

JONNY'S HOME

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EXT. WOODS - EVENING

SASHA (early teens) and sister MAGGIE (about 9ish) walk through a dirt path along the perimeter of the woods.

SASHA
Where did you see him last?

MAGGIE
Right here.

SASHA
Right, where?

MAGGIE
Here! Here! He was standing right in this spot, next to this trashcan. I told him to wait right here and not to move.

SASHA
How long did it take you to go pee?

MAGGIE
Not thirty seconds, I swear. And I kept looking up and when I was finishing up, I looked up and didn't see him. He couldn't have gotten too far cause it was seconds.

SASHA
That's all it takes Maggie!
(calling out) Jonny? Jonny?!

Beat.

Mom and Dad is gonna kill us. You always get me in trouble! I ask you to watch Jonny for just two hours, two whole hours and you lose him!

MAGGIE (CRYING)
I'm scared, what if we don't find Jonny? I didn't mean to lose him.

SASHA
He'll turn up somewhere that's for sure---

MAN
You girls looking for something?

SASHA
No Mister, we're fine.

MAGGIE
Our little brother Jonny is lost.

MAN
Little brother, eh? How old is
Jonny?

SASHA
He's five.

MAN
Hmmm. I may have seen him...is
he...does he have a birthmark on
his forehead?

SASHA
Yes, he does, actually. That's
him.

MAN
Then I did see him. He was
wandering around by them logs,
near the stream. I'll walk you
girls on over there.

SASHA
That's okay. Our father should be
looking over there now, we'll just
walk over to him.

MAN
Your dad knows you girls are out
here?

SASHA
My whole family is looking for our
brother right now.

MAN
That so? Looks like you two girls
are all by your lonesome. It gets
pretty dreary around these parts.
I should really walk you girls on
over to your father, just to be
sure you both stay safe.

SASHA
We don't need you to walk with us.
Thank you.

Sasha grabs Maggie's hand and walks past the man.

MAN

I know where your brother is and I can take you to him if you like.

SASHA

How do we know you ain't lying?

MAN

I described him to you, didn't I?

Enter father.

FATHER

Hey, what are you two girls doing out here?

Maggie runs to her father and hugs him tight.

SASHA

We lost Jonny Dad and this man knows where's he's at?

MAN

I ain't seen nothing, sir.

SASHA

Dad! He said he saw Jonny and he described what he looks like and he knows where he is! He did something to him.

MAN

I ain't done nothing to no one. I saw a little boy wandering around but I decided to leave well enough alone.

FATHER

Is that what you decided?

MAN

Now hold on a minute...

FATHER

Girls, go back home. Jonny told me you were here.

SASHA

Jonny's home?

FATHER

Go on now...

Sasha and Maggie run along back toward home.

To Man.

You up to no good?

MAN

I was only trying to help your two daughters find your son.

FATHER

Were you now?

MAN

Honest to God.

FATHER

I've seen you before.

MAN

I'm from these parts, all these parts.

FATHER

Did you get a good look at my children?

MAN

Now hey, I'm not so sure I like your tone, sir?

FATHER

That's alright. We're alright. I got a good look at you, too.

MAN

You have something you wanna handle right now?

Man pulls out a knife.
Because I don't like wasting time.

FATHER

That don't mean nothing to me when it comes to my family.

MAN

Oh, good. (beat) Come on, come on in then...

Long pause.

FATHER

Come near my family ever again...

MAN

It's about you and me now, oh
yeah, come on in now...I drew it,
I ain't putting it away until it
cuts something now.

FATHER

You take one step toward me, I'm
going to kill you. You stay away
from my family...

Both men stare at one another.

Each man slowly pulls away and back peddles from the
another.