

DISCOVERING ORANGE AND GREEN

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FADE IN:

EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD - DAY

A school-bus full of over-eager kids drives around the old colonial brick style town. The bus makes its stop at bay drive.

The doors to the bus open and an excited Keigan, 10 years old, leaps off the bus. He sports a red and yellow jersey in honor of his favorite hero, Ironman. At 4.1' he has a big personality.

Bryce, 10 years old, mild-mannered with a cautious step, emerges from the school-bus after Keigan. He lugs around an agreeable personality that slows him down more than his heavy backpack.

Without caution, Keigan scurries across the street towards his house, almost running into Mark, 80s, deep eyes with an experienced smile, who is on his daily walk around the neighborhood.

MARK

Woah there! Is this Bryce or
Keigan? Wait! Don't tell me...It's
Bryce!

Keigan rolls his eyes. The two are identical twin brothers.

BRYCE

(Running into view)
Nope! I'm Bryce! You can tell cause
I'm a little taller.

Keigan repeats his annoyed action.

MARK

I'll make sure to remember that. So
what are your two plans for the
summer? When I was your age we
would throw rocks at each other,
although it sounds a little
dangerous now. Oh! You boys have to
try stick fighting. We would go
outside, grab sticks, and pretend
to be knights. How about camps? Are
you boys attending any camps? They
didn't have any summer camps at my
age, we had to make our own fun.
Ahh those were the days, I
remember...

Keigan interjects.

KEIGAN

Nope! We're gonna play so much video-games. Ever heard of Legend of Zelda: Oscarina in Time! Prolly not, you're old.

BRYCE

It's an epic adventure game and we're gonna play all summer long! I...

Keigan cuts his brother off.

KEIGAN

We have a bet with our friends on who can beat the whole game first so we better get back to it.

CUT TO:

INT. KEIGAN AND BRYCE'S HOME - DAY

Meredith, mid 40s, blonde with kind eyes, has too many things on her plate, a plate that she must finish alone. She prepares dinner in the kitchen as she looks out the window onto her two sons talking to their neighbor, Mark. She holds a tense expression.

The twins run in with Keigan throwing his backpack to the floor.

MEREDITH

I hope you two were nice to Mr. Mark.

With much speed, Keigan runs to go upstairs.

KEIGAN

We were!

Meredith makes a miffed look at the fleeing twin. The other twin, Bryce, scampers towards his mom, hugging her and then quickly following his brother.

MEREDITH

(Yelling because of distance, not anger)
Video-games I take it? You do know it's a nice day out today, right? Hint Hint! Try to go outside!

The cat, Percy, orange, and mischievous, follows the two twin boys sneakily.

JUMP CUT TO:

INT. THE BOYS' ROOM - DAY

Keigan and Bryce enter their room and turn on the Nintendo Switch. Their gaming set-up sits in-between the separate sides of their shared room. Keigan's side is unkempt and sloppy while Bryce's is relatively clean, only dirtied by his candy wrappers, empty bags of chips, and a few books. Keigan removes his socks throwing them against the wall.

BRYCE
Mom won't like that.

KEIGAN
It's summer, who cares.

Keigan and Bryce begin playing Legend of Zelda: Oscarina in Time. Soon enough, they approach their first boss fight, against Queen Gohma.

KEIGAN (CONT'D)
No! No! You're doing it all wrong,
Bryce. You gotta stun her! Give me
that.

Bryce hands the controller to his demanding brother. Keigan quickly starts spamming buttons and oddly enough it is working.

KEIGAN (CONT'D)
Boom boom! Slash! Stun! Ahahaha, I
almost got her!

Queen Gohma's health is almost gone, but suddenly the screen turns black.

KEIGAN (CONT'D) BRYCE

What?! I almost had it! No! We almost had her! How?

The twins scan the room, finding Percy to be the culprit. Percy stares at the two angry boys with an unbothered look. Although the boys expect his reasoning, Percy has nothing to say for himself...for he is a cat.

KEIGAN (CONT'D)
Get out of here fur-ball!

Bryce picks up Percy, plops him outside the room, and shuts the door.

CUT TO:

MONTAGE - INT. BEDROOM - DAY

The boys keep progressing in their game. As they nearly complete chapter 1, Percy unplugs the TV. The Twins get upset and kick him out.

Somehow Percy returns and preforms the same action. The boys have to restart the progression of their game and kick him out again.

Percy returns for a third, fourth, fifth, and sixth time to unplug the TV. The twins slam the door harder each time. The boys only reach chapter two.

END MONTAGE

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

Keigan and Bryce run into the kitchen while their Mom places three plates and three sets of silverware on the table.

BRYCE
Mom! Mom! Momma!

KEIGAN
Mom! Mother! Mom!

MEREDITH
What?! What's going on? Stop acting crazy.

BRYCE
It's Percy! He ruined our game soooo many times!

KEIGAN
We gotta get rid of him! Banish him, Mom! Banish him, I say!

