

REPRESENT

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"Don't pick up a flag disrespecting the ones who'll die for the set knowing you won't." Bernard Mersier~

BLACK SCREEN:

BLOOD # 1 (O.S.)
Blast that muthafuckin' crab, Blood!

Loud gunshots, screams, and squealing tires follow behind the deep voice.

FADE IN:

EXT. THE SCHOOLYARD - AFTERNOON

Students are fleeing from the shootout. Cars are speeding off.

Police officers are coming out of the building...it's complete chaos.

SUPERIMPOSE: DETROIT, MI 1997

The beautiful slim dark skin student on her knees bawling surrounded by students is CRYSTAL. CLOSE UP CHRIS FACE

He's lying on his back. His strawberry-blond hair is radiating from the sun with no regrets shown on his face.

Seeming at peace, he closes his eyes, and a tear rolls down his golden brown skin over the beauty mole on his left cheek.

SLOWLY FADE TO BLACK:

BLACK SCREEN:

CHRIS (V.O.)
Living in Detroit...these streets tell stories only the selected few would understand.

EXT. DETROIT - DAY INTO NIGHT

SUPERIMPOSE: 4 WEEKS EARLIER

The sun assists the illusion of this being a peaceful city. But as day turns to night, cars flood the streets with loud music, and various random acts of violence are seen. Now you see why Detroit is labeled "The murder mitten."

CHRIS (V.O.)

We all know red represents "Bloods" and blue represents "Crips." But just because you know this, it doesn't mean pick up a flag. You need to know your lit, the colors your allies and enemies wear and a whole bunch of other shit. But...that's not what this is about. This is a story about family, which can be relatable from a gang point of view. If you don't have loyalty at home...how can you join a set?

We come up on an empty street. Headlights are seen before the blue old-school Monte Carlo with black tinted windows, twenty-four inch tires and chrome spokes is seen.

INTERCUT WITH:

INT. CLIP CAR - MOVING - CONTINUOUS

"Eastside Rip Rider" is playing. The car is smoked out. With a Newport hanging from his mouth, CLIP grips the steering wheel as if it's the throat of someone he has beef with.

The royal blue Dickies he's wearing stand out because of his dark skin.

Chris is leaning back in the passenger seat with his eyes closed.

CLIP

I can't Believe my nigga gone!

Chris sits up annoyed looking over at Clip.

CHRIS

What?

Clip puts the cigarette out, and then turns the music down.

CLIP

Light that shit up.

Chris grabs the half smoked blunt next to the cigarettes in the ashtray, places it in his mouth, and lights it.

He takes a hard pull, exhaling a thick cloud, inhaling it back up his nose.

CLIP (CONT'D)

A few days ago...my cuz was murdered
in front of his moms.

CUT TO:

EXT. THREE DAYS AGO - DRE MOTHER HOUSE - NIGHT

With faint gunfire heard indistinctly, a white Cadillac pulls up in front of the house with rotted stairs, plastic chairs on the porch and gravel covering the front lawn instead of grass.

This isn't much but it's home considering she lives on the Eastside which most consider the ghetto.

The music we get a brief moment of hearing ends when the engine goes off.

The driver door opens, and out comes DRE, early-twenties, brown skin.

His white wife beater is young, clinching tight on his massive chest.

Looking around the hood as if he owns it, we see a blunt behind his right ear.

Rubbing his hand across his bald-head, he takes the blunt from his ear, placing it in his mouth, lighting it. Enjoying the blunt, he takes a seat on the hood with no worries.

Parked down at the end of the street are three bloods and BRANDON shit talking in the smoked out car draped in red. Sitting behind the passenger seat looking like he just got initiated into a set with bruises tattooing his high yellow skin drinking "Seagram's" from the bottle is Brandon. Passing the bottle, he picks up the Mack ten on his lap, and slams the clip in.

Locked and loaded, he places it down, and then pulls out a bright red bandanna wrapping it around his face.

BRANDON

Ride up on that nigga, blood.

Mellowed out, Dre takes his keys out heading towards the porch.

Approaching the steps he hears a car speeding, but that's typical.

The sound of brakes being slammed hard draws his full attention turning around, but it's too little too late. Brandon is hanging out the back window of the black Honda with red rims opening fire on Dre.

The bullets ring out through the night ripping through Dre's body spinning him around before his body hits the ground. DRE'S MOTHER comes rushing out the house looking down seeing Dre's dead body.

The car is still in front of the house. Dre's mother drops down holding her son in her arms.

DRE MOTHER

Lord, wake my baby up! It's not his time, Lord!

BRANDON

Crab ass niggas die young, bitch!

The car speeds off.

COME BACK TO:

INT. CLIP CAR - MOVING - NIGHT (PRESENT TIME)

Chris takes a calm pull from his cigarette.

CHRIS

That's fucked up. How long have you been Crippin'?

CLIP

Since day one.

CHRIS

No, seriously, how long?

CLIP

I Ceen Crippin' from day one, nigga. Anything else you wanna know, you gotta Ce down! You wanna Ce down, cuz?

CHRIS

I'm straight.

CLIP

Why?

CHRIS

Because if I was a blood or a Crip,

I'd still---

CLIP
You mean slob?

CHRIS
I'd just be another statistic.

CLIP
You gotta die one day, cuz. If the streets or these hoes don't kill you, cancer will.

Clip places a cigarette in his mouth, lighting it with a smile.

CHRIS
When I die it'll be from old age.

CLIP
Whatever nigga.

Chris looks out the window noticing street signs indicating they're on the Westside.

CHRIS
Why are we west?

CLIP
One of my lil C's got word Cack the nigga who pulled that hoe shit Ce hanging around here.

CHRIS
What the fuck? Man, let me out if you're about to be on some bullshit.

CLIP
Chill out, cuz.

Coming up on a liquor store on a street filled with mainly abandoned or burnt down houses, Clip spots Brandon's car in the parking lot.

CHRIS
Man, don't have me caught up in no---

Clip slams down on the breaks, pulling over across the street.

Reaching under his seat, he grabs a chrome Desert eagle

placing it on his lap.

Next, he pulls out a royal blue bandanna wrapping it around his face.

Chris stares at him with a look saying "You can't be serious right now?"

CHRIS (CONT'D)
...Straight up?

CLIP
When I get out, slide over in the driver seat.

CHRIS
Clip, man---

CLIP
Shut the fuck up, cuz. Get in the driver seat when I get out, and wait till get Cack.

Clip gets out placing the gun under his shirt making his way across the street.

Chris slides over in the driver seat watching. INTERCUT WITH:

INT. THE STORE - CONTINUOUS

Brandon is standing at the counter flamed up bullshitting with the STORE OWNER.

Brandon notices the expression on the store owner's face saying "You better look quick or you'll get fucked up." Turning in the nick of time avoiding the punch, Brandon throws a punch of his own and the fight breaks out.

They go blow for blow, until Brandon hits Clip with a hard right staggering him back, allowing him to dash for the door. Brandon flies out the store hauling ass.

Clip comes out with the Desert Eagle opening fire, hitting Brandon in the back.

He drops before he can reach the car. Clip runs over kicking him in the face, watching him roll around in pain.

