

1 ANIMATION -- CARTOON ON TV 1

A fox and a rabbit chase each other through a garden.

The fox suddenly runs into a washing line, getting stuck in a large pair of underwear. The rabbit rolls around on the ground laughing.

2 INT. LIVING ROOM -- DAY 2

A three-year-old boy, BEN, sits watching the cartoon. The reflection of the TV filling his wide eyes.

He has messy brown hair, and is wearing his pyjama's.

His arms are raised in front of the screen. In his hands he holds replica toys of the characters. He mimics the actions of the show with the toys.

LOU (34), his Mother, appears in the doorway. Arms crossed, she frowns slightly as she watches her youngest child.

Lingering for a second, hesitant to leave, she finally turns and heads to the kitchen.

3 INT. KITCHEN -- DAY 3

A knife slams down onto a chopping board. It slices through a cucumber. Lou continues to divide the cucumber up into thin slices.

She proceeds to delicately arrange the cucumber onto pre-prepared sandwich slices. They have been cut into triangles, and already have perfectly sized ham spread on them. Three slices goes on each. She closes the sandwiches and places them on a plastic plate.

She pauses. The TV can be heard in the background. The same show is playing.

She picks up the knife, wrapping it in a towel. She places it in a high cupboard.

Picking up the plate she leaves the kitchen.

4 INT. LIVING ROOM -- DAY 4

A plate is placed gently onto Ben's lap. He slowly puts down his toys but continues to watch the TV.

Lou stands behind him.

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LOU
Ben, honey, eat your sandwiches.

Ben slowly shakes his head. His eyes don't leave the screen. Lou looks away from him.

LOU
Ben.

The TV continues to reflect in Ben's eyes. Lou runs a hand through her hair. She closes her eyes. Her finger comes to rest on her lips.

LOU
I swear to God. Ben.

She turns her head back to her Son. On screen the rabbit stabs the fox with a spear. Lou flinches.

LOU
That's enough Ben. Turn it off.

Again Ben shakes his head.

BEN
No. I don't want to.

His little hand picks up one of the sandwiches. He squashes it between his palms. Lou watches as a cucumber falls to the plate.

On the TV the rabbit finds some kitchen knives.

Lou surges forward. Grabbing the remote she fumbles with the buttons. She's crying now and her movements are frantic.

On screen the rabbit starts throwing the knives at the fox.

LOU
(angrily)
I said turn it off! Stop! Stop!
Why won't it turn off!

Lou throws the remote. It hits a framed picture, falling to the ground and smashing.

She pushes past Ben. Grabbing the TV she tries to find the off button.

LOU
Stop!

The TV screen goes black. Ben screams. The squashed sandwich hits the screen, landing on the ground.

Ben stands up. He runs up the stairs. A door slams.

Lou grips her head. She slides down the wall next to the smashed frame. Looking down her eyes linger on the picture. She places a hand on top of it. The image is one of her and her children. She's sitting on their sofa, arms around them. Ben is on her left holding a stuffed bear, a smile on his face. To her right is a girl (9). This is DAISY. She's leaning into her Mother, a massive grin on her face.

Lou strokes a finger across the image of Daisy's face. She closes her eyes. A tear slides down her cheek.

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MONTAGE -- VARIOUS

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- Daisy is smiling sitting on a swing. Lou is pushing her laughing.

- Daisy and Ben sit next to each other. They are both colouring in a picture. They start fighting over a pencil. Ben finally wins and Daisy laughs.

- Animation: The rabbit stabs a colouring pencil into the back of the fox's paw. The fox jumps back, shaking its paw.

- Ben and Daisy are running around in the garden. Daisy is blowing bubbles. Ben is laughing and trying to catch them.

- Animation: The fox is chasing the rabbit through a house. The rabbit runs into a door.

- Daisy is kneeling in front of Ben. She's now his height. She picks a Daisy from the grass and places it behind Ben's ear. Ben smiles.

- Animation: The rabbit has a knife in its stomach. It pulls it out and throws it to the side.

- Daisy is twirling round in a pink dress. She's laughing. Completely carefree.

- Animation: The rabbit starts throwing knives at the fox. One sticks in the fox's shoulder.

- Ben is finger painting. The paint is red. He drags it across the paper.

- Ben is standing on a step stool. He is washing red paint from his hands.

- Daisy is lying on the floor. A knife is stuck into her chest. Ben has blood on his hands. He tries wiping it on his shirt. He tries shaking Daisy. She won't wake up. He screams.

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- Paramedics are taking Daisy away on a stretcher. Lou is screaming. Ben is crying. He tries to hold his Mothers hand but she bats it away.

- Lou is crying. She holds a daisy in between her fingers. She rolls it around a few times before kissing it. She cups it and pulls it into her chest. She drops her head.

MONTAGE END.

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INT. LIVING ROOM -- DAY

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Lou raises her head. She's still crying. One hand still lingers on the picture while the other lays limply by her side.

Slowly she picks herself up off the floor. As she walks towards the stairs her hand trails over the surfaces in the house. She starts climbing the stairs. Her hand trails along the banister.

She reaches the top. Her eyes linger on Ben's room. She pushes his door open slightly.

Ben is curled up on his bed. He's crying and his nose is running. His eyes rise to meet Lou's. She stares at him.

BEN

Mummy...

Lou closes her eyes. Turning around she walks towards her own room. Once inside she turns around and looks towards Ben's room. He's standing in his doorway. He reaches out to her. She looks away. The door closes.