MEREDITH
We are not banishing Percy! I got him for you two! I'm tired of all these video-games anyway. Go outside or do something productive! No more video-games, you two are ridiculous.

The twins attempt to fight back but Meredith does not budge.
No more video-games.

CUT TO:

INT. ATTIC - DAY

Keigan sets up a whiteboard while Bryce piles stacks of Pringles into his mouth.

KEIGAN
Stop that! This is serious.

Keigan poorly draws Percy on the board then crosses him out.

KEIGAN (CONT'D)
Boom! Operation, No More Cat. For too long Mom has bossed us around. Now we will beat her and banish that cat!

BRYCE
She won't be happy.

KEIGAN
Silly Bryce. She won't ever find out it was us. We can go back to playing Zelda and kick our friend's butts in this bet.

Bryce appears skeptical.

KEIGAN (CONT'D)
It's like we're the Avengers. I'm obviously Iron Man, team-leader, smart, rich, awesome... and...uh... you're the Hulk.

BRYCE
I like the Hulk.

Bryce reluctantly agrees and the two equip themselves head to toe in tactical gear, including their dad's old sunglasses for Keigan, and a Hulk mask for Bryce.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - NIGHT

Keigan and Bryce tip toe their way to Percy, and pick him up.

JUMP CUT TO:

EXT. PARK - NIGHT

Keigan and Bryce plop Percy outside.

KEIGAN

Percy, you are banished. Mom said
so too. No coming back.

Percy simply meows while Bryce looks over his shoulder.

KEIGAN (CONT'D)

Grow up, Bryce. You can't still be
afraid of the dark. How can you be
an Avenger looking like that?

Keigan shakes his head and starts his walk home. Bryce
fearfully follows close behind.

FADE IN:

INT. BEDROOM - NEXT DAY

Meredith enters the two twins' room with urgency.

MEREDITH

Have you two seen Percy? He is a
sneaky little guy but I can't find
him anywhere.

The twins look at each other nervously.

KEIGAN

Nope. Can we go back to games?

Meredith's face tightens in anger.

MEREDITH

No you cannot! You two used to love
those nature films and begged me
for a pet Lion!

Meredith's eyes begin to water, but she holds it in.

MEREDITH (CONT'D)

I got you a Lion, or at least a
smaller one. His name is Percy, and
he's lost now.

She turns and leaves before she lets the twins see her tears.
The boys look at each other again, this time with sadness.

FADE TO:

INT. MEREDITH'S BEDROOM - DAY

Meredith takes out an old family photo from her nightstand drawer. In it, are the 3 year old twins as well as Meredith and her late husband. She bursts into tears. Keigan and Bryce peak through the door witnessing their mom crying.

CUT TO:

INT. ATTIC - DAY

The whiteboard is set up again. Keigan draws and presents his plan while Bryce snacks and watches.

KEIGAN

Operation, Rescue The Lion. Boom!
Let's go find Percy and be like the
Avengers. Saving the day!

BRYCE

We were the Avengers last time. All
it did was make Mom cry. I've never
seen her cry before.

KEIGAN

Operation, No More Cat was a part
of Operation Rescue The Lion. I
always know what I'm doing, trust
me.

Although annoyed, Bryce agrees and they both suit up.

CUT TO:

QUICK MONTAGE - INT. BEDROOM - DAY

The boys put on warrior face paint.

They grab binoculars, flashlights, and snacks, stuffing them
into a backpack.

Keigan puts his crocs into sport mode while Bryce slicks back
his hair with a comb.

END MONTAGE

KEIGAN

(dramatically)

Let's go get our cat.

CUT TO:

EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD - DAY

Keigan pulls out a sketched map of their neighborhood, leading them to the right before quickly changing his mind to go left.

BRYCE
Are you sure it's this way?

KEIGAN
Shh. I know what I'm doing.

Keigan then redirects them back to the right.

BRYCE
Percy! Percy!

KEIGAN (CONT'D)
Over here, Percy! Come come!

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK - DAY

With no luck calling Percy's name, the twins try a new plan. They look under the benches, in the trash cans, and behind trees. They have no luck finding him.

RUFFLING

BRYCE
What was that?

The boys spot the source of the sound. There is something moving around in a bush.

KEIGAN
There! tail! I saw it!. That has to be Percy!

BRYCE
It looked too furry.

KEIGAN
Only one way to find out. You go look.

Bryce just stares at his brother nervously.

KEIGAN (CONT'D)
Go do it! You're afraid of the dark AND bushes. Haha scaredy cat!

BRYCE
Shut up, Keigan! Fine, I'll do it.

The ruffling continues as Bryce cautiously steps towards it. At a mere foots distance, Bryce leans in, spotting a FOX.

BRYCE (CONT'D)

Ahhh! Run! Ahhhh!

Bryce and Keigan both start running and screaming. After a safe distance they keep fleeing. Keigan leads them over some uneven terrain and Bryce falls, cutting his knee slightly.

