial Enemies?"

HARRISON (cont'd) The local paper sat on the story until the previously mentioned Kenneth Arnold sighting made the rounds in newspapers around the country. Cashing in on the new interest in what were now called "flying saucers", Frank Washington's account was printed a full two months after he reported it.

A student a few rows in raises his hand.

HARRISON (cont'd) No questions yet, please.

The student lowers their hand.

HARRISON (cont'd) In the report, he described the movement of the object as 'unearthly' and 'definitely not a cloud.' Most took his word for it, as he was the most accomplished amateur weatherman in the area at the time.

He taps the button. The picture changes, but again to a newspaper. The headline reads "Several Saucers Seen: Some Say Space Stopover"

HARRISON (cont'd) What soon followed was a frenzy of sightings, unprecedented anywhere else in the United States. From town drunks to town mayors, it seems everyone living in Warm Springs had their own personal experience with flying objects of some kind.

He taps the button. The picture is now of a sign posted on the side of the road. It says "Welcome to Warm Springs, UFO Capital of the World"

> HARRISON (cont'd) Soon enough the higher than usual number of sightings was capitalized on.

Taps the button. We see a picture, in black and white, of the building with the flying saucer facade we saw when the bus was driving through town. It looks brand new, families seem gathered around the entrance.

> HARRISON (cont'd) Things were good for a while. Tourists came, hoping to have their own glimpse at the wonders of the universe. Some did, many didn't. Of course, the fervor died down eventually, and with it so did our UFO based economy.

Taps button. Image is of the same building, in color. The saucer is falling apart, the building is empty.

HARRISON (cont'd) Of course, as Nancy just recently informed us, the memorabilia crash of 1987 was the last straw. Warm Springs fell into a deep economic depression that it took almost ten years to start crawling its way out of. Now, the days of saucer-mania are actively forgotten, the only remnants of that time being the dilapidated Unidentified Grounded Museum in town. The official stance of the town is now that the sightings were caused by a fungal growth in the water supply.

Taps button. Now a color picture of a bright light in the dark sky.

HARRISON (cont'd) However, the sightings haven't stopped. Though they may no longer be acknowledged, there's still something out there. And we don't know who or what it is. (Getting impassioned) Yet we're all so scared of our past that no one seems to care anymore! Where'd our curiosity go?

There's a bit of an awkward silence.

HARRISON (cont'd) Anyways that's all I remember from the cards. The projector dims and the lights turn on. There's a very light smattering of applause. The hand from earlier raises. It's Bobby.

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HARRISON (cont'd)
(He sighs)
Yes, Bobby?
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BOBBY Why are you such a moron?

MISS FRIEDSTEN (Chastising) Bobby!

HARRISON Thanks Bobby.

Another hand raises.

HARRISON (cont'd) Yes, uh, (He squints) you?

CLASSMATE WHOSE NAME HARRISON FORGETS If you're so convinced these things exist, why haven't you seen one?

HARRISON I don't know. But there's enough evidence out there to keep me going.

Another hand. Harrison nods, not even trying to remember their name.

THAT OTHER CLASSMATE (In a robotic voice) BEEP-BOOP BOP BOOP HARRISON WE HAVE COME FOR YOU!

The class laughs.

HARRISON Very original.

MISS FRIEDSTEN Alright class, settle down settle down. We've got-

The bell rings, signalling the end of the school day.

MISS FRIEDSTEN (cont'd) Have a good break! Bobby, Reginald, wait outside. Harrison, stay in here.

The class files out. Miss Friedsten sits behind her desk, Harrison stands near the front of the class with his backpack.

MISS FRIEDSTEN (cont'd)

So.

HARRISON

Yeah.

MISS FRIEDSTEN We talked about this.

HARRISON Yeah, I know but-

MISS FRIEDSTEN You at least addressed the economic element, so I can give you some credit. But Harrison, you're going to have to grow up some time.

HARRISON (Sadly)

I know.

MISS FRIEDSTEN Alright Harrison. Have a nice Spring Break. (Loudly) Bobby! Reginald!

EXT. MAIN STREET - AFTERNOON

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Harrison walks the sunny sidewalks, wearing his rather large backpack. He looks pretty downcast.

From behind him comes a voice.