BRANDON
Fuck you, crab!

BANG!!! One gun shot splatters Brandon brains on the pavement, followed with four more in his chest.

CLOSE UP CHRIS FACE

There's a possibility Chris pissed on himself how shook he looks.

Before Clip can get in the car good and close the door, Chris is pulling off down the street.

INTERCUT WITH:

INT. CLIP CAR - MOVING - CONTINUOUS

CHRIS

What the fuck is wrong with you?!

Clip takes the bandanna off, and there's some blood coming from his lip and nose, but he doesn't care, reaching for a cigarette in the ashtray.

CHRIS (CONT'D)

Say something, nigga!

CLIP

(Lights his cigarette)

Hit the crib.

CUT TO:

EXT. CLIP MOTHER HOUSE - LATER

We're back on the Eastside in front of Clip mother's two family flat house.

The Monte Carlo pulls up coming to a stop. Inside the car Chris is sitting furious.

CHRIS

What the fuck is wrong with you?

Clip laughs taking the keys from the ignition before getting out.

With no other option but to roll with the punches, Chris gets out, following behind Clip inside the house. It looks like non-stop house parties go on.

Clip stares at the bloodstains on his shirt pissed off because he has to throw it away.

Chris walks in moving a pile of clothes from the love-seat onto the floor.

CLIP

This nigga Flood on my shit.

Disgusted, but quickly getting over it, he turns his attention to Chris.

CLIP (CONT'D)

Cuz, you want a cold one?

CHRIS

...Yeah.

Clip laughs, taking his shirt off, heading to the kitchen. Chris sits back with his eyes closed going through anxiety. Clip comes back holding two forty ounce bottles of "ST IDES" laughing.

Opening his eyes annoyed, he snatches the beer from his hand. Clip laughs, opening his beer, taking a seat on the couch, picking up the blunt from the ashtray.

CLIP

Loosen the fuck up, cuz.

CHRIS

Loosen up? You just killed a nigga.

CLIP

Why are you trippin'?
 (Takes a swig)
 Let me call my nigga up.

Clip pulls out a flip phone making a call. Lighting the blunt up, he takes a pull, putting the phone to his ear.

MIKE (V.O.)

What up, cuz?

CLIP

What's crackin', nigga?

MIKE (V.O.)

That five all day.

CLIP

I caught that slob slippin' tonight.

MIKE (V.O.)
Was he bitchin'?

CLIP
Takes a swig Celieve it or not, the
hoe ass nigga was Ceing hard.

MIKE (V.O.)
Word? You caught him solo?

CLIP
Nah, me and Chris was out smokin' and
I said fuck it, let me go find these
niggas.

MIKE (V.O.)
Chris?

CLIP
(Takes a pull)
Yup.

MIKE (V.O.)
I know he was acting a fool.

CLIP
Nigga, yes.

CHRIS
Clip, come the fuck on!

MIKE (V.O.)
(Laughs)
That nigga must still Ce in shock.

CLIP
Let me get this nigga to the crib.

MIKE (V.O.)
Come over after you drop him off.

CLIP
No doubt. C's up, cuz.

Hanging up grabbing the white T-shirt next to him, Clip
stands up taking a swig, throwing the shirt over his
shoulder.

CLIP (CONT'D)
Let's go Cefore you have a heart
attack or some shit.

CHRIS
(Takes a swig)
Fuck you.

Clip laughs walking out. Taking one last good gulp from the beer, Chris stands up walking to the door turning the lights off.

CUT TO:

EXT. CHRIS MOTHER HOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

Chris block is quiet. Majority of the houses on the block have porch lights on. As grimy as the Eastside is, there are some neighborhoods that's wholesome.

The Monte Carlo is sitting in front of the brick house with red and white awnings over the windows. Chris is blanked out in the car.

Clip is shaking his arm with the blunt hanging from his mouth aggravated.

CLIP
You good, cuz?

CHRIS
Fuck no.

Taking a hard pull, Clip snatches the blunt from his mouth looking at Chris blowing the smoke in his face.

CLIP
Them bitch ass mutts didn't give a fuck about my nigga, so that's why his hoe ass is dead.

Chris turns to look at him.

CHRIS
Killing niggas is how you solve shit?

CLIP
Soon as you get outta of those school books and look at society you'll see shit clearer.

Chris gets out. Closing the door behind him, he makes his way over to the driver door giving Clip a play.

CHRIS
What's the move?

CLIP
Hit cuz house for a few drinks, smoke
and pass out.

CHRIS
See you in school.

CLIP
Holla.

Chris steps back watching Clip drive off down the block.
Sighing deep, he makes his way up the driveway.

NEIGHBOR NEXT DOOR (O.S.)
What up, C?

Chris looks over next door.

CHRIS
What up doe?

He gets to the side door pulling his keys out, placing the
key in the door unlocking it, walking in.

The brown skin woman in her mid-thirties with a look on her
face saying she doesn't play no games is CHRIS MOTHER.

She's standing by the microwave tapping her foot, while her
food warms up in the microwave.

Chris comes up from the basement into the kitchen.

CHRIS (CONT'D)
What up, ma?

CHRIS MOTHER
Shit. Mad as hell about these shitty
hours.

CHRIS
Where's Tasha?

CHRIS MOTHER
In her room, running up the goddamn
phone bill.

CHRIS
Okay.

She looks at him knowing something is wrong because his face is flushed.

CHRIS MOTHER
Anything you care to share?

CHRIS
I'm good.

CHRIS MOTHER
Yeah, okay. You better be careful.

He laughs walking out the kitchen. He comes into the tranquil living room where the stairs leading upstairs are located.

Pictures of him and his sister Tasha are on the walls surrounding the mini mirrors formed together making squares and triangles.

Walking upstairs, to the right is his mother's closed bedroom door and the bathroom.

Almost directly in front of him is his closed bedroom door, and at the end of the small hall is his sister Tasha's closed bedroom door.

Approaching the door we can hear something playing on television.

Grabbing the knob opening the door, his face is screwed up from what he sees.

CHRIS
What the fuck?

CHRIS POV

The question was asked because her room was once all-white with boy posters on the wall...basically a room for a fifteen-year-old girl.

But now...it's painted all-red. TASHA is laid across the bed in some shorts and a shirt talking on the cordless house phone.

Because she's high yellow with natural long hair, she thinks she's the shit.

Rolling her eyes placing the phone down, she gets up from the bed walking towards him placing her hands on her hips.

TASHA
You are not daddy.

CHRIS
What did you do?

TASHA
What? I asked mama if she could have
the room painted red.

Feeling as if she doesn't have to explain herself, she tries
pushing him out the door, but it fails.

CHRIS
Why?

TASHA
Because red is my favorite color.

CHRIS
Don't get fucked up.

TASHA
Boy, get on.

He turns his back and she tries closing the door, but he
turns back around pushing the door open.

CHRIS
Who are you on the phone with?

TASHA
That's none of your business. But if
you must know, I'm talking to Tony.

CHRIS
Tony who?

TASHA
Tony Jones.

CHRIS
The nigga I got class with?

TASHA
What's your point?

CHRIS
End that weak shit right now.

TASHA
And I'm supposed to listen to you
because?

