

RED SHOES sprint along the floor, a BACKPACK shifts left to right and a NECKLACE with a NUMBER 8 CHARM bounces over top the collar of a HOODIE. Its HOOD blows back to reveal the punk kid wearing it named, NOAH, (14). He looks over his shoulder. There's fear in his eyes.

The TALARI BROTHERS: CHARLIE and WILLIS, (40s), make a hurried beeline towards Noah as they push PEOPLE over. Willis is covered in MILKSHAKE SPLATTER.

PASSERBY (O.S.)

Look out!

Noah plummets into a CROWD. PASSERBY helps Noah to his feet.

PASSERBY (CONT'D)

You all right, buddy?

NOAH

Those guys are after me!

PASSERBY

Where's your family?

CHARLIE TALARI (O.S.)

He's a thief!

WILLIS TALARI (O.S.)

Don't let him get away!

HANDS grab Noah from all around.

Passerby sees the Talari brothers and frees Noah.

PASSERBY

Go!

(Points to an ESCALATOR
down the hall)

Noah runs.

The Talari brothers jolt through the CROWD. Charlie runs into the Passerby and they both go down.

Willis jumps over them and catches up to Noah.

WILLIS TALARI

I got him Charlie!

2 INT. MALL - KIOSK - DAY 2

Noah runs at a KIOSK OWNER selling ROOMBA VACUUMS with one on the floor as a demonstration. He kicks the ROOMBA.

The roomba rotates and rolls in Willis' direction.

KIOSK OWNER

What do you think you're doing?!

Noah runs off.

Willis charging with full force, steps on the roomba, flings backwards, lands hard on his back.

Charlie gets up and makes his way to Willis.

CHARLIE TALARI

Which way did he go Willis?

Willis cross eyed, points and Charlie looks.

CHARLIE TALARI (CONT'D)

He's going to the escalator. Get to the second floor and cut him off!

Charlie runs in the direction of Noah.

WILLIS TALARI

Whatever you say, bro.

3 INT. MALL - HALLWAY - DAY 3

Noah sees a TRACKLESS MALL TRAIN driving down the hall.

4 INT. MALL - KIOSK - DAY 4

Willis stands hunched over and flings his spine back - CRACK!

WILLIS TALARI

What a clean floor.

Willis sees the escalator then hears an elevator ding. He looks over and sees ELEVATOR.

WILLIS TALARI (CONT'D)

Oh.

(Shuffles to it)

5 INT. MALL - HALLWAY - TRAIN - DAY 5

The train travels at high speed.

Noah holds on to the roof of the train as it travels.

Charlie sprints after the train and leaps into the air.

6 INT. MALL - ELEVATOR - DAY 6

Willis stands in a corner beside a COUPLE on a date. Calming elevator music plays over the speakers.

Willis sees one of them holding a MILKSHAKE.

WILLIS TALARI
Don't mind if I do.
(Goes at the milkshake)

7 INT. MALL - WALL - DAY 7

A MALL COP stands on his SEGWAY and eats a slice of PIZZA.

A SHOE SALESMAN runs to him.

SHOE SALESMAN
Did you catch him?!

MALL COP
On my break, pal.

SHOE SALESMAN
Serve and protect, man! There's a
kid about this tall -
(Gestures Noah's height)
Is wearing a backpack, a hoodie and
stole a pair of Jordans!

MALL COP
And did you call it in to the - ?

Mall cop goes to take a bite and sees the train traveling by with a Noah on the roof and Charlie being dragged behind it.

The pizza droops.

Mall cop throws the pizza at the Shoe Salesman, flips on his siren and chases down the train.

8 INT. MALL - FROM UPSTAIRS - DAY 8

RANDOM KID
(Tugging on MOM's arm)
Mommy, mommy! Can I ride the train?

9 INT. MALL - HALLWAY - TRAIN - DAY 9

Noah holds on as the train zips by a GROUP OF TEENAGERS glued to their phones unaware of the situation.

