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FADE IN:

INT. HIGH RISE - COUNCIL FLAT - KITCHEN - DAY

Food boils over on the dirty stove. Around the small kitchen are unwashed pans and open cereal boxes. ELLA, a young baby, WAILS in a high chair.

A mobile phone on the side BUZZES. In the b.g. we can hear an ALARM from somewhere in the flat.

DANNI (20s), female, rushes in, dressed in jeans, a hoodie and too much makeup. She turns off the stove.

DANNI

Shhhhhhh.

She grabs a bottle of formula from the side and puts it in front of Ella, who isn't soothed. Danni looks exhausted.

DANNI

Nan! Turn down the TV!

Just as Danni goes to grab her BUZZING mobile phone there's a BANG, BANG, BANG.

DANNI

Leo, no!

Danni rushes from the room.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

The hallway is clean but chaotic with coats and children's toys. LEO (8), Danni's heavily autistic son, is MOANING while thumping his head against a wall.

Danni rushes over and places her hand between his head and the wall, and gives him a long hug.

DANNI

Shhhhhhh.

With a hand on Leo's shoulder, Danni sticks her head into --

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Sparse mismatched furniture. NAN (80) is sitting in the far corner, connected up to an oxygen tank, staring at the TV, which is making a weird ALARM.

DANNI

Nan! Turn down the tele!

Nan ignores Danni. A BUZZING draws Danni into --

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

Leo wanders off as Danni grabs a yogurt from the fridge and gives it to Ella.

Danni finally picks up her buzzing mobile phone. At first she's distracted by Ella, but she becomes more and more serious about what she's scrolling through.

The sounds of the flat gradually fall SILENT.

Danni stares into the space.

She walks from the room, Ella silently screaming behind her.

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Danni walks straight past Leo silently thumping his head against the wall.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Entering the living room, Nan points at the TV, which is displaying a FLASHING RED warning sign and a "COUNT DOWN TO IMPACT: 45 minutes 10 SECONDS".

Danni walks out of the room.

EXT. FRONT DOOR - DAY

Still in a shocked silence, Danni stands outside the door.

CLOSE ON DANNI as she looks on in disbelief as SOUNDS return.

A car ALARM.

SCREAMING people fighting.

SIRENS.

An ORGY next door.

Danni takes a step away from the door, then stops. After a moment, with tears in her eyes she heads back inside.

Through the window, we see Danni enter the kitchen with Leo in one arm. She scoops up Ella in the other and they walk into the living room to sit with Nan.

FADE OUT:

THE END