CHRIS
Don't do it and find out.

TASHA
Oh my God, whatever, Chris.

He walks away. Gathering her thoughts as if she was in a big argument, she walks back to the bed sitting down, taking a deep breath before picking up the phone.

TASHA (CONT'D)
Hello?

TONY (V.O.)
Is Bhريس a crab?

TASHA
Who gives a fuck what he is? That's
not why we're on the phone.

TONY (V.O.)
(Laughs)
You got that don't give a fuck
attitude.

TASHA
Anyways. What are you doing?

TONY (V.O.)
Shit, watching the news.

TASHA
(Laughs)
You actually watch the news?

TONY (V.O.)
I keep up with...oh shit! Hurry up and
turn to Bhannel three!

She grabs her remote, turning to the news. On the screen, police have the store where Brandon was killed yellow taped off.

REPORTER
(Into the camera)
I'm reporting live on Detroit's
Westside, where the store you see

behind me is where seventeen-year- old
Brandon Link was found gunned down.
There were no witnesses to what police
are calling a gang related shooting,
but the store owner had this to say.

The screen goes to the Store owner standing by a squad car
shivering, doing his best to not make eye contact with the
camera.

STORE OWNER

This neighborhood is crazy. These kids
out here are vicious. They tore up my
store before they took it outside.
Next thing I know, I heard the shots.

The camera goes back to the Reporter looking into the camera.

REPORTER

(Into the camera)
The owner was taken in for more
questioning.

She turns the television off.

TONY (V.O.)

(Sobbing)
That shit happened a few blocks from
here.

TASHA

Baby, let me call you back.

She hangs up sitting there for a moment.

INTERCUT WITH:

INT. THE BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

Chris is in the tub with a towel over his face leaning back
against the tub relaxing. Tasha storms in.

TASHA

Chris!

He quickly sits up, snatching the towel off his face.

CHRIS

What?! What's going on?

TASHA
You know that boy, Brandon Link?

CHRIS
What about him?

TASHA
Somebody killed him tonight.

Chris wipes the water from his face, leaning back against the tub.

CHRIS
Well?

TASHA
Tony is pissed.

CHRIS
That's nice.

TASHA
I wonder who did it.

CHRIS
Why?

TASHA
You don't give a fuck?

Chris closes his eyes, placing the towel over his face.

CHRIS
I don't.

She walks out slamming the door behind her. Taking the towel from his face, he knows he played it cool, but hearing about what he witnessed personally is haunting him.

CUT TO:

INT. CLIP CAR - MOVING - LATER

Clip and Mike are cruising around the Westside. Clip has a blunt hanging from his mouth, nodding his head to the music playing low.

MIKE, light brown skin with a low fade is wearing a blue flannel shirt and jeans sitting in the passenger seat taking a sip from his "MILLER GENUINE DRAFT".

CLIP
You think it's some more niggas out
here slippin'?

MIKE
Slobs stay slippin', cuz.

CLIP
I want the ones involved with killing
our nigga.

MIKE
(Takes a swig)
A slob is a slob, cuz. They all
deserve to die.

CLIP
(Takes a pull)
True.

Mike drinks the last of the forty looking at the suds in the
bottle.

MIKE
Hit up a store.

Resting on the corner there's a liquor store. The streetlight
is going dim, but we can see the gang tags. Standing around
the store are BLOOD #2, BLOOD #3 and BLOOD #4, all of them
are seventeen-years-old wearing various red outfits.

Clip comes down the street staring the group down taking a
pull from the blunt. They stare back at him.

BLOOD #2
What the fuck is wrong with that
nigga?

BLOOD #4
Don't sweat that shit. Niggas know how
we get down round here.

BLOOD #3
Soft ass niggas, blood.

They're parked in front of an abandoned house with the engine
still running.

Clip takes a hard pull from the blunt before passing it.

CLIP
Cuz, you see those slobs?

MIKE
Let's get them niggas.

CLIP
Oh, we are.

Mike gets ready to pull out his bandanna, and Clip stops him.

MIKE
What's up?

CLIP
Just hold tight.

Clip laughs, reaching under the seat grabbing the Desert eagle.

CLIP (CONT'D)
Give me three minutes.

Clip gets out of the car. Mike looks confused, taking another hit from the blunt. The three are still laughing and talking.

Blood #3 sees Clip making his way towards them, so he gains everybody's attention.

Clip walks around them trying to go in the store, and Blood #3 places his hand on his shoulder.

BLOOD #3
Ain't you that nigga that was just mean muggin'?

Blood #2 steps to the left of Clip, and Blood #4 steps to the right.

Clip puts his hands up as if he's scared, taking a step back so he can see when Mike gets out of the car.

CLIP
Shit, no disrespect, blood. I'm new around here.

Blood #2 cracks his knuckles, staring at him, waiting for somebody to swing.

BLOOD #4
Get yo weak ass from round here,

blood.

CLIP

(To Blood #4)

Blood, all I want---

BLOOD #3

What's yo set, blood?

BLOOD #2

Fuck this nigga! Fire on his ass!

CLIP

5.19.3.

BLOOD #3

5.19.3.? What's that?

CLIP POV

Mike is making his way down to the store.

CLIP

You don't know your numbers, blood?

Blood #2 swings on Clip hitting him on the jaw making his head turn, and step back.

Blood #3 and Blood #4 laugh, while Blood #3 holds Blood #2 back.

BLOOD #2

Bitch ass nigga, do something!

CLIP

Goddamn, Blood. 5.19.3 means---

MIKE (O.S.)

Eastside Crip fa life, bitch!

They all turn around, and Clip ducks to the ground as Mike opens fire with his "Glock .40."

Blood #4 catches one in the stomach, and the other two take off running.

Clip gets to his feet pulling out the Desert eagle chasing after them shooting.

Blood #3 falls dead from getting hit, and Blood #2 hits a tight corner.

Clip stops running, turning around heading back to the store. Mike is standing over Blood #4.

He's spitting up blood, moaning, holding his stomach. Clip makes his way back to the two looking down at Blood #4.

CLIP
Fake ass slob.

Clip lets off a round hitting Blood #4 in the head. They take off down the street heading back to the car.

INT. HOMEROOM - MORNING

The room is filled with gossip from female students, and random freestyles from the males huddled up in the corner. Sitting at the back of the class are FOUR boys in all-red, and TONY.

He's dark skin with a small Afro wearing a red Detroit shirt and jeans.

Chris comes into the class taking a seat up front. The bell rings, and in walks TEACHER #1 with a briefcase taking a seat behind his desk. The room slowly settles down.

PRINCIPAL (O.S.)
(Over the intercom)
Good morning. As you all know, we lost one of our students last night. Young people, we have to put an end to this senseless violence. Learn to work with one another, instead of always against each other. Right now, I would like a moment of silence.

Anguish is in Tony's eyes sucking his teeth, feeling the pain of losing his friend.

PRINCIPAL (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(Over the intercom)
Thank you. Carry on with your day. Keep in mind instead of violence, bond with each other making a positive impact.

The class is silent. Chris looks over at Brandon's desk with his eyes thinking back on the murder.

TEACHER #1
Okay class. Today I want your opinion

on gang violence.

