

EXT. PARK - DAY

The open passenger-side door of a sedan. Just inside is a GIRL (8), facing out of the car into the park. In the driver's seat, a WOMAN, 30s, dressed in a pantsuit, packs a BLUE SATCHEL into the girl's OVERSTUFFED PINK BACKPACK.

The woman checks her watch. The girl looks back pleadingly. The woman ushers the girl on, gently pushing her out of the car.

The girl takes a few steps into the park, then looks backward towards the woman, pleadingly again. She finally starts the walk, resigned.

She walks off along a windy path into the park, which is big, beautiful, and green. In the background, TWO KIDS are playing with a ball. She looks at them, puts her head down, and continues onward.

Some COLLEGE STUDENTS play with a frisbee. She slows down to watch them.

With a glance backward, she trudges forward again along the windy path.

A couple is kissing on a towel on the grass. She looks over at them and can't stop staring.

The woman notices her. The couple looks back at her, and after a few awkward moments they both give a wave and a smile. She hurries along, smiling to herself.

A DOG crosses her path. She bends down to pet the dog and play with him. The OWNER apologizes from the background and calls the dog back. The dog runs away.

She looks forward to her destination, her expression immediately dampens. She stands up.

She runs the last thirty or forty feet up to another car. A MAN stands with his arms crossed, leaning against the passenger side door. We're now on the other side of the park.

She approaches him, but we can't see his face because we're too low down, with the girl. She stares up at him expectantly. There is a long moment.

The girl looks back, then looks back up at him.

GIRL

Mom says you owe her still.

MAN
You got everything?

GIRL
I forgot my toothbrush.

MAN
You forgot your toothbrush.

The girl reaches for the back door handle.

MAN (CONT'D)
Nah-ah-ah. You go back and tell her
that she can buy you a new
toothbrush. Or else you can stay
with her this weekend. Go on. Tell
her.

The girl tries to conceal her joy. She turns around and RUNS
down the path.

Past the DOG OWNER and dog, who runs along with her for a
moment.

Past the COUPLE - they have resumed kissing.

Past the COLLEGE STUDENTS playing frisbee.

Past the TWO KIDS playing with a ball.

And as she approaches the other end of the park, her
expression turns anxious.

Finally at the start of the path, she looks down the street
both ways: her mother's car is gone!

She glumly turns back around into the park. Walking slowly,
she opens up her backpack and pulls out the BLUE SATCHEL. She
unzips this and she takes out her TOOTHBRUSH.

About fifty feet into her walk, she stops and looks around at
the park.

She stands for about 20 seconds, staring away from the camera
into the green park.

She walks away from the camera, into the park.

FADE TO BLACK.