

CUT TO:

8 INT. GORDIE'S ROOM - MIDDAY

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With a hot dog wrapped in Wonder Bread stuck in his mouth, Gordie is getting ready for his trip. He pulls two blankets out of a drawer and throws them on the bed. With his hands free he tries to take another bite off the hot dog only to have it squirt out onto the floor.

Casually, he picks it up, blows the lint off, and sticks it back in his mouth.

He hears FOOTSTEPS coining down the hall and hides the pages under a stack of comic books.

Gordie's FATHER, a tall, stooped man with a tired face and gray hair, walking aimlessly down the hall, glances into Gordie's room. There's an awkward pause.

GORDIE  
(offering what's left of  
the hotdog)  
You want some, dad?

FATHER  
No...

The Father continues down the hall. After a beat, Gordie collects all the loose change and a watch off the top of the dresser and puts them in his pocket.

CUT TO:

9 INT. TEDDY'S ROOM - MIDDAY

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There's an Army recruiting poster above his bed.

Child-like crayon drawings of battle scenes decorate another wall. There's a faded 8X10 of his father as a young man in combat gear propped up on the dresser.

Cheap plastic models of planes, tanks and ships litter the room. Teddy takes a set of dog tags off his father's picture and pulls them over his head. Humming the Marine hymn Teddy puts on a cut-down battle blouse and tucks it into a pair of fatigue pants.