

FADE IN:

INT. APARTMENT, HALLWAY - NIGHT

All the lights are off in the apartment. It's quiet and dark.

A light comes from a doorway at the end of the hallway.

As we get closer to the light coming down the hall we hear a woman talking sternly.

MEGAN (O.S.)
Stop! I said stop.

We hear a child crying.

MEGAN (O.S.) (cont'd)
That's not going to work on me. We're not leaving this bathroom until you do what you're supposed to do.

Once we get to the door and come around the corner, MEGAN (32) and THOMAS (6) sit in the bathroom.

Thomas sits on the toilet crying. Megan is on her knees in front of him.

Every time Megan talks to Thomas she uses sign language as well as her voice.

MEGAN
We are not leaving the bathroom until you do your business. We use the toilet to go to the bathroom. No more kiddy potty.

THOMAS
No more kiddy potty.

Thomas struggles to say the words. They sound awkward and strained.

INT. APARTMENT, MEGAN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Megan walks in clearly exhausted. She slides into bed and quickly pulls the covers over her.

She is sleeping in seconds as the clock reads 2:34 A.M.

INT. APARTMENT, MEGAN'S BEDROOM - NIGHT - LATER

The clock reads 4:15 A.M. As Megan rolls over, Thomas walks into the bed room.

He is holding a stuffed animal. He quickly climbs into Megan's bed and gets under the covers. Megan wakes up.

She looks at the clock and sighs as she goes back to sleep.

INT. APARTMENT, MEGAN'S BEDROOM - MORNING

Megan wakes up to the sounds of a voice. She looks over her shoulder to see Thomas walking around her bedroom making noises that sound like an ambulance siren.

Megan looks at the clock; 6:15 A.M.

Thomas sees that Megan's awake and comes to her side. He extends his stuffed animal to her.

MEGAN

No thank you I want to sleep.

Thomas walks out of the bedroom. All of a sudden there is a loud BANG.

Megan gets out of bed.

INT. APARTMENT, KITCHEN - DAY

Megan grabs milk from the fridge. When the fridge door closes we see a magnet stuck to the fridge that reads "Autism Support Group" with phone numbers listed.

Megan pours a glass of milk and grabs a plate off the counter.

She puts the plate and glass of milk down on the kitchen table.

MEGAN

Come on buddy. Time to eat.

Thomas comes quickly to the table, still making noises with his mouth.

Thomas sits down at the table and lets out an excited yell. It sounds like a combination of a laugh and a moan.

He sticks his stuffed animal out to Megan.

MEGAN (cont'd)
No. It's time to eat.

Thomas continues to let out his excited yell.

MEGAN (cont'd)
No. It's time to eat breakfast. Eat
your eggs and toast.

Thomas puts the stuffed animal down and goes to grab the
eggs with his hands.

MEGAN (cont'd)
No. We use forks to eat.

Megan hands him a fork.

MEGAN (cont'd)
Use the fork to eat the eggs.

Thomas takes the fork and holds it awkwardly. Megan adjusts
the fork in his hand and helps him use it.

Together they cut a piece of egg. When they put the piece of
egg on the fork and bring it towards Thomas' mouth, Thomas
begins to scream.

The fork gets launched on the floor. Thomas yells. He tries
to articulate words but can't.

THOMAS
Brown.

Megan looks down and sees some brown on the eggs from being
cooked. She takes the brown off with the fork.

MEGAN
Look all better.

Thomas walks away upset. Megan sits there, defeated.

INT. APARTMENT, KITCHEN - DAY

Megan is on the phone.

MEGAN
Yeah he's still not talking really.
He said the word brown this morning.
It was during a tantrum but he still
said it. He only says a few words
here and there.

WOMAN (O.S.)
Every little step of progress is
great. Take it moment by moment.

MEGAN
I'm just trying to connect with him
and he seems resistant.

WOMAN (O.S.)
He has sensitivities that you and I
don't have. It has nothing to do with
you. He'll get there eventually, I
promise. It just takes time. There
are going to be moments that beat you
down and make you depressed. But
there are going to be occasional
moments of pure happiness that will
make it all worth while. Trust me.

Megan listens on the phone as she watches Thomas play in the
living room.

INT. APARTMENT, LIVING ROOM - DAY

Megan sits on the couch watching the news. Thomas walks by.

MEGAN
Come here buddy.

Megan opens her arms to Thomas. Thomas comes to her. Megan
grabs Thomas and gives him a hug. Thomas holds his stuffed
animal in both hands and doesn't hug back.

He then tries to wiggle his way out. Megan lets go and
Thomas walks off toward the front window.

He looks out the window holding his stuffed animal. Thomas
begins making the ambulance siren noises again.

Megan reluctantly goes back to watching T.V.

INT. APARTMENT, KITCHEN/LIVING ROOM - DAY

Megan pulls the garbage bag out of the garbage can. She ties
it up. Thomas sits on the floor playing with his toys in the
living room.

Megan goes out the front door with the trash bag. Thomas
continues to sit in the living room with his toys.

The Wizard of Oz plays on the T.V. Thomas gets entranced by
the movie. He puts his toys down and starts watching.

Megan comes back in the house and glances over to make sure Thomas is still there. She continues going about her chores.

INT. APARTMENT, KITCHEN/LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Megan pulls out food from the oven. Thomas is in the background in the living room.

THOMAS
Not in Kansas anymore.

Megan does not hear Thomas. She continues getting dinner ready.

THOMAS (cont'd)
We're not in Kansas anymore.

Megan hears him this time and turns around.

THOMAS (cont'd)
We're not in Kansas anymore.

Megan puts down the food and walks to Thomas excitedly.

MEGAN
What did you say?

Thomas yells excitedly.

MEGAN (cont'd)
What did you just say? We're not in
Kansas anymore? What is that from?

Thomas plays with his stuffed monkey pretending that it is flying.

MEGAN (cont'd)
The Wizard of OZ!

Megan puts the Wizard of OZ on the T.V. Thomas immediately gets sucked in.

Thomas sits on the floor in front of the T.V. staring intently. He begins making the ambulance noises again while he shakes back and forth, laughing. A smile comes over Megan's face.

Megan slowly gets down on the floor and cuddles up next to Thomas. He lets her.

As Megan sits behind Thomas she puts her legs and arms around him. Thomas doesn't mind. They sit there quietly and watch the Wizard of Oz as the food in the kitchen gets cold.