Chris raises his hand.

TEACHER #1 (CONT'D)

Mr. Frye.

CHRIS

They're out here killing each other over colors, and don't even know why. They think it's cool until they end up dead.

TEACHER #1

You make a point.

Tony raises his hand.

TEACHER #1 (CONT'D)

Mr. Jones.

TONY

It's a fine line between reppin' ya set, and set trippin'. Gangs are minor compared to other situations killing people.

TEACHER #1

That's true. As we speak, at least ten people or more have died from something non-gang related. Do you care to explain what set trippin' means?

TONY

Set trippin' is when you look for trouble in your enemy hood. Or if you see somebody wearing the opposite color, you'll smash em', not knowing or if they rep a set.

TEACHER #1

Do you think either of those reasons is why Brandon was murdered?

TONY

I don't know. I just know my nigga is dead.

Chris turns to look at Tony.

CHRIS
You just gave that whole speech, but
you can't answer a question?

Tony and the four boys stand up.

TONY
What was that, blood?

Chris stands up looking at him.

CHRIS
Why can't you answer the question? You
gave out that much info, why stop?

The classroom gets loud. Teacher #1 stands up.

TEACHER #1
That's enough.

TONY
Nah, fuck that! You know something
about my nigga getting killed, blood?!

CHRIS
Fuck that weak ass gang shit, and you!

Tony rushes towards Chris, and Teacher #1 quickly rushes over
standing between the two.

The classroom boos, simmering down. Tony and Chris stare each
other down.

TEACHER #1
This is exactly what the message was
talking about! Senseless acts of
violence! Exactly, what you two are
displaying!

TONY
It's Bool.

Chris watches him leave before taking his seat. The four boys
who stood up with Tony follow behind Tony. Teacher #1 goes
back behind his desk taking a seat, looking over the room
fuming.

TEACHER #1
Looking at everyone here today, I see
why the world views you as ignorant
bastards. In the real world, nobody

gives a damn if you can fight, claim a set or ANY of that bullshit! All day up and down these halls, I hear y'all talking about you ain't scared of shit. But I bet if you were placed in a tight situation, the real bitch would come out.

(Sighs)

...Do what y'all do best and sit here looking dumb. You want respect, but y'all too stupid to respect yourselves.

He stands up walking over to the window shaking his head. All the students look at each other letting his words digest.

CUT TO:

INT. THE HALLWAY - AFTERNOON

Chris is walking down the crowded hallway heading for the bathroom, not paying attention that Tony is following behind him wrapping a red bandanna around his fist.

Inside the bathroom, the walls are covered with different gang graffiti, and only one of the mirrors isn't shattered. Chris walks over to one of the urinals placing his books on the sink.

Tony walks in standing against a stall door staring at him.

TONY

What up, blood?

Chris looks back sighing. Finishing pissing, he turns around fixing his pants.

CHRIS

What up?

Tony turns his head to the side doing the blood call "SUWOOP."

Five boys with red bandannas around their faces come in surrounding Chris.

Tony steps between them, getting nose to nose with Chris.

TONY

Speak up, Crab.

Chris looks around at the boys before pushing Tony, followed

with a hard right knocking him into the bathroom stall. He tries rushing in to finish the job, but two of the boys grab him, pulling him back.

One boy holds Chris with his arms behind his back, and they take turns hitting him in the face and stomach.

The boy lets his arms go letting him fall to the floor balling up as they begin stomping on him.

They stop stomping on him and one of the boys grabs his arms, and another grabs his legs, throwing him into the mirror, shattering it.

Tony gets up from the stall shaking his head with some blood coming from his mouth.

He walks over to Chris looking down at him. Chris has blood coming from his nose and mouth breathing heavily, but when Tony kicks him hard in the stomach, he releases a deep moan.

TONY (CONT'D)

Ya crab friends are dead, bitch.

Tony and the boys walk out the bathroom laughing.

CUT TO:

INT. THE HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

Mike and Clip are standing in the empty hallway by the lunchroom door laughing and talking.

The two continue laughing until Mike turns to the side, and his face drops.

MIKE

Goddamn, cuz! What the fuck happened to you?

You can tell Chris got his ass beat by his swollen busted lip, minor cuts and bruises.

CHRIS

Nigga, I got rushed. What the fuck do you think happened?

MIKE

Who jumped you?

CHRIS
Tony and his niggas.

MIKE
Slob Tony?

CHRIS
Yup.

Clip snatches the door open rushing in. The lunchroom is split into two parts, the light and dark half.

The light half has a large picture window so the sun can shine in.

The dark half is where students stand in line for their lunches.

The dark half is all brick, with no windows. Clip runs through the light half making his way to the dark. Mike and Chris are right behind him.

Despite Tony sitting with a group of Blood's, it doesn't stop Clip from running up on him, hitting him in the mouth.

The boys with Tony start swinging on Clip, but Clip refuses to go down easy fighting back.

Luckily for him, more Crips are in the lunchroom joining in on the fight causing a brawl.

Chris and Mike are maneuvering through the madness, taking and giving hits.

Tony and Clip are going at it, both refusing to go down. Staff and extra security try breaking up the brawl, and end up getting involved.

Police officers rush in with guns drawn. Some of the students start clearing out, while others keep going at it.

Security manages to get hold of Tony and Clip, and they're still trying to swing on each other.

CLIP
Fuck a slob, cuz!

TONY
Fuck you, flu ass nigga!

Chris makes his way out the room as the ruckus continues.

Chris is running down the hall, finally coming to a stop at a classroom, winded, knocking on the door.

TEACHER #2 opens the door looking at him concerned.

TEACHER #2
Are you okay, Chris? How can I help you?

CHRIS
Can I talk to my sister?

TEACHER #2
Just a second.

She closes the door. He bends over trying to catch his breath, looking up with his eyes when Tasha comes out.

She covers her mouth staring at his battered face.

TASHA
What happened to you?

CHRIS
Don't worry about that. Just stay away from Tony.

TASHA
Is that what happened to your face?

She tries to touch him, and he moves her hand.

CHRIS
No.

TASHA
Then why should I stay away from him?

He grabs her by the arms and presses her against the wall.

CHRIS
Will you stop acting like a bitch, and do this for me?

TASHA
(Sighs)
I can do that.

CHRIS
Thank you.

She goes back into the room. Chris stands smiling before walking off.

CUT TO:

INT. ENGLISH CLASS - LATER

In front of the classroom on a cart is a twenty-four inch old-school television with a VCR on top of it.

On the screen there's an educational movie on pause. The students are sitting at their desk silent waiting for TEACHER #3 to start the movie.

Chris is sitting at the back of the class drawing his name on his notebook.

Just as the bell rings, Crystal walks in. All the boys watch her head towards the back sitting down next to Chris with envy in their eyes.

Looking over at him with an attitude, she moves her desk a little closer.

Teacher #3 gets up and walks over to the wall turning the lights off, and then walks to the VCR starting the movie.

CRYSTAL
(Whispering)
Why didn't you call me last night?

He stays focused on his drawing.

CHRIS
(Whispering)
I had a long night.

She pushes his face.

CRYSTAL
(Whispering)
That's how your face got fucked up?

