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EXT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PLAYGROUND - DAY

ID MS  
SAM 1 :30

A short sixth-grade boy, SAM, lies on a bed of wood chips below a metal geodome. He watches the clouds while he breaks off squares of a chocolate bar and puts them in his mouth.

Sam looks at his right hand. It is covered in chocolate. He rubs two chocolatey fingers together, then against the wood chips. Sam stares out into the playground, watching other children laugh and play. A shadow falls over his face.

① SAM POV ①A MS RICK & FRIENDS  
A large sixth-grade boy, RICK, and his two friends appear on top of the dome demanding the chocolate.

Sam timidly hands it over. LH

Rick distributes the chocolate to his two friends, and they disappear.

DANIEL, another student, watches timidly from his place on the swing set.

A BELL RINGS.

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INT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GYM - DAY

2 :08

② FS KIDS RUNNING

A group of boys and girls in matching outfits run around the gym track. The squeaking of shoes against the floor echoes throughout the building.

②A XCU COACH/WHISTLE

Sam is covered in sweat. He inhales and exhales sharply. A WHISTLE BLOWS and he and all the other children stop running.

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INT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GYM - LATER

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③A MS RICK ③B WS RICK ③C MS SAM ③D MS SAM GO FPS ③E CU SAM ③F CU SAM GO FPS  
The boys are in the heat of a basketball game. Rick has the ball but is heavily guarded by the opposition. He spots Sam standing to his right, wide open. Rick lobs the ball Sam's way. He catches it. LEFT

Sam eyes the goal. He studies it for a moment, shuts his eyes, and fires the ball toward the hole. The ball misses the basket entirely and rolls out of bounds. The gym teacher blows his whistle and the boys all stop playing.

Rick turns away as the members of the other team laugh at him. Sam looks embarrassed.

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4 EXT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - STAGE CLOSET - LATER 4 :08  
 (4A) MCU SAM & RICK LH (4B) INSERT PUNCH RH  
 Rick pushes Sam against the wall. He punches him in his gut repeatedly.\*3 Sam tries to recover his breath and Rick nails him in the face.

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5 INT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - GYM - MORNING 5 :15  
 (5) WS SAM (5A) INSERT B-BALL SAM'S FEET (5B) INSERT B-BALL 60 FPS  
 Sam stands alone and BOUNCES a BALL. Each bounce corresponds with a punch.  
 He raises the ball up to his face to reveal a black eye.  
 Sam shoots the ball toward the hoop and it <sup>misses</sup> ~~bounces off of~~ the backboard and rolls across the gym floor.

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6 EXT. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PLAYGROUND - DAY 6 :23  
 (6) MLS SAM (6A) MCU SAM (6B) MCU SAM PROFILE (6C) SAM'S POV SHOES  
 Sam sits on a swing, swaying back and forth ever so slightly. He stares down at his feet.  
 He looks up to see Daniel towering over him. Sam stares up at him for a moment. Daniel sits down in the swing next to him.  
 Daniel produces a Hershey's Bar from his pocket. He unwraps it and snaps it in half. He extends half towards Sam. Sam grabs it and takes a bite.  
 The two chew on the chocolate, still swaying in the swings.

FADE OUT.

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