

BLACK SCREEN

1 EXT. ROAD. DAY. 1

The sounds of heavy rhythmic breathing and the crunch of gravel under wheels are heard.

FADE IN

JADE, 16, is cycling quickly down a residential street. She breathes heavily and has tears in her eyes. She has a fresh cut on her forehead. She rides for a while before turning off the road onto a cycle path.

2 EXT. PATH. DAY 2

Jade continues to cycle, more slowly. She reaches up and touches the blood on her forehead, then looks at the blood on her fingers. Jade wipes the blood on her leg and turns off towards the beach and the shipwrecks. She reaches the beach and stops cycling, sitting on her bike for a moment looking at the ocean. Then she looks towards the old small boat, covered with sand.

3 EXT. BEACH. DAY. 3

FLASHBACK, SLOW MOTION

CLIPS

Young Jade is giggling on the boat, her dad has picked up a can of beer from their picnic and takes a swig, he smiles back at her.

4 EXT. BEACH. PRESENT DAY. 4

Jade stares at the boat. She ditches her bike and walks towards the boat. She stands looking down on it and suddenly hears a voice behind her.

JOE

Arrrr! Who dares to steal my ship!

Jade whips her head round in shock and sees a small 11 year old boy, JOE, wearing a pirates hat.

JADE

I'm sorry. But you see, this used to be my ship.

JOE

Shiver me timbers! There's only one thing for it then - we're going to have to share.

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Joe walks past Jade and sits cross legged inside the boat.

He pats the seat next to him and she sits down but looks deep in thought. Jade gets out a bottle of alcohol from her backpack with shaking hands and starts to drink.

JOE

Is that rum? That's a classic  
pirate's drink. I have one too!

He gets out a bottle of squash from his bag. Jade laughs sympathetically.

5 EXT. BEACH. DAY.

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FLASHBACK

Dad and Young Jade sit in the boat and pretend to steer across the sea in a make believe game.

DAD

My name is Captain Dadbeard, the  
mightiest sailor in these waters!  
What's your name, sailor?

YOUNG JADE

(giggling)  
Sailor Jade!

6 EXT. BEACH. DAY.

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PRESENT DAY

JADE

(turning her head to Joe)  
What's your name, sailor?

JOE

Pirate Joe.

JADE

I'm Jade. Where do you live Pirate  
Joe?

JOE

I've invaded that village up there.

Joe points out where his house is. Jade looks and smiles.

JADE

Okay.

She abruptly stands up and gasps

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JADE (CONT'D)

Oh no!

Feigning shock and looking towards the shoreline.

JADE(CONT'D)

What's that's in the sea?

Jade points towards the ocean. Joe looks up at her, excited and intrigued.

7 EXT. BEACH. DAY.

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FLASHBACK

Dad is stood up pointing down at the sand, Young Jade sits in the boat, eagerly looking up at her father.

DAD

... it's a big bad monster and...

8 EXT. BEACH. PRESENT DAY.

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JADE

(with voice of Dad)

.... I need your help to destroy it!

Joe smiles cheekily

9 EXT. BEACH. DAY.

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MONTAGE: PRESENT DAY

JOE FINDS A FORKED STICK. HE PASSES IT TO JADE AND SHE PUTS AN ELASTIC BAND AROUND TO MAKE A SLINGSHOT.

JADE HOLDS UP THE TYPE OF STONES THEY NEED TO FIRE OUT OF THE SLINGSHOT, WE SEE HER EXPLAIN THIS.

JOE BEGINS TO SCAVENGE FOR THE RIGHT SIZED PEBBLES.

Jade gets a notepad out of her rucksack, she rips a page out and rolls it up, creating a telescope. She looks out to sea.

Joe proudly comes back with a collection of pebbles. Jade holds one in her palm.

10 EXT. BEACH. DAY.

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FLASHBACK: MATCH CUT

Match cut of Jade and her Dad's hands with similar pebbles on their palms.

Her Dad is sitting on the picnic blanket with a real slingshot in his hand and a beer in the other hand.

Jade is sitting in her boat.

He offers the beer to her to take a sip, she takes it and takes a sip, screwing up her face. Her Dad aims the rocks at the multiple cans of beer that he has lined up in the sand, as a target practice game. Jade watches.

11 EXT. BEACH. PRESENT DAY.

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Jade's face has turned a touch sad, in the background we see Joe shoot the slingshot into the water. Jade snaps out of her daydream as Joe shouts.

