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INT. MARCIN'S HOUSE. DAY.

A coat zipper is pulled up. A scarf wrapped underneath a scowling chin. MAMA's (22) hands pull a woolly hat onto MARCIN's (4) head.

Marcin thinks Mama is fussing. He pushes her hand away.

TATA's (25) legs pass and his hand ruffles the hat on Marcin's head.

Marcin lights up and tries to follow him, but Mama starts fussing again.

EXT. THE STREET.

Mama's hand pulls Marcin down the street.

BLACK.

A shop bell.

INT. MAMA'S WORK.

The hairdressers is grey and dull. Marcin sits on the floor and scowls. Whenever he tries to play, he's shushed.

The shop bell rings. Tata's legs step inside. Marcin grins.

Then Mama's legs cut between them. She's shouting but the sound is muffled. Tata is trying to get past her to Marcin.

Marcin looks between them. He steps out from behind Mama's legs and looks up at her as he takes Tata's hand.

A tear splashes onto Marcin's head.

EXT. THE STREET.

Tata is marching ahead and Marcin is running to keep up. His coat flaps in the wind and his hat drops out of his pocket. Onto the ground.

EXT. A FUNFAIR.

The funfair is bright and loud, constant motion against the night sky.

Marcin and Tata are at a hot dog stand. Marcin is beaming. Above him, the muffled sounds of Tata talking to the HOT DOG GIRL (19).

Marcin starts to shiver. He fumbles unsuccessfully with his zip.

He tugs on Tata's sleeve, but the sound of Tata talking doesn't stop. Tata shoves Marcin against his side.

The legs of the hot dog girl appear besides Tata's...

MATCH CUT TO:

INT. A BAR.

...and they stand beside each other at the bar, laughing.

Marcin sits under the bar and plays with the paper coasters. His tummy rumbles and he closes his eyes.

When he opens them, hot dog girl is gone and Tata is struggling to stand.

EXT. THE STREET.

Marcin is no longer smiling.

He carefully zips up Tata's coat. Tata tries to swat his hand away.

He leads Tata down the street by the hand.

As they walk, they pass the hat Marcin dropped earlier. It's crushed underneath Tata's shoe.

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