VOICE

Harrison!

He turns to look behind him. There's a girl about his age hurrying to catch up with him.

> HARRISON (He smiles a bit, but the smile you make when you're still sad)

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Oh, hey Dana. How's it?

DANA Didn't catch the bus today?

HARRISON Didn't want to.

She thinks for a little bit.

DANA Guess I don't need to ask how your presentation went.

HARRISON (Morose) You're right about that.

DANA Not gonna say I didn't warn you.

HARRISON

Yeah.

She looks at her distraught friend for a bit. Thinking.

DANA You know what?

HARRISON

What?

DANA Here, I know what you need today.

HARRISON

What?

DANA Just follow me.

Harrison sighs. Exasperated, but already cheered up a bit.

Dana leads him through the streets of the town, passing storefronts and through alleys and such. As they round the final corner-

HARRISON Wait, I know where this is.

-they are confronted with the giant flying saucer facade of the Unidentified Grounded Museum.

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DANA Ta-da! Feel any better?

HARRISON Yeah. Kinda sad to see it all run down like this, though.

DANA Oh-ho-ho, you are a *tough* nut to crack today. Here, come on.

She heads closer to the fence around the museum.

HARRISON Wait, where are you going?

DANA (Calling back) I said *come on!*

Harrison nervously glances to the side before following.

Dana stands at the fence, looking up.

DANA (cont'd) Gimme a leg up.

HARRISON What? You know we're not sup-

DANA (Blows a raspberry) Gimme a leg up. Ya doof.

HARRISON (Nervously) I don't know if we should be doing this.

DANA I do. Gimme a leg up.

Harrison hesitates, but gives in. He boosts Dana to the top of the fence. She perches on top, and pulls Harrison over.

7 EXT. INSIDE THE FENCE - AFTERNOON

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The two fall in a heap on the other side of the fence.

HARRISON

Oof.

Dana stands up and dusts herself off.

DANA Ha-ha! (In an exaggerated gruff voice) We're in.

HARRISON So we are. Now what?

She pulls him up.

DANA

Looting!

INT. UNIDENTIFIED GROUNDED MUSEUM - AFTERNOON

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The inside of the museum is just as dilapidated as the outside. Grainy pictures of flying saucers and UFOs line the walls. Small models of weather balloons and stuff like that are just around.

HARRISON Wow, I never thought I'd ever get inside.

He points.

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HARRISON (cont'd) Look! There's the (air-quotes) "Weather Balloon" that crashed at Roswell!

He points and runs over.

HARRISON (cont'd) (Excited) The fabled probe of the Missoula abduction! Ah-ha ha this is so cool!

Dana leans on a display case.

DANA How ya feelin' pal?

HARRISON Ah, thank you so much! It's all still here!

DANA Remember to look up. Harrison does. Above him is the bottom of the large flying saucer facade that sits atop the museum. God-rays radiate from it, and the angelic choir sings.

Harrison stares in wonder for a few seconds. He points at a ladder that leads from a catwalk to a hole in the bottom of the saucer.

HARRISON There's an entrance!

He looks back at Dana. She nods.

Harrison runs to the catwalk, which shakes somewhat unnervingly, and begins to climb up the ladder. A rung snaps off and tumbles to the floor.

HARRISON (cont'd)

Woah-

DANA (From a distance) Careful up there!

HARRISON

I know!

He scampers up the rest of the ladder, pulling himself into the interior of the saucer.

INT. SAUCER - AFTERNOON

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Harrison stands up, dusting himself off. He looks forward.

HARRISON

Whoa...

His jaw drops open. He takes a few tentative steps forward.

DANA (From down the ladder) You okay up there?

Harrison steps forward some more.

HARRISON Yeah. You should get up here.

Dana pulls herself into the room. Harrison points forward.

HARRISON (cont'd) Look at that.

Dana's eyes narrow.

DANA What *is* it?

We now see what they're looking at. Sitting in a display case in the middle of the room is a bizarre, smooth-metal-looking device. Parts of it glow light blue.

HARRISON

The crowning jewel. A device of unknown origin recovered in the nearby desert in 1964. The month after it was found holds the record for the largest amount of sightings in a 100 mile radius.

DANA

So... what *is* it?

