

Luke's Suicide

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EXT. SPORTS GROUND, DAY

LUKE SALVATORE, 18, wearing a green and blue lattice shirt, lying on the ground. The sun is shining. Wind blows, leaves sway. Blood comes from Luke's nose. The screen shows what Luke sees.

The screen is quite blurry, but it's clearly a man's figure. The man walks away.

FADE TO BLACK

INT. DAY HARRY'S HOME, DAY

Posters of films and games are all over the wall. The camera scans the wall and finally spot at the alarm clock as the clock starts to ring. A hand presses the button and stops the ring.

HARRY GREEN, 17, curly hair, wakes up, puts on his glasses. He goes to the bathroom, looks into the mirror, sighs, not satisfied. Harry's mom, Phoebe Green, is watching TV.

TV

It has been confirmed that the Senior student, Luke Salvatore, who jumped off the teaching building of Lincoln High School, is dead.

He grabs his bag, ready to leave, then turns back to look at a small pack of Ferrero Rocher chocolate. He hesitates and then grabs it and puts it in his bag. He walks toward the door.

PHOEBE

Son, do you know about this? It happened in your school! Someone killed himself.

Harry stands there still for a few seconds.

HARRY

No I don't.

He leaves.

FADE OUT

INT. CLASSROOM, DAY

Harry holds the chocolate in his hand. From time to time, he looks at a girl not far away, ANGEL GORDON. We hear PROFESSOR MARY's voice vaguely. The voice suddenly stops.

PROFESSOR MARY  
Mr. Green... Mr. Green!

Harry finally realizes and nearly drops the chocolate out of nervous.

HARRY  
Yes, professor?

PROFESSOR MARY  
Can you tell me who found  
out Newton's First law of Motion?

HARRY  
(pause)  
Galileo?

PROFESSOR MARY  
Newton! It's Newton's First law of  
Motion! Were you even paying  
attention?

HARRY  
Sorry.

PROFESSOR MARY  
Sit down!

As he sits down, he glances through the glasses on the back door, there is a person. Harry panics. Sweats slip off his cheek.

HARRY (V.O)  
It's impossible!

FADE OUT

Bell rings.

PROFESSOR MARY  
Don't forget about your test  
tomorrow!

Angel grabs her bag. She is visibly sad. She goes out of the classroom. Harry still sits on his chair, looks at the chocolate and then watches Angel leaving. He gets a deep breath, stands up and walks out of the classroom.

INT.CORRIDOR, DAY

Harry follows Angel as Angel nearly walks to the gate.

HARRY  
Wait Angel!

Angel turns back, wonderingly and then she became angry after realizing it is Harry.

ANGEL  
I told you! I don't like you! Do not talk to me!

HARRY  
I...I know you are sad about his death, maybe this will make you happy.

Harry shows Angel the chocolate he has been holding for a long time. Angel slaps the chocolate away.

ANGEL  
It's not your concern!

Angel leaves, Harry, defeated, turns around to grab the chocolate on the ground. He bends down, grabs it and stands straight. He is terribly frightened as he sees Luke is standing in front of him.

LUKE  
Eh... Hello...

Harry, sweating, ignores him, turns around and begin walking. Luke follows.

LUKE  
Can we talk? I know you can see me!

EXT SPORTS GROUND, DAY

Harry speeds up and finally begins to run. He runs on the sports ground and catches his breath beside a basketball stands. Luke appears in front of him.

LUKE  
Could you please, just listen to me? I'm not going to hurt you. You probably are the only person who can see me.

Harry is terribly frightened.

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HARRY

What do you want from me?!

LUKE

I need your help.

HARRY

What? You need my help? Okay. Just allow me to make sure...are you Luke Salvatore?

LUKE

Yes.

HARRY

Then, you are a ghost.

LUKE

Hit me, as hard as you can.

HARRY

Why?

LUKE

Just hit me!

Harry raises his fists and hits Luke. His fist runs through Luke as if Luke is just air. He hits the basketball stands instead.

HARRY

Oh! Fuck, that hurts!

LUKE

Now you believe?

HARRY

Yes I do! Now what?!

LUKE

This is kinda embarrassing. I forgot how I died.

HARRY

Everybody is talking about your death. Were't you listening? You killed yourself! You jumped from the building!

LUKE

Yes I heard that, but I can't believe that is true! I mean, suicide is not something I will do.

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JACK and JOHN, playing basketball, sees Harry talking to the air.

JACK  
Hey, look! Harry Potter is doing  
his magic again!

JOHN  
What the hell is that dorky guy  
doing over there?

Jack holds the ball in his hand. They walk towards Harry.  
Jack throws the ball on him.

JACK  
Watch out!

Harry does not notice. The ball strikes him. His glasses  
nearly fall.

JOHN  
Ooh! Bullseye!

LUKE  
What the...

