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RUN LIKE HELL

TEASER

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Opening

.big, blue sky

A few clouds. Sun gleaming. Tilt down to:

Ext. Suburb - POV - day

Anywhere USA. We are in the POV of **NICK,** mid-20s and affable.

We walk down the

.front steps of Nick's house.

Birds chirp. The sky is perfectly blue.

At the sidewalk, Nick takes a deep breath and pulls from his pocket a HAND-WRITTEN NOTE on lined

He CLEARS HIS THROAT and

.reads OUT LOUD as he walks:

NICK

Laura, I've had a fairly mediocre life. I went to a decent school, got a decent job. Then I lost that job. Now I'm working at the high school we both went to. The same one where I

!Shadow

Nick is so focused on the paper that he doesn't notice a LARGE SHADOW move across the street in

Teacher's Salary...

NICK

My pathetic teacher's salary forced me to move back into my parents' house. It almost feels like

!Dog

A DOG runs by, BARKING, leash dragging behind it.

But Nick ignores it and walks on.

And then you showed up...

NICK

And then, today, you showed up. And I feel like I have a chance here to turn things around. To If I can just ask you out on a date.

!Lawn Mower

We walk past a half-mowed lawn. The MOWER sits, engine running. No owner in sight.

Again, we ignore this. We're on a mission.

Even as DISTANT SIRENS and SKIDDING TIRES echo through the neighborhood.

That's why I'm here...

NICK

So that's why I'm here. And before you answer, I just want you to know that it's OK to say no. See, sometimes I get the feeling that I'm so wrapped up in my own stuff that I miss what's happen

!F16 Flyby

.OVERHEAD

...three F16 FIGHTERS fly by in formation. Nick/we pause to watch them pass. Then back to the

NICK

I've always felt like I was destined for more. So if I can do this, maybe it's the start of som

!Car sucked into the air!

In our peripheral vision, a CAR is engulfed by some kind BLUE BEAM from the sky. After a beat t

Nick misses it AGAIN. But he does

.TURN TO LOOK

Looks up, down. No car. No nothing.

Hm.

Back to the paper:

So whatever you say is fine...

NICK

So whatever you say is fine. I've wanted to do this since that night -- and I think maybe you w

!Alien Flyby

Overhead, in the distance, small flying craft fly by in formation. But these are NOT JETS.

They are ALIEN SPACECRAFT.

But Nick -- God love him -- misses it.

To too?

NICK

"To too?" That's awkward.

Shakes it off.

NICK

And so here I am at your door, hoping that ten years too late isn't -- too late.

He kind of skims the rest.

NICK

Laura, will you go out with me, etcetera etcetera.

He folds up the note and puts it back in his pocket.

Cracks his knuckles with nervous energy. Injures himself.

NICK

Ow!

He shakes it off. Stares up at

Laura's House

.laura's house.

Behind it, STRANGE CLOUDS. Whatever.

More SIRENS in the distance.

NICK

Don't say no. Don't say no. Don't say no.

And he walks up to the door.

NICK

(practicing)

Hi Laura. Hi Laura! Hello Laura.

Clears his throat again. Places his hand on the doorbell.

DING...

.KABOOOOOOOM!

The house SHATTERS INTO A MILLION PEICES!

LASER BEAMS blast through the splintering wood all around us! We duck, stumbling backwards.

We/Nick are on our backside, covered in DEBRIS. We look up.

.The house is DESTROYED.

Where it sat is now OPEN SKY, filled with

.A GIGANTIC, EVIL FLYING SAUCER

...which rains fiery hell down on earth in all directions.

At the center of the ship is a TRACTOR BEAM.

And in that tractor beam is LAURA.

We just barely see her getting sucked away. Flailing, screaming:

LAURA

Nick! NICK!

Nick/we pause for a moment, stunned.

The ship begins to pull away, slowly. Then faster.

And we do the only thing we know how to do.

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We get up.

And RUN.

.toward the ship.

FREEZE FRAME on flailing arms and legs and a distant spaceship over a scorched Earth.

TITLE (accompanied by rockin' music):

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> BLACK.

>The End<[[Slugline Settings BPK01]]