Mall cop rolls up beside the train. His battery beeps.

Charlie climbs on the roof.

CHARLIE TALARI
Give me the backpack, kid!

NOAH
It's not yours!

Mall cop speeds to the CONDUCTOR, (80s).

MALL COP
Stop the locomotive!

The segway's battery beeps.

CONDUCTOR
(Speeding up)
You'll never catch me, two wheels!

The segway's battery beeps and dies.

MALL COP
(Presses on his radio)
We got a crazy train conductor on
the loose in sector nine!

10 EXT. MALL - DIFFERENT STORES - DAY 10

A SQUAD of MALL COPS burst out of all corners of the mall. One come out of the bathroom with TOILET PAPER fluttering behind him in the wind.

11 EXT. MALL - HALLWAY - DAY 11

The squad joins to form a line and block the train's path.

The conductor jumps out of the train, rolls on the ground and runs off. The train dies to a stop.

NOAH
Well, that was anticlimactic.

Noah jumps off the train and bolts for the escalator.

Charlie falls off the train.

CHARLIE TALARI
I'm okay.

12 INT. MALL - FOOD COURT - DAY 12

Willis sits at a TABLE while sipping on a MILKSHAKE.

Noah reaches the second floor, sees Willis standing and walking towards him.

Noah looks behind him and sees Charlie riding the escalator.

WILLIS TALARI
No where to run now.

A SPEED WALKER goes passed Willis. Willis lifts the milkshake to save it.

WILLIS TALARI (CONT'D)
That was close.

Willis goes to at Noah, gets knocked over and trampled by a GROUP OF MALL SPEED WALKERS.

WILLIS TALARI (CONT'D)
I hate this mall!

Noah runs off through the food court.

Charlie finds Willis on the floor.

CHARLIE TALARI
Why are you always on the floor?!
(Helping his brother up)

13 EXT. MALL - PARKING LOT - DAY 13

Noah runs and about half way into the parking lot, he stops to catch his breath - HONK!

A CAR drives by him.

Noah then sees the squad all lined up on the sidewalk.

A Mexican standoff: Noah adjusts his footing. A mall cop revs his electric segway and a VAN pulls up in between them to let off a GRANDMA, (60s).

The grandma looks at the mall cops and walks into the mall. The van drives off and Noah is seen running at full blast.

The squad let out a battle cry and charge the lot. A slow motion dance commences of swerving mall cops on segways and cars pulling in and out of parking spaces as Noah continues onward. Each mall cop either rolls over the hood of a car, eats pavement or gets launched into the air.

14 EXT. CROSSWALK - DAY 14

Reverts to real time: Noah reaches the street light and gets inches away from the traffic. He punches the pedestrian BUTTON numerous times while peering at a CHURCH in the distance. Noah looks back to see -

15 EXT. MALL - PARKING LOT - DAY 15

A dislocated segway WHEEL spins and falls flat as the squad trudge back to the mall defeated, but one mall cop stands with half a mustache.

MALL COP

You haven't seen the last of - !

Mall Cop gets knocked down by the Talari brothers as they continue the chase.

16 EXT. CROSSWALK - DAY 16

Noah runs into traffic and dodges CARS.

The Talari brothers reach the crosswalk and Charlie pushes the button numerous times.

CHARLIE TALARI

Come on!

WILLIS TALARI

You just need to push it once.

17 EXT. CHURCH PARKING LOT - DAY 17

TWO SISTERS, (9 and 11), jump out of the back of a LUXURY CAR with a BACKPACKS.

OLDER SISTER
Bye mom, see you next Sunday!

YOUNGER SISTER
Love you, dad! Kisses!

MOM
Bye, honey!

DAD
And hey, don't feed any racoons!

MOM and DAD, (late 30s), join together side by side, smile and watch their daughters.

Noah runs in between them ruining this moment.