Harrison approaches the case. He stares through the glass intently.

HARRISON

No one knows for sure. Theories range from an experimental Air Force jamming device to an extraterrestrial homing beacon.

DANA What do *you* think it is?

HARRISON

Personally, I think it's just an alien waste-disposal container. It's, eh, not a popular theory.

DANA Eugh. Want it?

HARRISON

Huh?

DANA Do you want it?

HARRISON I mean of course, but-

DANA

Okay.

Dana smashes in the glass case with a nearby stanchion.

HARRISON Gah! Why did you do that? What if they have alarms!

DANA Look at this place.

She tosses the stanchion away. Do you think they've kept up on alarm payments?

Harrison glances over his shoulder, then grabs the device.

HARRISON Ha! Haha! I'm touching it!

DANA (Amused) Oh yeah, touch that possible space urinal.

Harrison looks at Dana, still smiling, hands still holding the device.

HARRISON (Semi-maniacally) Does it look like that bothers me?

He turns it in his hands.

HARRISON (cont'd) It feels... funky.

DANA Good word choice.

HARRISON Come on, feel it.

He offers it over.

DANA I'd rather not touch fifty-year-old alien feces.

HARRISON Oh don't be a wuss.

He tosses it to her.

DANA

Agh!

She catches it.

HARRISON See? Funky.

DANA Yeah, yep, I feel it. Definitely funky.

She hands it back.

DANA (cont'd) Want to see the rest?

HARRISON Ah-ha, do you think?

10 EXT. OUTSIDE THE FENCE - LATER AFTERNOON

The pair drops from the fence onto the street.

DANA

That help?

HARRISON

Thank you so much. I always wanted to see all that, I just figured it was too dangerous.

DANA Hey, all you needed was a leg up.

Beat.

They point at each other-

DANA AND HARRISON Eyyyyyyy.

HARRISON Well, I probably oughta get home.

DANA

Me too.

HARRISON Hang out over break?

DANA

Of course.

They give each other a quick hug, and part ways.

DANA (cont'd)

See ya!

Harrison waves back at her.

He walks home, noticeably happier.

11 INT. DINING ROOM - AFTERNOON

Harrison sits at the dinner table with his mother and father. They're eating some sort of microwave dinner.

DAD How'd your presentation go today, Harrison?

HARRISON About as well as I expected.

MOM And what did you end up presenting on?

HARRISON The history of unidentified flying objects in Warm Springs.

His parents share a glance.

MOM

Harrison, that may have flown in middle school, but it's different now.

DAD High school's a different beast, son. Now we're not saying you need to stop caring about that stuff, but in school, well, you're going to need to grow up a bit.

HARRISON

Yeah, I know.

The parents share another meaningful look.

12 INT. BEDROOM - AFTERNOON

Harrison sits on his bed, looking out the window. He pulls open his backpack, and takes out the strange device. He looks it over a bit. He moves over to his desk and clears everything off, pulling out a variety of diagnostic instruments.

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Harrison's head lies on his desk, drooling, asleep. The device begins to glow. A low humming emanates from it, slowly getting louder and higher pitched. Harrison stirs.

HARRISON

(Dazed) Huh?

He sits up quickly, noticing what's happening to the device.

HARRISON (cont'd) What's happening?

He scrambles for his phone, quickly taking pictures of the glowing thing. As he takes pictures, it begins to float above his desk, and slowly starts to move towards the window.

HARRISON (cont'd)

Uh-

He keeps his phone trained on it. When it reaches the threshold of the window, it begins to speed up, zooming out into the night sky.

HARRISON (cont'd)

Wait!

Harrison quickly grabs his blue hoodie from the bed-post.

14 EXT. DESERT - NIGHT

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Harrison swings his flashlight back and forth across the desert dirt, illuminating cactus and various other supplements.

HARRISON It came this way... ugh, I probably lost it.

He looks at his compass and takes a drink of water.

He continues to move forward, passing a large rock formation. As he turns his light to the backside of the formation, something reflects.

HARRISON (cont'd)

Augh!

He hides himself behind the rock. Slowly, he inches his head around the corner, bringing with it the flashlight's beam. The beam lands on an old fender of an old abandoned car, reflecting light.

