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FADE IN:

EXT. SKATEPARK - EVENING

The sound of skateboards and scooters are heard faintly.

The sun is low in the sky, the park is almost dark.

KIT, an African American boy in his early 20's, is wearing a black baggy sweatshirt, black jeans, and bright yellow shoes worn from years of skating. He's slim but not very tall.

Kit stands with his board on the side of the park, watching the other people skate.

A large group of younger kids exit the park.

JAMES, a larger, early 20's, well built white man with a buzz cut, enters the park.

Kit examines him, as does the rest of the park.

James wears worn down blue jeans, with a pristine white tee and brand new skate shoes.

James has a look of slight frustration in his eyes and the rest of the park feels his energy.

Kit throws his board down and starts to skate the park, he has years of skating under his belt and it shows.

Short montage of kit skating

CUT TO:

EXT. SKATEPARK - MOMENTS LATER

Kit is focused on himself and his art. Music plays through his headphones making him feel even more confident.

His concentration gets snapped abruptly by commotion and yelling on the other side of the park.

SKKRT he power slides to a stop and peers over and sees the situation. He POPS his board up into his hands.

Kit runs to the shouting and sees James and SKATE BOY 1 getting in a heated argument, anger building.

Skate boy 1 is around the same age as him.

Skate boy 1's friends stand to the side. There's chatter and commotion from the small crowd.

SKATE BOY 1
Dude relax man it was an
ACCIDENT!!!

JAMES
You ran right fucking into me!

James pushes skate boy 1

SKATE BOY 1
CHILL OUT I TOLD YOU IT WAS AN
ACCIDENT Skate boy 1 pushes him
back, Skateboard still in hand
As James winds up about to punch
the boy Kit runs in and halts
the punch.

KIT
HEY HEY man chill out lets just
calm down alright man? It was an
accident it happens all the time
at parks oka- As Kit finishes
his statement James hits him in
the gut.

Kit falls to his knees, it is a hard punch.

The friends start to stir and shout at James. James leans over at Kit and makes a statement.

JAMES
Mind your own fucking business
dude...

Skate kid 1 pushes James. Not phased, James walks out of the park as the rest of the group continues to shout at him.

Kit lays on the ground and the kids start to swarm to help him.

CUT TO:

INT. KITS HOME - THE NEXT MORNING

Kit and KITS FATHER sit together at a dining table in the middle of a small kitchen area.

Kit sits with his laptop in front of him and a bowl of cereal off to the side.

He stares into the screen, partially absent.

KIT'S FATHER, a middle aged gentleman with health issues. He looks unwell and weak. He is dressed in worn pajamas and doesn't go out often.

The apartment surrounding him is in poor condition, and is very old and small.

They sit in silence for a moment before Kit's father speaks, his voice is soft and kind.

KITS FATHER

So, you've been keeping up with school? You still enjoying it?

KIT

Yeah dad it's actually going pretty well.

Kit sounds optimistic with minor stress still in his voice, but still happy to be hanging out with his dad.

KITS FATHER

Well that's great I'm glad to hear you're keeping up, that's better than i ever did in college.

Kit and his father lightly chuckle as Kit's father sips his coffee.

A beat.

KITS FATHER (CONT'D)

... and work?

KIT

what about work?

KITS FATHER

Hows work going?

KIT

it's work... Not super fun. ya know.