BRYCE (CONT'D)

Aghhh! Keigan!

Keigan turns back.

KEIGAN

Oh poop! Are you okay?

BRYCE

No! I fell. There's blood! Go get mom!

Bryce starts crying.

KEIGAN

Chillax, you'll be okay.

BRYCE

I'm done with you! You suck! You're bossy a-an--and mean! Mom crying and my cut is all y-you--your fault! Everything is your fault! I wa-wanna go home.

Keigan remains quiet while Bryce sniffles.

KEIGAN

I'm sorry, we can't go home. Mom is prolly still sad and it'll be dark soon. We have to find him before that. Okay?

Bryce sniffles some more.

BRYCE

No more bossy pants, okay?

KEIGAN

Deal. Let's go!

CUT TO:

MONTAGE - EXT. PARK - DAY

The twins run through the park doing cartwheels and jumping around. Bryce less so than Keigan because of his leg.

They look under parked cars, under door mats to houses, and behind people in the park.

The boys stick fight then get angry and chase each other.

Bryce downs a bunch of snacks while Keigan chugs water.

END MONTAGE

CUT TO:

EXT. PARK - DAY

Exhausted, the boys rest on a bench in the park. The sun is beginning to set.

BRYCE
I want the chips.

KEIGAN
Gimme the juice.

BRYCE (CONT'D)
We're out.

KEIGAN (CONT'D)
We're out.

They look at each other with frustration, both deciding to turn away from one another.

Neighbor Mark walks up to the two boys and sits in the middle of the feuding twins.

MARK
What are you two all grumpy goose about?

BRYCE
Percy is lost.

MARK
Cat? Dog? Fish perhaps? Maybe even an Elephant?

KEIGAN
He's a cat. We can't find him. Nature sucks butt.

MARK
Nature's not all that bad.

The boys both remain in a grumpy hunchback position. Mark looks up at the swaying branches and the chirping birds.

MARK (CONT'D)

Hey look at that, you two! What a lovely bird. You know, many people spend their days looking at their feet or what's ahead, but I always found looking up to be the best view. Anyway, I best be getting home and so should you two. Your mother is probably missing you.

Bryce looks at Mark with watery eyes.

BRYCE

You don't think she'll be mad at us?

MARK

Impossible, Bryce. No matter how upset a mother gets, their love for their children is unconditional. She'll be excited to see you.

Mark stands up, smiles at the two, then walks off.

BRYCE

It's getting dark.

Keigan scoots closer to Bryce, hugging him.

FADE TO:

EXT. NEIGHBORHOOD - NIGHT

The twins remain close, walking on the dim-lit sidewalk. Bryce remembers what Mark said. He changes his view from his feet, to the night sky and the trees above. Bryce spots something. It's orange contrasts with all the dark green leaves.

BRYCE

Keigan! Look up! Look! Look! Percy!

Keigan glances up, spotting the cat. He is in disbelief, but also ecstatic.

KEIGAN

Nice job! Woo hoo! Way to go, Hulk!

The laughing and cheering dissipates as the two realize they must climb to reach him.

BRYCE

What are we gonna do? I'm scared.

Keigan takes a deep breath and cracks his knuckles.

KEIGAN

You stay. I'll go.

Bryce is confused by his brother's response but does not argue. Without much experience climbing or the outdoors in general, Keigan is finally fearful. But he keeps climbing, almost falling a couple times, until he reaches the branch Percy rests on.

KEIGAN (CONT'D)

Come here, Percy. Come on, fur-ball.

Percy remains still and unbothered. As Keigan inches closer to him, the thin branch sways, bends, and creaks. Keigan is so close that he reaches his hands out to grab his cat, but Percy falls!

KEIGAN (CONT'D)

No! Catch him, Bryce!

Bryce can barely see the flying feline in all the darkness, but makes out enough to dive and catch him.

KEIGAN (CONT'D)

Yes! Let's go Avengers! We are Earth's mightiest heroes!

Keigan climbs down and the two brothers, plus Percy, share a group-hug in celebration.

MATCH CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - NEXT DAY

The twins and Meredith are in a group-hug. Meredith gives her children forehead kisses and the brothers run outside.

KEIGAN

(to Meredith)

Don't wait up!

The twins run around the streets, jumping on the architecture, laughing, and playing around. They come across Mark on the same bench as before.

KEIGAN (CONT'D)

We found Percy, Mr. Mark!

MARK

Haha! Great job you two!

KEIGAN

Wanna stick fight with us?

BRYCE

Please! Please!

KEIGAN (CONT'D)

Come on!

MARK

Haha, I'm a pro at this game,
remember? Not sure you two will
stand a chance, but I'll go easy on
ya.

Keigan hands Mark a stick and they all begin playing and pretending to be knights. They laugh together, and the twins forget all about their video-game. From now on, they will be embarking on real adventures.

FADE TO BLACK.