HARRISON (cont'd)

Ugh.

He sits down, back against the rock.

HARRISON (cont'd) The closest you've ever got, and you still managed to screw it up. Great job, buddy.

He pulls his hood tight around his head.

HARRISON (cont'd) It's getting pretty chilly out here, I should probably head back.

He stands up and turns toward home. Suddenly, he sees his shadow cast clearly on the ground, as something lights him from behind.

HARRISON (cont'd)

...What?

He turns around.

HARRISON (cont'd)

WHAT?!

Above him in the sky sits an indistinguishable orb of white light.

HARRISON (cont'd) ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

He jumps in the air, pumping his fist victoriously.

HARRISON (cont'd) Finally! A-ha! YES!

He looks at the orb and wipes tears from his eyes. The orb starts to move.

HARRISON (cont'd) (Realization dawning) Oh no, oh no-

He scrambles frantically for his phone.

HARRISON (cont'd) Come on... come on... stupid camera, load!

The orb is speeding up, heading away from him. Harrison starts to run, chasing after it, but it's too fast. It shoots off ahead of him, cresting a hill in the distance.

HARRISON (cont'd) Oh please pleasepleaseplease-

As Harrison crests the hill himself, he drops instantly to his chest. The orb is making small circles in what appears to be a caldera or crater of some sort that Harrison is on the edge of. He takes out his phone, muttering to himself as the video app loads.

HARRISON (cont'd) Oh just load already.

A flash to the left catches his eye, he turns to see another seemingly identical orb move into the caldera. It joins the original in making small circles. A flash to the right, the same thing.

> HARRISON (cont'd) What is even going on here?

The three orbs circle around the caldera, getting faster and faster. With this comes a whirring noise than increases in pitch and loudness with the speed. Soon they're going so fast the eye can't distinguish them, forming what looks to be a glowing white disc in the center of the caldera.

HARRISON (cont'd)

Huh?

This disc gradually turns silver. The noise reaches a crescendo, and cuts out immediately as the silver disc solidifies. At the moment of hardening, a shockwave extends from the disc, blowing the hood from Harrison's head. His phone crackles with electricity.

HARRISON (cont'd)

What?

He fiddles with it to no avail.

HARRISON (cont'd)

Oh, come on.

Now solid, the disc floats about 10 feet above the bottom of the crater. Struts extend from the bottom of the silver disc, finding purchase in the dry ground.

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Harrison waits, watching the thing for any sort of movement. After a short amount of time, he slowly creeps forward, unable to resist the urge to approach the whatever it is.

> HARRISON (cont'd) Just a little bit closer...

Harrison stops just short of the disc's edge, hiding behind a small rock.

HARRISON (cont'd) (Somewhat fearful, but curious) What are you?

He peers over the rock at the disc. Suddenly, a hole opens in the bottom of the silvery object, and a ramp extends from it to the ground. It ends directly in front of the rock Harrison is hiding behind. Smoke obscures a dark form standing in the new opening. A voice booms down.

> VOICE (Robotic) BEEP-BOOP BOP BOOP HARRISON WE HAVE COME FOR YOU!

Harrison stumbles back from the rock.

HARRISON

What?

VOICE (No longer robotic, now sounding normal) Hey, hey don't freak out man. Don't worry-

The form emerges from the smoke, a man looking to be in his mid-twenties, wearing a blue hoodie.

MAN

It's me. (Beat) Well, it's you. (Beat) This could get confusing.

HARRISON Wh- who- what are you?

Harrison continues to scramble back.

MAN

I'm you. You're me. We're, uh, us.

Harrison grabs a nearby rock and wields it, standing up.

HARRISON Ah-ha! You're a growth-accelerated clone grown from DNA harvested during my sleep, aren't you!?

The man squints his eyes.

MAN (Confused)

Uh. No.

HARRISON A holographic illusion psychically pulled from my subconscious brainwaves?

MAN (Smiling) Nope.

Harrison lowers the rock slightly.

HARRISON A denizen of some planet whose development mirrors Earth exactly except for being roughly ten years ahead?

MAN Come on, man, it's staring you in the face. Here, listen, ask me something only we would know.

Harrison thinks for a bit.

HARRISON What do you think about Episode One?