CHRIS
(Whispering)
Actually, this shit happened today.

CRYSTAL
(Whispering)
You were in that big ass fight in the lunchroom?

CHRIS
(Whispering)
This nigga jumped me in the bathroom
over a comment I made in class.

CRYSTAL
(Whispering)
What did you say?

CHRIS
(Whispering)
Fuck him and his weak ass gang.

She stands up looking down at him shoving his head.

CRYSTAL
Are you fucking crazy?!

Teacher #3 looks up from her book, and the entire class
focuses on them.

Crystal stands embarrassed. Chris keeps his eyes focused on
his drawing trying not to laugh.

TEACHER #3
Something you care to share?

CRYSTAL
No, ma'am. Sorry for the interruption.

Everyone goes back to watching the movie. Crystal takes her
seat clearing her throat.

CRYSTAL (CONT'D)
(Whispering)
Do you have to watch your back?

CHRIS
(Whispering)
Nope.

She places her hand under his chin making him turn and look
into her concerned eyes.

CRYSTAL
(Whispering)
Are you sure?

CHRIS
(Whispering)
I'm more worried about you killing me

if I don't call you.

Blushing feeling loved, she gives him a kiss.

CRYSTAL
(Whispering)
You better be.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE SCHOOLYARD - LATER

Students are coming out of the building talking about the lunchroom fight, lighting up Black & Milds and cigarettes. Chris and Tasha come walking out.

TASHA
So you're Crippin', huh?

CHRIS
What did I tell you about that shit earlier? I'm not in---

Clip walks up with a knot under his eye and a busted lip with a blue bandanna around his neck. Four more Crips are behind him. They give each other a play.

Tasha stands to the side with her arms folded across her chest.

CLIP
What's up, cuz, you heading to the crib?

CHRIS
Yup.

CLIP
(Laughs)
About to graduate, and still gotta check in. Oh, Cefore I go. Don't worry about that shit in the lunchroom.

Lifting his shirt for a quick glance, Chris stares at the handles on the Glock 40's he has tucked.

CHRIS
Good looking.

CLIP
Holla.

They give each other another play, and then Clip and the boys with him walk off.

Chris looks at Tasha smiling at him.

TASHA

But you're not Crippin', right?

CHRIS

Right.

TASHA

Uh huh.

CHRIS

Whatever.

They walk up to the crowded bus stop. Talk about the lunchroom fight is heard.

A red Intrepid creeps down to the bus stop coming to a stop. The back window comes down, and out comes an AK-47 being held by Tony.

Fearing for his sister's life, Chris jumps directly in front of Tasha.

Clip and the boys with him stop walking, turning around seeing what's going on, pulling their guns out running back to the bus stop.

TONY

This shit ain't over, bitch! I'm
killing you, and ya crab friends!
That's on the "B!"

Just as the car pulls off, Clip and his crew come running up letting off shots.

The Intrepid speeds off, damn near crashing into another car. The students stay on the ground.

Police officers hop in their cars turning on the sirens. Clip and his crew take off down a side street. Chris stands terrified.

CUT TO:

INT. THE KITCHEN - LATER

Chris' mother is sitting at the table eating a sub at peace,

looking over a supermarket sales paper. Chris and Tasha come into the kitchen.

Tasha rushes over eager to tell what happened at school.

TASHA

Ma, guess what? Your little angel was in school starting fights.

CHRIS

What?

Taking one more bite from her sub, wiping her mouth, you can tell she's pissed her moment of peace was disturbed.

CHRIS MOTHER

Chris?

CHRIS

It didn't go down like that.

Turning to face him, her mouth drops, standing up giving him a hug.

CHRIS MOTHER

What happened?

CHRIS

Dude took the comment I made about the shooting wrong, and he jumped me in the bathroom.

Tasha leans up against the counter with her arms folded across her chest.

TASHA

Are you really about to believe this?

She turns looking at Tasha.

CHRIS MOTHER

Why do you believe lying is something you should do?

TASHA

Huh?

She focuses her attention back on Chris.

CHRIS MOTHER

Did you tell the principal?

CHRIS
That would've made it worse.

TASHA
Ma, I'm going over Tiffany's house.

CHRIS MOTHER
Get on.

TASHA
Why are you clownin' me, ma?

CHRIS MOTHER
Tasha, you can go!

TASHA
I'll be glad when you start treating
me like you do him!

She storms out of the kitchen, and the front door is heard
opened, and then slammed.

CHRIS
She gets that from dad. He had some
funny ways, too.

CHRIS MOTHER
Regardless if she gets it from him or
whatever, that's no excuse.

CHRIS
Just stop letting her childish ways
get to you. I'm about to go do some
homework, and then I'm going over
Wade's house.

CHRIS MOTHER
You sure that thing at school is over?

CHRIS
Yup. Get some rest. You'll have a
stroke with all this worrying.

CHRIS MOTHER
(Laughs)
Boy, get outta here.

Suspecting Tasha is lying, he goes upstairs into her room. He
walks over to the dresser picking up her phone book looking
for Tiffany's number.

When he finds the number, he picks the phone up and dials, waiting for her to pick up.

TIFFANY (V.O.)

Hello?

CHRIS

Is my sister coming over there?

TIFFANY (V.O.)

Who dis?

CHRIS

Chris.

TIFFANY (V.O.)

Fine ass Chris? Tasha's brother? Are you still with that girl?

CHRIS

Yeah. Is my sister coming?

TIFFANY (V.O.)

When can I get some P.T. with you?

CHRIS

Tiffany!

TIFFANY (V.O.)

Don't be yelling and shit. I'm going somewhere else, so no.

CHRIS

Thank you.

Hanging up pissed, he hits his fist on the dresser.

CUT TO:

INT. THE TRAP - NIGHT

Weed smoke is in the air as rap music plays. The sound of other bloods talking shit can be heard in the background.

Tony and Tasha are sitting on the sofa getting wasted, drinking out of big red cups.

TASHA

What was that shit about you pulled at the bus stop?

TONY

Yo brother needs to know it's real out here. His crab ass should be lucky I didn't blast him.

TASHA

Tell me why he came to my class telling me to stay away from you?

TONY

(Takes a pull, coughs)
What?

TASHA

Nigga, you heard me.

TONY

I don't know why he told you that shit. You know I won't hurt you.

TASHA

Uh huh. Anyway, you know I've been trying to get down for the longest.

TONY

You ain't ready.

TASHA

Don't tell me what I'm not ready for.

TONY

What are you willing to do?

TASHA

Anything but fuck the crew. I ain't a hoe.

TONY

We ain't even fuck, so I wouldn't mention that shit.

TASHA

Well...what do I gotta do?

Debating on what she's asking, he takes a pull, followed by a sip from his cup.

TONY

I'll get back to you. Right now, let's just get fucked up.

She smiles, leaning over giving him a kiss.

INTERCUT WITH:

EXT. CLIP MOTHER HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Smoking a cigarette with his thoughts racing, Chris stands waiting for Clip to come to the door thinking he probably can't hear the doorbell over the loud music playing.

Clip opens the door with a smile smoking a blunt, holding a can of beer.

CLIP

What's crackin', cuz?

