

WE'LL MEET YOU AT THE CIRCUS

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BLACK SCREEN

DAD (O.S.)
Kids. Come on. I'm ready to start.
Hurry up, we haven't much time.

CUT TO:

INT. LONDON UNDERGROUND. PLATFORM - DAY

A large metal door is pushed open by the young BOY and GIRL. It opens on to a bright London Underground platform.

A crowd of people are sitting on the ground. The 'Next Train' sign is flickering.

The boy and girl run from the dark room they have been playing straight on to the platform.

DAD
Come on you two.

The kids and folks all settle down and look at Dad who is sitting on a seat formed from a broken up notice board.

DAD (CONT'D)
Everybody ready?

Nodding.

DAD (CONT'D)
Okay, Dokey. I suppose I could start this with 'once upon a time', but time is something we haven't got much of so let me just jump straight in. Perhaps this will be the last story ever told.

EXT. THE ZOO - DAY

The Dad from the underground and the kids, plus their MOTHER are at a zoo. The boy (Sebastian) is holding his mother's hand.

DAD (V.O.)
When Sebastian was seven a traumatic thing happened to him.

Sebastian sees some monkeys in a cage and slips his mother's fingers, wandering over to the animals. The boy puts his finger through the cage and a monkey bites it.

There is blood oozing from his finger. Sebastian looks around, he has lost his family. He starts crying.

A WOMAN comes over to help. She wipes the blood with a hanky.

WOMAN

My, my little one, you will be alright. Where are your family?

DAD (V.O.)

Sebastian tells her that the last thing they said to him was, if anyone got lost they would all meet up at the circus.

EXT. BIG TOP - DAY

The woman and Sebastian walk towards the entrance of the Big Top where Sebastian's mother stands frantically worrying.

DAD (V.O.)

Sebastian found his family and never ever wandered off again.

INT. LONDON UNDERGROUND. PLATFORM - DAY

DAD

When Sebastian was nine a traumatic thing happened to him.

There is a siren somewhere above the underground station.

EXT. STREET - DAY

The same siren. A huge white light bleaches the street. Darkness. Sebastian stands in rubble.

DAD (V.O.)

Sebastian remembers the darkness that followed and when the Sun came up again Sebastian was the only one left. Then he remembered what his family had told them that day, and so he went off to find the nearest circus.