18 EXT. CHURCH PARKING LOT - DAY

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Noah sees a TOUR BUS down the way along with a bunch of TEENAGERS saying goodbye to their PARENTS. A BOY shakes his FATHER's hand, a GIRL hugs her MOTHER and a KID hugs his OLDER BROTHER.

Noah stops to look at this pair.

SELENA (O.S.)
Noah!

Noah jumps and sees SELENA, (early 20s), stomping after him while wearing a CAMP IVAN POLO.

SELENA (CONT'D)
Where were you this morning?

NOAH
Selena! This is the meet-up, right?

SELENA
You weren't at the group home like we discussed. Where have you been?

NOAH
Like the shoes?

SELENA
(Glances at his shoes)
You were at the mall this whole time?

NOAH
Hold on, did you think I was going to bail?

SELENA

I don't understand why you act like this, Noah. Do you not understand that this is it - so many others in your position would kill just to be you in this moment? This is your second chance. You know that right?

NOAH

Yeah, yeah.

SELENA

(Hands him a NAME TAG with a smiley face on it)

Just do me the favor and get on the bus before something bad happens.

Noah looks back to see the Talari brothers entering the parking lot.

NOAH

You got it!

(Takes the name tag and gets on the bus)

19

INT. BUS - DAY

19

Noah stands in the aisle as he watches a rambunctious TEENAGERS move about. A SPITBALL hits Noah's face.

NOAH

What the - !

SELENA

Find a seat, Noah.

Noah takes the ball off his face and walks. He sees a seat by a GIRL stretching her legs across the seat.

Noah nears the back and sees a KID picking nose and eating whatever he finds.

Noah continues his way, looks to his left, sees a seat beside at OLIVER, (13), an overweight, nerd and then looks to the right to sees a seat beside a beautiful girl, MALLORY, (14).

NOAH

(Leans to Mallory)

Is this seat - ?

TREY, (14), a rich little jerk jabs Noah and hijacks the seat next to Mallory.

MALLORY

Trey, that wasn't nice at all!

Noah peers at Trey.

TREY

You looking at me, butt-nugget?

Oliver pops the seat next to him.

OLIVER

Hey, you can pop a squat here pal!

Noah gnashes his teeth and sits next to Oliver.

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INT. BUS - SEAT - DAY

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Noah notices Oliver's WATER BOTTLE, unscrews the cap and downs it as Oliver rambles.

OLIVER

Oh, go ahead, pal. There's plenty of water at the camp, but heed my advice, don't drink from the lake.

(Pops Noah in the arm)

This one time, I got a leech on my tongue and boy was it excruciating! I'm talking the granddaddy of leeches! I have a scar, see?

(Sticks out his tongue)

The name's Oliver and yours?

Noah finishes the water points at his name tag.

OLIVER (CONT'D)

Noah! I can tell you're a pretty laid back guy. I can imagine you fishing the whole time, am I right?

(Pops Noah's arm)

Do you enjoy fishing? I do to a degree, but there was this one time a hook snagged my finger and now I can't feel anything with it. What's your favorite camp activity? Mine is when we make s'mores. Do you know how many marshmallows I can put in my mouth?

NOAH

Enough to quit talking?

Oliver goes silent, belly laughs and pops Noah's arm.

OLIVER

We're going to be good buddies.
We'll bunk together, hike together
and swim together, but I can only
doggie paddle. Can you swim? Oh -
(Continues talking)

Noah sees the Talari brothers searching the parking lot.

Noah fidgets with his necklace, puts on his hood, slips into
the seat and hugs his backpack.

BUZZ - BUZZ - BUZZ

Noah looks at his backpack.

The bus doors close and the vehicle heads off. Kids cheer.

21 EXT. CHURCH PARKING LOT - DAY

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The Talari brothers scratch their heads as the bus pulls off
behind them. We see them pointing fingers at one another.

NOAH (V.O.)

Okay, so I know what you're
thinking, "How in the world did he
wind up here?" and no, I'm not
talking about Mr. ADHD over here.

The sound of a gavel hitting wood is heard.