Clip passes the blunt. Chris takes a hard pull and coughs up his lungs. Chris takes the beer from Clip's hand taking a sip.

CLIP (CONT'D)

Good shit, I know.

He passes the blunt back, and Clip takes a pull.

CLIP (CONT'D)

Come on in.

The room is filled with Crips drinking, smoking and stacking out gang signs.

Chris and Clip stand to the side.

CLIP (CONT'D)

What's the problem, cuz?

CHRIS

My sister hooked up with that nigga from the fight.

CLIP

I told you I got it covered.

CHRIS

That's my sister we're talking about.

CLIP

If that nigga do something to yo sister, I'll kill his whole fuckin' family.

The words don't impress Chris.

CLIP (CONT'D)
Follow me real quick.

Clip walks off towards the kitchen and Chris follows. Forty ounce bottles of "St Ides, Old English and Miller genuine drafts" are on the counter and table.

Clip makes his way to the basement door opening it, walking down, and Chris is right behind him.

They come down the steps and Clip walks over to a door, stopping, taking a hit from the blunt.

CHRIS
Now what?

CLIP
Open the door.

Opening the door looking in, he becomes baffled by what he sees.

CHRIS
What the fuck is going on down here?

CHRIS POV

The room is painted all-blue with a light hanging from the ceiling.

Laid across the bed with a blue bandanna wrapped around her eyes wearing a lace blue bra and panty set is TIFFANY, brown skin with a lovely body.

CLIP
We runnin' her.

CHRIS
Are you serious?

CLIP
Hell yeah. Why, you know her?

CHRIS
She's my sister's friend.

Hearing Chris voice, she sits up excited licking her lips, turned on by the thought of him fucking her.

TIFFANY

Is that Chris? I didn't know he was getting in on this. Come on, let's get started.

She takes her bra off, and then slides her hand in her panties.

CLIP

Oh. Well, she's ready to give up that pussy. Are you getting down?

CHRIS

I'm tight.

CLIP

You sure?

CHRIS

Y'all have fun with this.

CLIP

Tell them other niggas to come down.

Chris takes the blunt before making his way back upstairs, and Clip goes into the room.

CUT TO:

INT. TASHA ROOM - LATER

Chris is sitting on the bed holding a teddy bear he gave Tasha when she was little.

The front door can be heard opened and closed, followed by drunken footsteps making their way upstairs.

Tasha opens the door staggering in, closing the door behind her.

She leans up against the door trying to keep her balance. Chris looks at her smiling.

CHRIS

Baby girl.

Tasha is so drunk, she looks over at him, and then grabs her head thinking he's yelling.

TASHA

Why are you yelling?

Placing the bear down laughing, he walks over to her.

CHRIS

What did you do over Tiffany's house?

TASHA

We were studying...and then she pulled out some liquor she stole from her brother.

CHRIS

Is that right? When I called her she told me something different. So, where were you?

TASHA

Hold up! I don't have to explain shit to you!

CHRIS

Yo hot ass was out with that nigga, wasn't you?

TASHA

Maybe I was! Ain't shit you or mama can do about it, so get out!

CHRIS MOTHER (O.S.)

What the fuck are you two arguing about?

CHRIS

(Whispering)

You wanna tell her what's up or should I?

TASHA

(Whispering)

Fuck you.

CHRIS

I thought so.

(To his mother)

Nothing! We're in here politicking!

CHRIS MOTHER (O.S.)

Keep that shit down!

They're silent for a moment.

CHRIS
I'll tell you one last time. Stay away
from that nigga for your own safety.

TASHA
Just...

She takes a deep breath, and then vomits all over the floor.
Chris is disgusted watching her vomit.

CHRIS
Look at you.

She drops down breathing heavily.

TASHA
(Shallow breathing)
Get out, Chris.

CHRIS
Shut up.

He grabs a towel cleaning her up a little before picking her
up, carrying her to the bed.

CHRIS (CONT'D)
Stay away from that nigga.

Tasha is half woke, tossing around trying to get comfortable.

TASHA
Chris---

CHRIS
You heard me.

Just as she gets comfortable, he leans down giving her a kiss
on the cheek.

CHRIS (CONT'D)
I love you.

She's fast asleep. He looks at her smiling before walking out
the room.

EXT. THE STRIP - NIGHT

The strip is packed with cars as it should be considering the
weather is nice and good vibes are flowing on this Saturday
night.

CHRIS (V.O.)

We love having fun like any other city. So, on a nice night like this, you can catch everybody on the strip. Drinks, weed, pussy...anything you got in mind you can be found on the strip.

People are standing beside their cars drinking and smoking, talking to people walking down the crowded strip or trying to gain the attention of cars driving past.

A group of people are off to the side grilling and drinking. With all the fun going on, we turn our attention to the white Neon coming down the strip.

Mike is driving with a blunt hanging from his mouth. Clip is in the passenger seat smoking a blunt. Chris is sitting in the back drinking a forty ounce.

CLIP

You good Cack there, cuz?

CHRIS

I'm straight.

MIKE

Clip was telling me how you turned into a little bitch when he killed that slob.

CLIP

Hell yeah!
(Mocking Chris)
Man, don't have me caught up in no---

CHRIS

Fuck you niggas.

Mike and Clip break out laughing. Chris takes a swig from his beer giving them the finger.

MIKE

(Takes a pull)
It's some bad bitches out here.

CLIP

Hell yeah! Look at these bitches over here!

CLIP POV

There's a crowd of people surrounding a high yellow sexy thick girl dancing naked on top of a car.

Another girl that's just as sexy gets on top of the car on her back, signaling for the other girl to sit on her face.

CLIP (CONT'D)

We need to round up some bitches like that.

Chris laughs, guzzling some of his beer looking out the window.

He becomes confused, slowly lowering the bottle. CHRIS POV

Tony is standing by a red Navigator with a bunch of other bloods drinking and smoking.

What has Chris confused is Tasha getting out on the passenger side wearing all-red holding a red cup.

CHRIS

What the fuck?

CLIP

What's up, cuz?

CHRIS

Mike, pull this bitch over.

MIKE

What's up?

CHRIS

Just pull this bitch over!

They park a few cars down from where Tony is at. Chris gets out with his beer still in hand closing the door. Clip and Mike reach under their seats grabbing nine- millimeters checking the clips.

Taking a swig from his beer, Chris makes his way down to Tony.

The guys with Tony get ready to swing, but Tony stops them. He steps up in Chris' face, blowing smoke.

TONY

What's up, blood?

CHRIS

Fuck you. Tasha, what the fuck did I tell you?

Mike and Clip make it down to Chris.

TASHA

You're not my daddy, so bounce with the bullshit. Go, before you and your friends give me the flu or some shit.

Clip gets ready to reach for his gun, but Chris stops him. Chris grabs Tasha by the arm.

CHRIS

This ain't the time for that shit.

She snatches away.

TASHA

Get the fuck on, Chris!

Chris nods his head okay, tilting his beer up drinking.

TONY

You heard---

Chris hits Tony upside the head with the bottle shattering it making him fall to the ground.

Two of the guys with Tony hit Chris in the face at the same time, dropping him.

