

NextLifeBook

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INT. LEE HOUSEHOLD - DAY

DAD hunches over computer on dining table, he types.

DAD (V.O)
Hey Son,

EXT. PATHWAY - DAY

Dad and YOUNG SON walk to school. Son is sulking.

DAD
Your first day of school, I know
you're scared but hey,

Dad squats down to look at Young Son.

DAD
You're gonna learn so many new things.
Like why can't humans fly? or why the
the moon follows us?

Young Son laughs. Dad and son continue walking happily.

DAD (V.O)
You'll have so much fun, I promise.

INT. LIVING ROOM - EVENING

TEEN SON and Mom are arguing. Tensions are high.

TEEN SON
Oh My God! It's just one time right!
What the hell is your problem!

Mom slaps son and goes to room. Door slams.

INT. SON'S ROOM - EVENING

Teen Son punches the wall. Dad enters room. They both sit on bed.

DAD
She's your mother. Nobody loves you
more than she does. Whatever this
fight is about, it's breaking her
heart. You know that. You and I also
know she's not going to be the one
that apologises. You know what to do.
You only have 1 mother, take care of
her for me.

Teen Son knocks and opens Mom's door.

TEEN SON

Mom...?

EXT. PHOTO STUDIO - DAY

Mom arranges Teen Son's graduation gown. Teen Son and Mom hug. PARENTS and Teen Son pose for a photo. Only Teen Son and Mom are in the photo.

EXT. PATHWAY - DAY

Young Son walks to school alone, sulking. He takes out a folded letter from pocket. The letter reads 'When you have your first day of school'

INT. SON'S ROOM - EVENING

Teen Son punches the wall. His gaze lands on a box. He takes a letter from inside the box. 'When you have your worst fight with Mom'. Teen Son holds letter and enters Mom's room. Screen fades to black.

INT. LEE HOUSEHOLD - DAY

YOUNG SON

Dad...?

DAD

(looking up from computer)

Didn't we just tuck you in?

YOUNG SON

I can't sleep... I'm scared...

DAD

Come on now, I'll tuck you in before mummy sees, then we'll really have something to be scared of.

Dad carries Young Son towards bedroom and out of living room. Camera zooms to see his typing on computer 'For When I'm Gone'