MAN Best prequel.

HARRISON Even with Jar Jar?

MAN Even with Jar Jar.

Harrison relaxes, dropping the rock.

HARRISON So... you're me, huh?

He looks around.

HARRISON (cont'd) (To self) Your dreams are getting weirder and weirder. (He sighs) Okay, so say you are me: Why are you here? What's (He gestures wildly at the saucer) all this?

The older Harrison kneels a bit, reaching Harrison's eye-level.

MAN (OLDER HARRISON) Well, first things first: you're right. Well, you're mostly right.

He stands and spreads his arms wide, facing the saucer.

OLDER HARRISON UFOs are in Warm Springs! And they have plans, *big* plans.

He turns back to Harrison.

HARRISON I *knew* it!

OLDER HARRISON You knew it. Or at least highly suspected it. But you, I grew up, stopped caring about things like that. (Darkly) So when they came, we were completely unprepared.

Harrison turns to face himself, looking worried.

HARRISON When they came?

OLDER HARRISON Things got bad fast, real fast. I tried to fight, but we lost too much, eventually there wasn't enough worth saving. OLDER HARRISON (cont'd) (A bit brighter) So! I stole one of their time-ships, and went back to find the only person I knew I could trust.

He places his hand on Harrison's shoulder.

OLDER HARRISON (cont'd)

Me.

Harrison smiles, then a confused look comes over his face. He backs away.

HARRISON Wait- wait a second, Doc. If you're me, shouldn't space-time be imploding now that we've met?

He begins pacing back and forth.

HARRISON (cont'd) Or-or, shouldn't you be fading out of existence? Or-or-or some sort of matter anti-matter explosion?

He stops and turns to Older Harrison.

HARRISON (cont'd) How are we both here?

OLDER HARRISON Well, I'm not one hundred percent clear on it, but as far as I can tell I've functionally erased everything that's happened between now and when I stole this bad boy.

He points over his shoulder at the ship.

OLDER HARRISON (cont'd) Good riddance. It also means they have no idea I'm back here, because technically stealing this ship never happened. I think. (Beat) I hope. (Beat) Anyways, I don't think we'll have to deal with any sort of space-time wedgies. HARRISON Okay. Okay. So, what's the plan here? There's just two of us, how are we supposed to stop... whatever it is that happens?

Older Harrison sits down.

OLDER HARRISON I... I don't know. When they came it was a surprise- no one saw it coming, knew anything about it. I figured, we find out what's going on *now*, maybe it gives us a better chance *then*.

Harrison looks eagerly at the ship door.

HARRISON Hey, can I-?

OLDER HARRISON

No.

HARRISON (Annoyed) Oh come on, why not?

OLDER HARRISON Because in a couple seconds it's gonna-

The ships crumples in on itself, folding into nothing.

OLDER HARRISON (cont'd)

That.

HARRISON

Oh.

Older Harrison shivers a bit, looks around.

OLDER HARRISON It's freezing out here, can we...?

HARRISON

Fine.

15 EXT. DESERT - NIGHT

The two Harrison's walk side-by-side. Harrison the younger still keeps his distance, eyeing the older one suspiciously.

HARRISON So, why now? Of all the points in history to go back to?

OLDER HARRISON Well, the ship I stole only had enough juice to go back about 10 years.

HARRISON Then why tonight?

He hesitates for a little.

OLDER HARRISON Tonight's the night it all changed. You woke up tomorrow, toss that thing into a drawer and start to stop caring. Oh, speaking of which:

He pulls out the mysterious device from a pocket.

OLDER HARRISON (cont'd) Here you go!

He tosses it to his younger self, who catches it.

HARRISON I've been meaning to ask, what is this? Some kind of homing beacon, or tracker?

OLDER HARRISON Oh, no we were right. Sort of the space equivalent of blue ice.

Harrison regards the device.

HARRISON

Pleasant.

OLDER HARRISON I was able to configure the ship to pull it in. I knew myself well enough to know I wouldn't be far behind.

Harrison thinks for a few seconds.

HARRISON Okay, so, say you are me... what's the plan? People are going to notice if there's two of us walking around.

OLDER HARRISON I'll have to go by a different name, how's Ford sound?

