

Pa

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INT. HOME: LUCA'S BEDROOM

Luca finds a dusty photo album containing photos of him and his grandpa from when he was younger, with a cassette titled "Pa". He puts it in the cassette player.

The Cassette starts to play a voiceover made by Luca for his grandpa. Luca starts to flip the first page of the photo album

VOICEOVER

I found you today, Pa

In a dusty album, wedged between  
forgotten boxes

Shot of Pa's hat hanging on Luca's door

VOICEOVER (CONT'D)

I see a part of you everyday

I walk past it, and it moves beyond my  
range of vision.

Time has worn down my ability to see  
you.

Photo album is on a page that has a picture of younger Luca and his grandpa

VOICEOVER (CONT'D)

I called you Pa because mum did

Every day I spend without you, I  
forget

MATCH CUT

INT. GRANDPARENTS HOME: LIVING ROOM

Real life scene of Luca from the age of 7 whilst he is held in his grandpas arms and Luca is filming him.

VOICEOVER

You held me in your arms, lifting me  
effortlessly while I tried to capture  
the fragment of our joy.

Switches to the same scene but recreated with Pa and Child Luca, showing how imperfect memories are

## VOICEOVER (CONT'D)

Not realising how these once concrete  
moments would one day be fleeting  
memories

Your laugh fills the frame, eyes  
crinkling at the corners as I fumble  
with the phone, our faces too close to  
the lens

A memory I wish I could remember in  
its entirety

Child Luca and Pa are playing with a toy car before Luca  
breaks it by crashing it

INT. GRANDPARENTS HOME: PLAY ROOM

Pa surprises Child with a RC Car and the play with it until  
Luca breaks it shortly after.

## VOICEOVER

You didn't buy me much, your love was  
enough for me.

I remember when you bought me the RC  
car, ten dollars in the clearance cart  
at Safeway.

I was so excited, a toy we can play  
with.

It didn't take me long to break it.

EXT. GRASS

Shot of Adult Luca lying on endless grass surrounded by  
cassette tapes listening to music as the camera slowly zooms  
out

## VOICEOVER

(exhales)

I could drown myself in the music that  
reminds me of you.

INT. GRANDPARENTS HOME: COUCH

Child Luca and Pa are play fighting. Pa is being gentle and  
letting Child Luca jump all over him.

VOICEOVER

I thought I was so strong wrestling  
you.

Your strength contained, carefully  
measured.

You'd let me run and jump all over  
you, even though you were sick

Recreated scene of Child Luca and Pa play fighting

VOICEOVER (CONT'D)

You were a fighter.

Silent battles in your body, yet still

You'd battle me

EXT. PARK

Recreated Child Luca and Pa are playing at a park, Child Luca  
is running away from his Pa.

VOICEOVER

You'd chase me at the park

Using every last bit of your already  
depleted energy

But I didn't know.

INT. GRANDPARENTS HOME: BEDROOM

Pa is lying down in bed looking very sick whilst Child Luca  
is trying to play with him

VOICEOVER

I didn't realise how soon goodbye  
would come

I was not able to know one was coming.

Close up of Child Luca holding Pa's crippled hand with his  
watch

VOICEOVER (CONT'D)

I held your hand at the hospital,  
watching my mere time with you tick  
away

VOICEOVER (CONT'D)  
I couldn't say goodbye

Close up of Child Luca wearing Pa's watch with Pa gone, pans out to show

Because goodbye meant you'd be gone  
forever

INT. GRANDPARENTS HOME: DINING TABLE

It's Child Luca's 8th birthday and he is sitting behind his cake with Pa, there are family members behind taking photos and recording.

VOICEOVER  
I blew out my candles

Not knowing that would be my last with  
you

MATCH CUT TO:

Adult Luca Blowing out his 18th birthday candles

VOICEOVER (CONT'D)  
I'm 18 now, it's been ten years  
without you, Pa.

Life does feel lonely sometimes but,  
that's okay

INT. GRANDPARENTS HOME: DINING TABLE

Adult Luca is playing cards with Pa

VOICEOVER  
I'd like to image a different timeline  
where I could still see you

Playing the cards I once pretended

MATCH CUT TO:

Child Luca playing cards with Pa

VOICEOVER (CONT'D)  
I knew how to play  
  
Time has moved beyond you, but your  
presence stays in this world, with me.

Child Luca and Pa are smiling for a photo

VOICEOVER (CONT'D)  
I try to reach beyond my faulty  
memory, beyond the bounds of morality

MATCH CUT TO:

INT. HOME: LUCA'S BEDROOM

The photo of Child Luca and Pa slowly zooms out into the  
photo album

VOICEOVER  
But I'm too weak to grab hold, and you  
remain as a memory in the duty album,  
wedged between forgotten boxes.

Adult Luca Turns off the cassette player, closes the photo  
album, puts it back between the boxes and walks away.

The cassette starts playing on its own, zooming out to show  
the lit candle and picture of Pa on his desk.

VOICEOVER (CONT'D)  
Your candle will stay lit as long as  
you're remembered

Cassette player stops

**Credits roll with the lit candle in the background**