Luke turns to Jack and John.

LUKE  
What's your problem?!

Luke comes up, tries to argue with John, but his body goes  
through Jack's body, like air.

JACK  
I saw you talking to somebody, is  
that Voldemort?

JACK  
Hahaha...

LUKE  
Harry! Fight back! Be a man!

Harry heads down without saying a word.

JOHN  
Use your spell to get the ball  
back!

JACK  
Hey, you hear that!

Harry looks up and stares at Jack angrily.

JOHN

Hey! What are you looking at? Go  
get the ball!

Harry heads to the ball. As he begins walking, it rains.

JOHN

Oh, shit! Jack! Let's go.

John pushes Harry away and gets the ball. Harry falls on the ground.

LUKE

Are you okay?

HARRY

It's not your business!

LUKE

I don't mean to insult you, but  
seriously man, you are too weak.

HARRY

Yeah, I'm not like you! You are  
always the best! You are like the  
star in the school! So many girls  
fancy you!

LUKE

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HARRY

And what? You killed yourself. How?  
Why?

LUKE

That's exactly the same question I  
want to ask!

(pause)

That's why I need your help...

As Luke talks, Katherine Brooks, wearing a dark blue jeans jacket and a pair of leather pants, iPods in her ears, walks by. Luke's eyes follow her.

He stands up, chases her, and walks with her. He uses his hand to block the rain, but the raindrop goes through his hand.

EXT.SCHOOL GATE, DAY

Catherine passes the school gate. but Luke is blocked by a invisible wall.

He slams it, kicks it, uses his body to crush it. Nothing works.A man appears and holds the umbrella for her.Luke tries to identify the man but he can't. Luke is stunned.

HARRY

Who is she?

LUKE

Hmm?

HARRY

That girl. Who is she?

LUKE

She's my girlfriend.I mean, she was. But we broke up.

HARRY

So you killed yourself for that?

LUKE

What? No! No...

(pause)

Fuck!I can't remember anything! Oh my god! I just can't...And I can't believe she is with someone else now! It has only been a few days.

HARRY

Are you okay?

LUKE

Just leave me alone!

Luke runs away and disappears in the rain.

HARRY

Crazy guy. No. Crazy ghost.

FADE TO BLACK

EXT.SCHOOL GATE, DAY

Next morning, Harry enters the school gate. His shoe laces are loose, he bends down and laces up. Jack and John, riding bikes, passes through Harry and splatter the rainwater on him.



Luke, hiding behind a tree, sees what happens. Luke stands up and continue walking.

INT. CLASSROOM, DAY

Everyone in the class is busy writing on the exam paper. Harry has not finished a lot. He is terribly anxious. Hands to head.

LUKE  
Trust me. Choose D.

HARRY  
What?

His voice breaks the silence. Classmates stare at Harry.

PROFESSOR MARY  
Is there a problem Mr.Green?

HARRY  
No.

LUKE  
Hahaha. You nerd. Anyway, trust me,  
it's D.

Harry puts a D on that question.

MONTAGE

Luke, wandering around, peeks other student's paper.

Harry is frustrated by another question.

Luke points out the right answer.

FADE TO BLACK

Exam is over.Students discuss about the answers. The classroom is noisy. Harry puts things in his bag and leave. Luke follows.

EXT. SPORTS GROUND, DAY

Harry walks along, notices Luke is besides him.

HARRY  
Thank you!I know it was not  
something to be proud of. But thank  
you.

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LUKE  
Don't mention that.

HARRY  
Nobody has ever been so friendly to me.

LUKE  
You seem to be a nice guy,  
besides, you are the only person I  
can speak with.

HARRY  
Actually, I didn't know you are  
such a friendly person. You know,  
you seemed like...anyway, can we be  
friends?

LUKE  
Why not?

HARRY  
The thing you said about last time,  
I will help you!

LUKE  
Thank you!

They shake hands.

Montage

Harry searches online and reads through newspaper, trying to find how Luke died. But it all shows, "reason unknown".

Luke teaches Harry how to play basketball. He asks about what Harry finds, Harry shakes his head. Luke sighs, then gives Harry the ball. Harry makes a three point. Luke claps.

Harry asks Luke's teacher about his death, but they refuse to talk about it.

Luke is excited about Harry's finding. Harry shakes his head. Luke sighs.

Luke teaches Harry how to fight. Another day, a ball strikes Harry. It's the same scenario with Jack and John, but this time, Harry throws the ball back and fights like a man.

After the fight, Harry sits on the ground, blood on his face. He and Luke smile at each other.

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Harry writes a love letter to angel. Luke sees the letter, not satisfied, uses his finger to makes a cross on the letter. He tells what he should be writing. Then Harry stealthily puts it in Angela's bag. Next day he finds a pile of ripped paper on his desk. Both Harry and Luke sigh.