HARRISON Ford? Too on-the-nose, way too on-the-nose. How about Lucas? Got at least a degree of separation there.

OLDER HARRISON (LUCAS)

Fine.

HARRISON I know exactly where you can stay.

16 EXT. MUSEUM - NIGHT

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Harrison spreads his arms wide, presenting the UFO-adorned abandoned museum in an imitation of Dana earlier that day.

HARRISON Your new home!

Lucas laughs a bit.

LUCAS What were you saying earlier about being on-the-nose?

Harrison lowers his arms.

HARRISON Don't even pretend you don't want to live in there.

LUCAS Oh no, I do. I'm a big fan of tetanus. And rats.

Harrison scoffs, walking over to the fence.

HARRISON Ya wuss, I was in here earlier today and it wasn't that bad. Come on, give me a leg up.

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17 INT. UNIDENTIFIED GROUNDED MUSEUM - NIGHT

Harrison swings his flashlight back and forth, X-Files style, through the dark interior of the museum.

HARRISON See, look there's-

The light lands on a group of rats, that quickly scamper away.

HARRISON (cont'd) (Wincing) Only a few rats.

LUCAS (Sarcastically) Oh, wonderful.

He elbows himself lightly.

HARRISON Just sleep on a table or something. Most rats can't climb. I think.

LUCAS You're so reassuring.

Harrison gives Lucas the flashlight.

HARRISON I've got to get some sleep, I'll

bring you what I can in the morning. Stay out of trouble.

LUCAS

No promises.

18 INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

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We see the shot from the beginning of the episode, with the UFO hanging in space in the window. We pull back into the room again, and as we do we see Harrison awkwardly pull himself through the window from the outside. He knocks the UFO out of the way, and has he slumps onto the floor it bounces crazily on its string in the background.

HARRISON

Hup...

Harrison sits up from the slump, rubbing his eyes.

HARRISON (cont'd)

Blurgh.

He looks at the clock in the room. It's 4:23 in the morning.

HARRISON (cont'd)

Blah.

He slowly crawls over to his bed, pulling himself onto it. He doesn't even attempt to get under the covers before just closing his eyes and accepting sleep.

19 EXT. HOUSE - MIDDAY

Establishing shot of Harrison's house, now daytime. None of the cars are in the driveway.

20 INT. BEDROOM - MIDDAY

Harrison lies on his bed, in the same position as we last saw him. He slowly opens his eyes and turns over to look at the clock. It says 12:46.

He yawns.

21 INT. DINING ROOM - MIDDAY

Harrison, dressed in a new shirt and pants but the same hoodie, walks down the stairs into the dining room. He sees a note lying on the table. He grabs it and reads it aloud.

> HARRISON "Your mother and I didn't want to wake you, but we were both called in to work today. Happy Spring Break buddy, wish we could spend your first day with you!"

He looks around, as if double-checking that his parents aren't around.

HARRISON (cont'd)

Perfect.

22 INT. ATTIC - MIDDAY

The attic is dark and dusty, only a little bit of light streaming in from a small, dirty window. Boxes are piled up all around. There's a trap-door on the floor, which opens after a few seconds of silence. The light from the trap door illuminates the room somewhat, and Harrison pulls himself in.

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HARRISON Dark in here...

He pulls out his flashlight and swings it around.

HARRISON (cont'd) Okay, sleeping bag, sleeping bag, where's the sleeping bag...

He walks through the attic, focusing his flashlight on box after box. It lands on one labeled "sleeping bags", which sits on a shelf above him.

HARRISON (cont'd)

A-ha!

He reaches up for the box, but can't quite reach it. He grabs another, ground-level box, and scoots it over. Using that box as a step-stool, he reaches up and pulls the sleeping bag box from the shelf, but it puts him off balance and he starts to tip backwards, holding the box above his head.

HARRISON (cont'd)

AAAH!

Harrison steps back to try and steady himself, but ends up putting his weight onto the edge of the box he's standing on. This causes the step-stool-box to flip onto its side, sending Harrison flying into the ground with a thump, still holding the box of sleeping bags over his head.

> HARRISON (cont'd) (Sarcastically) Ta-da!

He sets the box down and stands up. Harrison sees the step-stool-box, now on its side, and notices that some of its contents have spilled out onto the floor.

