

# Young Kevin

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HOLDEN

Going out to meet Kevin. \*

MOTHER

It's a school night, be back here  
by ten thirt--

WHAM. The door CLOSES. The Mother shakes her head in  
frustration. Turns to her husband, looking for support. \*

FATHER

... What? \*

EXT. HOLDEN'S HOUSE - DUSK

A MOTORBIKE RIPS out of the open garage and veers onto --

EXT. STREETS OF FORT SCOTT - DUSK

As Holden RIDES, we see VARIOUS SHOTS of this small town lit  
by a spectacular mid-west SUNSET. Snapshots of an older  
America. Churches, bait shops, rolling fields bifurcated  
with idle railroad tracks. Jesus, it's like an Amblin movie.

EXT. WATER TOWER - NIGHT

Holden pulls his bike up to a security fence and parks it  
beside a ten-speed. He starts to SCALE THE FENCE, using a  
"NO TRESPASSING" sign for footing.

The Young Boy (KEVIN) shouts to him from above:

KEVIN (O.S.)

Hurry your ass up here -- I think I  
saw something.

Holden drops to the other side of the fence and we SMASH TO:

ANGLE THROUGH BINOCULARS

RIBBONS OF LIGHT STREAK BY US as breathtaking speeds. A  
spectacular METEOR SHOWER slicing through the night sky. \*

KA-CHSHHH -- a BEER CAN pops open spilling FOAM over the  
edge. Kevin hands it to Holden for the binoculars. REVEAL  
they're HIGH UP on -- \*

THE RIM OF THE TOWER

Holden lets his feet dangle over the edge as he takes a sip. \*

KEVIN (CONT'D)

(re: binoculars)

Duuuuude, you weren't kidding.  
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HOLDEN

Who?

Shit. Kevin's mind races to come up with an answer.

KEVIN

You don't know her. Julie. From summer camp.

(busted)

Whatever, it doesn't matter. What matters is we're teenagers now.

A whole world's open up to us.

(then)

A new frontier.

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But Holden is lost in the endless blanket of stars -- the only frontier that interests him.

HOLDEN

Did you know there's over a hundred billion stars up there, and they're all different?

KEVIN

Yeah, so?

HOLDEN

So aren't you ever curious? What's beyond high school? Beyond this town? This planet...?

(then; wistful)

Just look up. We're all a part of something bigger. Like pieces in a giant jigsaw puzzle. Don't you ever wanna know what we're a picture of?

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A beat as Kevin digests that. And then:

KEVIN

Not unless it's a picture of Todd's sister in that bikini...

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Kevin bursts out LAUGHING -- but Holden isn't smiling. Kevin follows Holden's gaze, out towards the main road. His smile wavers as --

TWO HEADLIGHTS approach from the distance. Inching CLOSER.

KEVIN (CONT'D)

Oh hell no... please not the cops.

Holden and Kevin hastily pack up their things as we CUT TO:

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