Screen shows a piece of paper with Luke's address. When it moves away, a white house appears in the frame.

EXT.LUKE'S HOME, DAY

Harry knocks on the door.

MRS. SALVATORE

Who is it?

HARRY

Hi, hello, this is Harry, Harry Green, I'm a friend of Luke Salvatore. Is this...

MRS. SALVATORE

We don't want to talk about him anymore.

HARRY

Is that Mrs. Salvatore?

MRS.SALVATORE

Please leave! I have nothing to say!

HARRY

Sorry I can't. Actually, it's your son who sends me here.

After a few seconds of silence, Mrs. Salvatore opens the door.

MRS. SALVATORE

Is that true?

FADE TO BLACK

INT.LUKE'S HOME, DAY

Harry enters. It's not a big house, but clean and tidy. Pictures of Luke and his certificates are all over the wall.

MRS. SALVATORE

He's a good boy, he's always been.

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HARRY

Indeed, he's a very nice guy.

Mrs. Salvatore sighs, tears come out, she covers her face, sobs.

MRS. SALVATORE

Sorry. Please have a seat.

Harry sits on a couch, Mrs. Salvatore brings some water and puts it on the table.

MRS. SALVATORE

So, you said you were Luke's friend.

HARRY

Actually, I am his friend, not was.

MRS. SALVATORE

What do you mean?

HARRY

I know it may sounds weird, but I can see him now. I mean, as a ghost.

Mrs. Salvatore is stunned, she drinks the water that was for Harry.

MRS. SALVATORE

Oh, excuse me. But...how come?

HARRY

I know it may sounds incredible, but it's true. I wish he could be here, but he can't. He is trapped in the school, can't get out.

Harry's sister, CAROLINE comes in.

CAROLINE

Mom I'm home! Wait... who is this?

MRS. SALVATORE

Oh, he's Luke's friend.

CAROLINE

Oh, okay.

MRS. SALVATORE

Actually, Caroline, can you sit here?

CAROLINE

Sure.

HARRY

Nice to meet you. So, Mrs. Salvatore, do you know anything about why your son killed himself?

MRS. SALVATORE

No, he is always an optimistic boy. None of us know what really happened to him.

(pause)

Is that true? That you can talk to him?

HARRY

Yes.

MRS. SALVATORE

Could you please bring us to him?

CAROLINE

Wait...What are you talking about?!

HARRY

I can see him.

Caroline laughs scornfully.

CAROLINE

Are you serious? And mom, you believe him?

MRS. SALVATORE

Yes, I do. If you don't, I will go by myself.

CAROLINE

This is madness!

Caroline goes to her room and slams her door. After she closes the door, she sweats, looks nervous.

HARRY

Mrs. Salvatore. Can you come to school at eleven? I will bring you to him.

FADE OUT

INT. CORRIDOR, DAY

Harry, at the corridor, writes a note on his hand. "Luke, your mom is here, do you want to talk to her? " Luke is shocked first, but nods his head.

EXT.SCHOOL GATE, DAY

Harry, walks toward the school gate. Luke follows. Harry is surprised that both Mrs. Salvatore and Caroline come. Caroline's head down.

HARRY

Hello, Mrs. Salvatore, Caroline.

MRS. SALVATORE

Hi!

(pause)

Is Luke here?

HARRY

Yes, he is right behind me.

Luke tries to hold his tears, but he can't.

LUKE

Hello, mom.

HARRY

He says hello.

Mrs. Salvatore bursts into tears. Caroline is still suspicious.

CAROLINE

You say he is with you, right? Then I want to ask a question. What's the name of my boyfriend.

LUKE

Damon Dragic, you met him when you were 16.

HARRY

He says his name is Damon Dragic, and you were 16 when you guys met.

Caroline is scared.

MRS. SALVATORE

It's real! My son is here! Luke. You don't know how much I miss you. How could you do that to us?

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LUKE

I'm sorry mom, but I can't remember. I'm really sorry. I am the worst son ever.

HARRY

He says he is really sorry for his act.

MRS. SALVATORE

It's okay. Mom understands, there must be something that bothers you.

CAROLINE

Luke, I'm sorry, you don't know how much I regret. I.....

At this time, Joe Breyer, Luke's best friend, stands near the gate, waiting someone. Luke notices. Katherine walks passes Luke and towards the gate. Joe comes up. They kiss.

Luke is completely shocked. The kissing scene overlaps with Caroline's confession. Everything begins spinning. Memories begin to flood back.

FADE OUT

EXT.KATHERINE'S HOME, DAY

Luke holds a bunch of roses, standing at the door. He presses the bell button. Katherine and Joey are having sex in bed. They hear the bell and gets off the bed. Luke presses the bell again.

LUKE

Open the door, please. Police officer.

KATHERINE

Wait a second!