HARRISON (cont'd) Should probably clean that up...

He goes to move the junk back in, but one piece catches his eye.

HARRISON (cont'd)

Huh?

He clears junk out of the way, grabbing a dusty old photo-frame. He uses his sleeve to clean the glass.

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HARRISON (cont'd)

Oh...

In his hand he holds a framed, clear photo of a silver flying saucer hanging in the sky. He quickly turns it over, opening the back. On the back of the picture, written in cursive, is the date "August 3, 1983", beneath that "Second Sighting".

> HARRISON (cont'd) (Reading aloud) "August third, 1983, second sighting"?

He ruffles through the rest of the box, finding nothing else. He sits back, somewhat disappointed, but he takes the framed photo and stares at it.

HARRISON (cont'd)

Huh.

23 EXT. MUSEUM - MIDDAY

Harrison, with a box under one arm and a sleeping bag under the other, approaches the fence to the museum. He sets the box down, and pulls out a rope with a small loop on the end. He hoists the rope over the fence, the loop catching on to one of the fence-posts. He tugs it a few times and smiles.

HARRISON

Nice.

24 INT. UNIDENTIFIED GROUNDED MUSEUM - MIDDAY

Harrison searches the ground floor of the museum.

HARRISON (Hesitantly) Lucas!? Uh, Me!? Harrison!

A voice echoes down from up above.

LUCAS

Up here!

25 INT. SAUCER - MIDDAY

Harrison pulls himself into the saucer. Lucas is sitting on a display case in the back.

HARRISON Pent-house suite, huh?

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LUCAS Figured it was farthest from the rats.

Harrison tosses the sleeping bag to the floor, and sets down the box.

HARRISON Brought you some stuff.

Lucas drops down from the display case.

LUCAS What've you got?

HARRISON Food, water, deodorant, toothbrush. General supplies. Also-

He ruffles in the box, pulling out the framed picture from earlier.

HARRISON (cont'd) I found this. Know anything about it?

Lucas approaches, and takes the picture from Harrison. He peers at it closely.

LUCAS Where'd you find this?

HARRISON It fell out of a box in the attic. Think it's real?

LUCAS I recognize the design, this definitely isn't a fake... The attic? But Mom and Dad never believed, not until they arrived. Did they?

HARRISON They sure don't seem to. Lately it's been all "Harrison write about the *real world*."

Lucas looks at the picture some more, deep in thought.

LUCAS

Huh.

He places it on a display case.

LUCAS (cont'd) Anyways thanks me, this'll-

Suddenly a voice from below.

DANA (Distant, echo-y) Harrison!? HAAAARISON! You here?

HARRISON (Worried) Oh no, it's Dana. Just, uh, just be quiet. I'll handle this. (Louder) Yeah, I'm coming, gimme a sec!

26 INT. UNIDENTIFIED GROUNDED MUSEUM - MIDDAY

Harrison descends from the saucer to the ground floor. Dana is wandering around down there. She stops and turns to him.

DANA Hey Harrison! I've been trying to call you all day, but it kept going to message.

HARRISON Huh? I didn't-

Harrison pulls his phone out of his pocket. It sparks, and then smokes.

HARRISON (cont'd) Oh. Right.

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DANA Anyways, I was just passing by and noticed the rope tied to the fence. You know, it's a bit dangerous to be wandering around here all alone.

She points to his smoking phone.

DANA (cont'd) Especially with your phone in that condition.

HARRISON

(Nervous) Huh, yeah. Good advice. Just me being dumb, wandering around abandoned buildings all alone. Just by my lonesome.

She squints her eyes.

DANA

You okay?

HARRISON What me? Yeah, no I'm-

A thump from above.

LUCAS (From above)

Ow!

DANA Is there someone else in here with you?

HARRISON

What? No! Just me. All alone. In an abandoned building. Like you said, dumb.

DANA I'm pretty sure I heard someone up there.

HARRISON Oh that? I heard that too. Just the rats, I think.

DANA We'd better go check.

HARRISON Should we? I don't- I don't think we should.

DANA

I do.

She starts to climb her way up.

27 INT. SAUCER - MIDDAY

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We hear Dana and Harrison as they make their way up.