Clip and Mike swing on them causing the fight to break out. Cars and people stop watching the fight as bandannas of all colors start flooding the area.

The fight grows bigger, spilling out into the street. Chris is on the ground trying to regain his focus shaking his head.

He sees Tony trying to get to his feet. He quickly stands up kicking him in the head.

Just as he gets ready to stomp him, Tasha hits him upside the head.

TASHA

Get the fuck off my man, nigga!

Chris backhands her into the truck, and she hits it hard, sliding down.

CHRIS

You silly ass, bitch! You putting this
nigga off the streets over your own
flesh and blood?!

Gunshots start going off. Over by the water we see Clip and Mike shooting, along with other people.

Screams and gunfire ring out through the night as Chris heads for the car.

The red and blue lights of police cars are coming down the strip.

POLICE

(Over the megaphone)

This is the police! Leave now or you
will be arrested! I repeat! Leave now
or you will be arrested!

CHRIS

Clip, Mike, let's go!

Clip and Mike start making their way to the car. In the midst of running back, Mike gets shot in the back. Chris and Clip come back tending to him.

Chris picks him up, placing one of his arms around his shoulder carrying him back to the car. Clip grabs his gun.

When they get to the car, Chris opens the back door placing Mike in, and then he gets in himself.

Clip gets in on the driver side, closing the door looking around for the keys.

Chris goes into Mike's pocket grabbing the keys, handing them to Clip.

Clip starts the car up, driving up on the curb so they can get away.

Chris holds Mike as he spits up blood.

MIKE

(Barely woke)

Did--did we---

CHRIS

Don't talk.

CLIP

Hold tight, cuz! I'll get you to the hospital!

Another car rolls up beside them. The DRIVER sees Clip driving, and pulls out a nine millimeter taking aim.

DRIVER

Crab ass motherfuckers!

The Driver shoots at the car, and the side window shatters. Chris ducks his head for cover.

Clip picks up his gun returning fire. A few bullets hit the car, and the Driver swerves off. Gunshots, sirens and squealing tires are heard.

SLOWLY FADE TO BLACK:

BLACK SCREEN:

CHRIS (V.O.)

My grandmother would always tell me if I have a heavy burden on my shoulders, turn to the Lord for help. I did that. I guess he didn't hear my cries because hell was waiting for me at home.

INT. THE KITCHEN - AFTERNOON

Chris comes into the kitchen walking over to the refrigerator opening it, grabbing a bottle of water.

His mother is sitting at the table smoking a cigarette, annoyed by what's on her mind.

CHRIS MOTHER

Come here for a second, Chris.

He takes a seat drinking his water.

CHRIS

What's up, ma?

CHRIS MOTHER

I know you and your sister don't see eye to eye on shit, and that's cool. But it's not cool for you to put your hands on her.

Chris takes a sip from his water and almost spills it, looking at his mother confused.

CHRIS

What? Wait a minute. She---

CHRIS MOTHER

Chris please, I saw it on the news, and Tasha told me everything.

CHRIS

Did she tell you she was out there with a group of guys that's in a gang, and I tried to bring her home?

CHRIS MOTHER

You know I don't play favorites between you two. So, which one of you is lying?

CHRIS

You can't be serious?

CHRIS MOTHER

You can leave now, Chris.

CHRIS

Will you---

CHRIS MOTHER

Leave Chris before I get pissed.

He gets up making his way out the kitchen heading upstairs to Tasha room.

He walks in, closing the door behind him. Tasha sits up with a black eye that's starting to fade away.

TASHA

What's up, bro?

CHRIS

Why did you tell mama I beat your ass for no reason? You know I only hit you because you hit me.

TASHA

I know. It just feels good seeing mama mad at her lil angel.

CHRIS
That's what this shit is about?

TASHA
Hell yeah.

CHRIS
This gang shit is getting outta control. Because of that shit, one of my friends won't be able to walk.

TASHA
You're actually in here crying over a cracked shell crab?

CHRIS
What the fuck is wrong with you? What if that was you that got killed or couldn't walk again?

She gets up walking over to him.

TASHA
Oh, well. Out there, you either ride or get rode on.

CHRIS
Those streets ain't a goddamn game! It's no room for fuckin' pretenders!

TASHA
I bet I'll be around longer than you, Mr. Crip.

CHRIS
I'm not a fuckin' Crip! I'm your goddamn brother! The nigga who'll actually die for yo dumbass! Will any of them niggas die for you?!

He walks out the room.

INT. THE HALLWAY - AFTERNOON

Everybody is running down the hall as if there's a fire in the building.

Chris is standing by his locker watching the students run by, and that's when Crystal comes running up winded.

CRYSTAL
Baby, we gotta go.

CHRIS
What's up?

CRYSTAL
Tasha's fighting.

They take off running.

INTERCUT WITH:

INT. THE BACK HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS

There's a big crowd cheering surrounding Tasha and Tiffany. They're going at it like two grown men in the streets holding nothing back trying to seriously hurt each other. Crystal and Chris are making their way through the crowd.

CHRIS
Tasha, stop this shit!

Words of disrespect are yelled out, "Crab, Slob, Flu, Mutt" etcetera.

The people watching the fight go from focusing on the girls to each other beginning to fight.

Chris manages to get through the madness separating the girls, but the other people continue fighting. Tiffany blends in with the people fighting.

CHRIS (CONT'D)
What the fuck is wrong with you?!
Bring yo ass on!

Tasha snatches away, shoving him.

TASHA
Get the fuck on, Chris! Don't---

A loud crack echoes through the hall, and Tasha falls into Chris unconscious.

Tiffany stands looking down at Tasha smiling, holding the lock she clocked her upside the head with.

The crowd starts clearing out because of the police officers and security.

Chris remains on the floor holding Tasha.

CUT TO:

INT. THE SCHOOL INFIRMARY - MOMENTS LATER

Chris is sitting beside Tasha's bed as she slowly wakes up. She looks at Chris with pain in her eyes.

TASHA
What happened?

CHRIS
She knocked you the fuck out is what happened.

TASHA
Oh, yeah. Yo punk ass is the reason why I'm here.

CHRIS
Ain't she yo girl? What were y'all fighting about?

TASHA
She was until I found out she was riding with the other team.

CHRIS
Do you know how fuckin' stupid you sound? You're not a blood.

TASHA
And you're not a Crip, so stop acting like you are.

CHRIS
What the fuck is going on in your mind? Next time the shit could be worse.

She gets out of the bed making her way to the door.

TASHA
If that's the case, you'll die before me.

CHRIS
Why didn't the other bloods who were around help you?

TASHA

There were Crips there, too. Who jumps in one a one on one girl fight?

CHRIS

I'm the one who'll die for ya ass.

She opens the door, and then turns back looking at him.

TASHA

I'll be glad when you do. Hopefully after that I can live my fuckin' life.

CHRIS

You'll regret those words.

TASHA

I highly doubt that.

She walks out the room. Chris sits shaking his head.

CUT TO:

INT. THE LIVING ROOM - LATER

Their mother is sitting on the sofa chain smoking. Chris walks in.

Taking her last pull, she puts the cigarette out.

CHRIS MOTHER

You heard about what happened with your sister?

