

(Short Film: Action/Drama)

TREMBLE



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Careful what you bury.

SAMPLE SCENE

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INT. MODEST SUBURBAN HOME - CONTINUOUS

MARK

Herb, I got a confession to make, because Herb, just like you, I've acted out of anger. You see, I'm the one who really... um... offed? your boy.

HERB

Oh.

(beat)

Excuse me, I've got to go.

Herb goes inside, picks up phone. Mark sighs, pulls out gun, steps inside, and then closes the door

MARK

Nice place you got here.

Mark shows Herb the gun by holding it out in front of him, palm up, and letting Herb look into the barrel of the gun. Mark has obviously done this before, and there is sympathy in his eyes. Herb sees the gun, stops dialing, and places the phone down in the receiver.

MARK (CONT'D)

That coffee sure smells good.

HERB

Did Peter, or did I, ever do anything to hurt you?

MARK

Naw, I didn't even know him.

HERB

Then why?

MARK

I really wish I knew the answer to that. I do.

FLASHBACK - EXT. PARK - NIGHT

Mark sits, crossed legged, with his back to a bush; staring at the moon. In his hands he aims his gun against the point in between his eyes.

MARK (V.O.)
I can remember that I was really,
really, bummed that day; living in
the park.

Slowly, his eyes turn and notice something.

MARK (V.O.) (CONT'D)
And when I saw him walking that
dog, all happy like nothing could
touch him.

PETER, Herb's son, walks his dog along a paved trail. He
looks up at the night sky - as if he wants to travel even
farther.

MARK (V.O.) (CONT'D)
And I saw that he had this little
gold necklace around his neck. And
it reminded me of the one that my
Mom used to wear.

Mark charges out of the bushes from behind Peter holding
the gun in his hands backwards, like a hammer.

MARK (V.O.) (CONT'D)
And I just went berserk.

EXT. PARK - LATER

Mark, now wearing Peter's bloodied jacket, and shoes; is
walking the dog. He is not focused on distant things, but
instead is very happy just being there. He smiles and pats
the dog.

MARK (V.O.)
And I remember taking his money
and his dog and walking around all
night like I was him. Walking
around all night.

EXT. PARK - LATER

UNKNOWN ASSAILANT approaches Mark from behind; sneaking up
and hitting him between the shoulders with a baseball bat.

MARK (V.O.)
Until that other kid snuck up from
behind and jumped me; so they
found all the money and shit on
him.

END FLASHBACK