HARRISON (Outside)

I mean what if- what if there is a person? What if it's a murderer or something? We can't fight a murderer! DANA It's not a murderer.

HARRISON

You don't know!

Dana pulls herself into the saucer, Harrison follows shortly after. She sees Lucas, who seems to be trapped in his sleeping bag, lying on the floor.

DANA It's a burrito. Or caterpillar, depending on what school of thought you subscribe to.

HARRISON Woah! We should, uh, we should go.

DANA

No. (To Lucas) Who are you? (To Harrison) And why are you acting so weird?

Lucas wriggles into a position where he can see the two of them. His face lights up.

LUCAS

Oh hi Dana!

He immediately regrets this.

LUCAS (cont'd) I mean person.

DANA (Worried, to Harrison) And how does he know my name?

HARRISON

I- uh-

He starts backing away from Dana, towards Lucas.

HARRISON (cont'd)

Uh.

(Whispering to Lucas) Is she safe?

LUCAS As far as I know.

Harrison gulps and looks at Dana.

28 INT. SAUCER - AFTERNOON

Establishing shot that some time has passed. Lucas, now removed from the sleeping bag, stands in the back of the room. Harrison stands between him and Dana, who is pacing back and forth.

DANA

Oh-ho-ho I am *not* falling for it this time Harrison. Usually your little tricks are at least remotely believable.

HARRISON (Earnest) I swear it's true this time.

Dana plants her feet and turns to Harrison.

DANA

Oh, I'm sure it's not just your older cousin who's come to town and has a coincidentally similar sense of humor. The only possible explanation is that it's you from the future! Duh! And you-

She points to Lucas.

DANA (cont'd) How old are you? 25? Shouldn't you be past jokes like this.

LUCAS Nah. I mean, if it *were* a joke, nah.

DANA

Smooth.

HARRISON

Come on, Dana. I could just let you believe it is my cousin, but I *want* you to know the truth. I trust you.

He thinks for a second.

HARRISON (cont'd) Here, ask him something only you and I know. Something I would never tell my cousin.

DANA Hm. I can think of quite a few things. Sure, I'm game.

She approaches Lucas.

DANA (cont'd) Now don't listen in on this, Harrison.

Harrison plugs his ears. Dana whispers something in Lucas' ear. Lucas whispers something back. Dana giggles a bit.

DANA (cont'd) Okay, okay. I find your claim slightly more believable.

HARRISON What'd you ask him?

DANA Oh, no. That's not for you to know.

HARRISON

Oh, come on!

She giggles conspiratorially. Lucas gives Harrison a sheepish look.

LUCAS She made me promise, little me.

DANA I still don't believe you, of course. I'm not stupid. Of course, there's conveniently nothing left of the magical spacecraft he came in.

LUCAS It's actually not magical. Also timecraft would be the accurate term.

DANA Okay maybe he is you. LUCAS Wait, I have-

He ruffles in his back pocket,

LUCAS (cont'd)

-this.

He pulls out a small, metallic orb, engraved with designs.

HARRISON

What is it?

Lucas looks closely at it.

LUCAS

I forgot to mention it last night. It's something we whipped up from bits of their technology. It's a sensor, it'll locate any alien artifacts or activity in a 40 mile radius.

DANA Or it's, more plausibly, a large ball-bearing. Nice prop, though.

LUCAS We're pretty early on in the timeline, so I doubt we'll find much right now.

HARRISON Worth a shot, though, right.

LUCAS Yeah, might as well.

He lightly lobs it into the air, where it floats. It spins, faster and faster, before sending out bright ripple of green light.

HARRISON

Whoa...

DANA

What?

Seconds later, it projects a monochrome three dimensional map of the town onto a nearby table. Certain spots in the map glow with small balls of bright green light, symbolizing alien artifacts or activity. The camera zooms out, upwards, through the top of the saucer everyone is standing in. It

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reaches the point where the entire town can be seen, in exactly the same way we saw the map projected seconds earlier. Scattered all around the town and nearby area, balls of green light glow in certain spots, countless spread all throughout.

We cut to Lucas' face. He looks surprised, and somewhat unhappy.

LUCAS (Dismayed) Oh...

Now to intro, then credits.