Luke smiles. He smells the flower, waiting to give Katherine a surprise. Katherine puts on her bathrobe and opens the door.

LUKE

Happy anniversary!

Katherine is stunned.

KATHERINE

Oh...

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Luke puts on his shirt and his jeans, then comes out from the bedroom.

JOEY  
What's wrong honey?

Seeing Joey, Luke is shocked and then furious.

LUKE  
What the fuck is this,K? Joe, I thought you are my best friend. How could you?!

JOEY  
Since you've known everything, it doesn't hurt to tell you. She doesn't love you anymore, you know? She loves me!

Luke turns to Katherine, angrily.

LUKE  
Is that true?

KATHERINE  
Let me explain!

LUKE  
Explain what, that you were just playing around with me. that everything you said to me was just lie? What are you trying to explain?

JOEY  
There is no need to explain. You never understand her. You never try to. But I am different. I am better than you!

Luke's hands begin shaking. Roses fall on the ground. He slowly turns his head to Katherine.Katherine's head down.

KATHERINE  
I'm sorry.

Luke sits himself down and weak.Keep the same posture to the next scene.



EXT.ROOF OF THE TEACHING BUILDING, DAY

Luke sits at the edge, looks at his cell phone. He glances through pictures of him and Katherine together. His tears flow down his cheeks.

At this time, his phone rings.It's from Caroline.He sobs and tries to pull himself together.

LUKE

Hello?

(no response)

Hello?

CAROLINE

(drunk)

Luke, my dear brother. There is something I always wanted to tell you!

LUKE

Sis,you can tell me anything!

CAROLINE

I hate you! I hate you so bad! I wish you were never born! Mother always compare me with you.No matter what I do,I can never be as good as you are.

LUKE

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CAROLINE

Today is the first time I earned some money. It is twenty five dollar. I was so happy. I brought it to mom. Guess what mom said? Your brother got ninety five. Do you know how it feels? She did not even laid her eyes on it. I hate that feeling! I hate you!

Luke hangs off the phone before Caroline finishes her sentence He throws his phone away as hard as he can. The phone falls on the ground, shattered.

INT. CLASSROOM, DAY

Harry holds a small package of Ferrero Rocher. He keeps looking at Angel. Angel packs his bag and leaves. Harry, sweating heavily, stands up and follows Angel.

INT. CORRIDOR, DAY

HARRY  
Angel! Wait.

Angel turns back, sees Harry and the chocolate he is holding. Jack and John stand beside locker, wait to see how things go.

ANGEL  
I've told you, I don't like you.

JACK  
Nerd! Don't you know, our Angel loves Luke.

JACK & JOHN  
Angel loves Luke! Angel loves Luke!

ANGEL  
Cut that out! Anyway, don't talk to me again!

Angel leaves, Jack and John come at Harry, grabs the chocolate.

JACK  
Nerd. Look yourself in the mirror!

Jack and John leave, too. Harry sits on the ground, defeated.

Time passes. It is darker outside. Harry stands up and walks away.

EXT. SPORTS GROUND, DAY

Nobody is around. Harry walks out of the teaching building, Luke's phone falls on the ground, shattered. Out of curiosity, Harry walks to the phone. Then he turns back to see Luke is sitting on the edge of the roof.

LUKE  
Hey, you! Can I talk to you for a second?

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HARRY  
Are you Luke Salvatore?

LUKE  
Yes, I am.

HARRY  
Then I don't want to talk to you.

Harry puts on his headphone and walks away. Luke smiles with bitterness.

LUKE  
Love, friend, family, even  
strangers. Hahaha.

Luke jumps from building. The screen shows what he sees when he falls, and before he hits the ground, the scene goes black.

FADE TO BLACK

EXT. SCHOOL GATE, DAY

Back to present. Luke looks at Katherine and Joey, then turns to his sister, and finally looks at Harry. Caroline is still talking. Luke whispers besides Harry's ear.

LUKE  
Thank you, my friend. Now I  
remember! Everything.

Harry turns around, tries to find Luke, but he's already gone. Luke's voice can still be heard, loud and clear.

CAROLINE  
What's wrong?

LUKE  
Thank you for your kindness. So  
ironic, isn't it? It was actually  
you! Your apathy, that made me  
desperate. You are the person I saw  
when I was lying on the ground.  
Haha, funny isn't it? Trust me, I  
will always be your friend! Until  
the day you die. Oh, by the way,  
I'm not trapped anymore. Katherine  
will feel my love. As for my  
sister, she will get what she  
deserves!

Harry is incredibly frightened. He looks around anxiously.

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CAMERA CIRCLES AROUND HARRY, FASTER AND FASTER, ALONG WITH  
LUKE'S VOICE

After kissing, Katherine and Joey pass the street together.  
Suddenly a car loses control and hits both of them.

CUT TO BLACK

THE END