JOE

I got it! I killed the monster!

Jade is surprised and runs down the the beach to him.

Joe is holding clump of seaweed in his hand, which looks like a monster.

JADE

Looks like dinner's sorted then!

Joe looks shocked, Jade laughs.

12 EXT. BEACH. PRESENT DAY.

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TWO SHOT:

Jade and Joe sit on the pier. The tide is coming in, and it's getting darker. The 'monster' of seaweed lies in the middle of a makeshift fire, unlit. Joe pokes it with a stick then stares at Jade who is looking at a big shipwreck.

JOE

(Pointing to cut on forehead)

Did a pirate give you that cut?

Jade looks at Joe.

13 INT. CAR. NIGHT.

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FLASHBACK

POV:

Jade turns the rear view mirror towards her and it's smashed. In the mirror you can see that her forehead is cut and bleeding. She reaches out to touch it.

14 EXT. BEACH. PRESENT DAY.

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Jade touches the cut and winces, staring down at the ground. She takes a swig of her near empty rum bottle and looks up to the shipwreck next to them.

JADE  
(drunkenly)  
Look, a real pirate's  
ship. Let's explore huh?

JOE  
My mum said I'm not allowed on  
those...

JADE  
Aw, are you scared?

JOE  
(Grumpily)  
No.

JADE  
Well I'm going anyway!

Jade stands up, laughing and wades off towards the ship through the water.

15 EXT. SHIPWRECK. DAY

15

Jade climbs up onto the shipwreck and starts exploring. She finds a 'treasure chest', but it's locked.

JADE  
(Singsong)  
Are you sure you don't want to come  
up? I found a treasure chest!

JOE  
Arrrr! It was you who stole my  
treasure! It's the plank for you!

Pointing up at the top of the ship.

Jade laughs and climbs up onto the top of the ship and sits nervously at the edge.

16 EXT. TOP OF SHIPWRECK. DAY 16

Jade breaths heavily and looks around. It is very high up and dangerous. Her hair is being battered around by the wind.

17 EXT. BEACH. DAY. 17

FLASHBACK

Young Jade stands at the edge of the sand dune nervously but giggling. She stares down at her dad who had his arms out for her at the bottom.

18 TOP OF SHIPWRECK 18

WIDE SHOT:

Jade stares into the distance, crying. She starts to move further forward.

JOE

Alright... you can come down now! I think I want to go home Jade.

Jade ignores him and carries on moving slowly to the edge.

19 INT. CAR. NIGHT. 19

FLASHBACK

High pitched noise which fades to complete silence.

Jade clutches her head dizzily. She takes her seat belt off with shaking hands and checks her pockets for her phone.

She freezes, slowly taking out an empty bottle of alcohol. She looks down at it in her hands, in realisation of what she's done.

She slowly turns her eyes, and then her head towards the passenger seat; to see her Dad, laying unconscious.

20 TOP OF SHIPWRECK 20

Crying, Jade frowns angrily at the empty bottle of rum in her hand. She stares straight ahead and pauses, taking a breath. She grips the edge of the ship with her hand and pushes up.

21 EXT. BEACH. DAY. 21

FLASHBACK

Young Jade jumps from the sand dunes into her dad's arms.

They hug and laugh.

22 EXT. SHIPWRECK. DAY 22

A splash is heard. Joe runs through the water falling over on his way but carrying on towards the noise.

He finds Jade's bottle floating in the water. He frantically looks around for her

JOE

Jade! Jade!?

There is a moment of silence and Joe looks distressed.

JADE

Do I still need to walk the plank?

Joe whips his head round to see Jade climbing down the rope on the lower end of the ship and smiling, despite her tear stained face. He runs towards her and hugs her.

JOE

I thought you had gone without me!

JADE

Don't be silly. I'm not going to

leave you.

She breaks the hug and holds him at arms length.

JADE (CONT'D)

How about I take you home and I'll come back to play with you tomorrow?

JOE

Will you really come back?

Jade stares at Joe then takes his hand and leads him away, looking up at the boat.

JADE

Come on.

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JOE

Aren't you going to take your rum?

Jade looks down at the empty bottle in the water

JADE

No, don't you know? Real Pirates  
drink squash.

They smile at each other and walk hand in hand away from the  
bottle of alcohol floating in the water.

FADE OUT.