

For Create 50: The Impact
(Act 2 or 3)

THICKER THAN WATER

(Draft 2)

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As the world is about to end, two best friends learn that
'The ties that bind' are not always clear-cut.

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EXT. SUBURBS - DAY

Heavy BREATHING. A pair of boys boots POUND the pavement. The boots belong to JOSH (10). On his back, a full knapsack.

JOSH
Hurry up, Matt!

MATT (10) runs behind him, struggling to keep up. He hitches his knapsack on as the pair reach the base of a tree house and scurry up the ladder.

INT. TREE HOUSE - DAY

The boys empty their bags. Out comes sleeping bags, crisps, marshmallows, candles, stuffed toys, a penknife, water, and pictures of the boys with their respective parents.

Lastly, Matt pulls out his Star Wars Yoda alarm clock.

JOSH
Looks like we've got everything.

Josh strikes a match and lights a candle.

MATT
Great job.

He smiles at Josh, it's obvious his best friend is his hero.

Josh flicks open the penknife blade as he reaches over and takes Matt by the wrist. Matt pulls his grubby hand back.

MATT
Woah!

JOSH
I thought you wanted this?

MATT
I do, but, shouldn't we say something first?

JOSH
Like what?

MATT
(Hesitating)
Dear God thank you for my best friend Josh Lepinsky and ... and please don't let it hurt too much. Thank you!

Matt, sheepish, stretches his arm out.

Matt winces as Josh takes it and makes a careful, small incision in Matt's forefinger.

MATT

Owwwwww!

Josh offers the knife out. Matt grabs Josh's hand and repeats the process. Josh hides his pain, brave as always.

The boys press their bleeding fingers together. They look at each other with utter joy and hug with abandon.

INT. SUBURBAN HOUSE, JOSH'S BEDROOM - DAY

PAUL and LINDA LEPINSKY, sit together on Josh's bed. The room awash with photos of Josh with his parents in happier times. Paul cuddles Linda as they read a letter from Josh.

JOSH (V.O.)

Dear Mum and Dad I love you guys
soooooo much! More than anything.
You guys have given me the best
life any kid could ask for.

A tear rolls down Linda's cheek. Paul swallows hard.

JOSH (V.O.)

I'm really sorry not to be there
with you. You guys have each other
so you won't be alone.

Above the bed a big picture of Josh and Matt arm in arm, with the inscription "BFF'S 4 EVER!"

JOSH (V.O.)

Please don't be sad. Matt and I are
becoming blood brothers so I'll be
with family. Thanks for everything,
I'll love you forever and ever!
Love Josh.

EXT. TREEHOUSE - DUSK

The tree house glows golden with the light of the candle. The carefree, happy boys chatting away.

MATT

My turn. What killed all the
vegetarians?

JOSH

Dunno.

MATT

A Giant 'Meateor'

Uncontrolled, innocent LAUGHTER and GIGGLES echo on the breeze as the light fades.