CHRIS

I tried to break it up.

CHRIS MOTHER

She's suspended for three days. They said it was over some gang bullshit.

CHRIS

I tried to stop it, ma.

CHRIS MOTHER

I don't know what the fuck is wrong with your sister.

CHRIS

She's wild, but she's not in a gang.

CHRIS MOTHER

(Sighs)

I hope you're right. I'll be damn if I lose either of my babies to some gang bullshit.

Chris makes his way upstairs to Tasha's room. He walks in, closing the door behind him.

CHRIS

You see what this shit is doing to mama?

TASHA

What are you talking about?

CHRIS

Don't give me that shit! Now one way or the other, you'll realize these streets ain't a game.

TASHA

Is that right?

CHRIS

You can talk ignorant all you want. If it takes my life, you'll see what's up.

TASHA

I didn't know you cared so much.

CHRIS

No matter if it takes my life... you'll realize.

He walks out slamming the door behind him.

CUT TO:

INT. CRYSTAL ROOM - NIGHT

We can hear some music coming from the radio on low. From looking at all the pictures of her and Chris on her mirror and in the frames on her dresser, there's no doubt she loves him with all her heart.

Chris and Crystal are sitting on the floor eating Chinese food.

Crystal has on a wife beater and shorts, revealing how sexy

her body really is.

Chris sits annoyed with a lot on his mind playing in his food.

Crystal stops eating, and grabs his hand.

CRYSTAL

What's wrong?

CHRIS

(Sighs)

...Tasha.

CRYSTAL

Baby, you know she's young. She's doing dumb shit for attention.

CHRIS

That shit is fucking with my moms. What happened on the strip is fucking with me.

(Sighs)

It's all bullshit.

CRYSTAL

You can't be miserable because of the dumb shit your sister is doing.

CHRIS

Come on now, you know how I feel about my sister.

CRYSTAL

(Caresses his face)

How can you be strong getting her back on track if you're acting like this?

Shrugging up his shoulders, he sighs, lowering his head.

CHRIS

Apparently, I can't be strong or there for anybody. If I could, this shit wouldn't be so far outta control.

CRYSTAL

When did all of this start?

CHRIS

I don't wanna talk about it.

He gets up taking a seat on the bed, putting his head down.

CRYSTAL

Keeping it inside won't solve the problem. What happened to the strong man I know and love?

CHRIS

(Scoffs)

His ass is dead.

She shakes her head standing up, walking over to the closet door opening it, pulling out a big teddy bear.

Around the neck of the bear is a sterling silver chain, with a "C" charm.

She walks over to him holding the bear out.

CRYSTAL

The man I know and love gave me this.

He looks up and smiles.

CHRIS

I won this for you at the fair five years ago. You still keep it clean?

CRYSTAL

Duh. Look at what the bear is wearing.

Chris grabs the chain rubbing his thumb across the "C."

CHRIS

I gave this to you the day that nigga broke your heart.

CRYSTAL

What did you tell me when you gave it to me?

CHRIS

You'll never be alone or get your heart broken again.

CRYSTAL

At that moment...I fell in love with you.

CHRIS

That was a crazy ass day. What does

this have to do with Tasha?

CRYSTAL

Because you were a skinny twig, but that didn't stop you from beating his ass for what he did to me. You have the heart and ability to conquer any goal in front of you.

Chris laughs under his breath trying not to smile.

CHRIS

You think you know me?

CRYSTAL

(Gives him a kiss)

You know I do. That's why you love me.

She gives him the bear, and then walks over to the radio. Chris sits smiling.

She turns from the radio to a CD pressing play and an intimate slow song plays.

CRYSTAL (CONT'D)

I'll tell you about another special day.

CHRIS

What day is that?

CRYSTAL

The first time I had sex.

Chris sits silent, blushing.

CRYSTAL (CONT'D)

Why did you wanna take my virginity to this song?

Chris places the bear down, and then walks over to her holding her waist.

CHRIS

The meaning says it all. He wants to satisfy the woman he loves the way she feels will pleasure her best.

CRYSTAL

So, since I was a virgin, you wanted my first time to be the best

experience to my standards?

CHRIS

Not just that. I didn't want you feeling pain.

CRYSTAL

(Gives him a kiss)

I appreciate that. You looked at me as more than a piece of pussy.

CHRIS

Why are you recapping this?

CRYSTAL

Because I'm about to pleasure my man the way he feels is best.

She grabs the back of his head giving him a kiss. The two kiss and caress each other, making their way to the bed.

A passionate sex scene plays out.

INT. MIKE HOSPITAL ROOM - AFTERNOON

Chris is sitting on a chair next to Mike's bed. Mike is sitting up on the bed drinking some water, watching a program on television.

CHRIS

What's up with you?

MIKE

I'm still alive, that's good for me.

CHRIS

That's what's up. At least you ain't in here all depressed and shit.

MIKE

Hell no.

CHRIS

Cool.

MIKE

Your sister got into it with a fellow cuz?

CHRIS
(Shrugs shoulders)
She got into a little scuffle.

MIKE
You know if she keeps wearing that
color she's a target?

CHRIS
Leave my sister alone. She ain't
claiming shit.

MIKE
Can you honestly tell me why she got
into that fight?

CHRIS
I truthfully don't know.

MIKE
Cuz. If she's in it or false flaggin',
she'll end up getting killed. When you
represent a set cuz, the rules are
simple. Kill the enemy, no matter who
it may be. And retaliation is a must.

CHRIS
I don't give a fuck about none of
that.

MIKE
Why?

CHRIS
Because I won't let my sister die over
some bullshit.

MIKE
You still don't understand. You got
the school smarts with no street
smarts.

Chris stands up stretching before making his way to the door.

CHRIS
I'm out.

MIKE
I'm telling you. Ya sister is dead if
she's a slob.

INT. THE STAIRWELL - AFTERNOON

Chris is walking up the crowded stairwell opening the door. CRAB KILLER, a dark brown skin male comes running up behind him, placing a hand on his shoulder making him stop.

CRAB KILLER

You know we ran a train on your
sister, blood.

Chris turns around grabbing him, bringing him into the hallway, slamming him up against the lockers.

He knees him one good time in the stomach making him release a deep moan folding over.

Everyone stops cheering the fight on. Chris slams his head against the lockers a few times before kneeling him again.

Just as Chris gets ready to swing, TEACHER #4 on the muscular side comes over grabbing his arm.

TEACHER #4

What the hell is going on?!

He continues holding Chris by the arm, and then he helps Crab Killer up from the floor.

Holding them both, he escorts them down to the principal office.

Everyone goes about their business. The secretary is hard at work on the computer behind the counter as the three come in.

The PRINCIPAL comes out looking stunned.

PRINCIPAL

What's the problem here?

TEACHER #4

I caught these two fighting outside my
class.

PRINCIPAL

To Crab killer You can't stay out of
trouble, can you?

CRAB KILLER

Give me the fucking paper.

PRINCIPAL

How about I expel you, and get it out the way? Chris, I can't believe I'm seeing you here for this.

CHRIS

I was beating his ass because he said he fucked my sister.

PRINCIPAL

What did you say?

CHRIS

I said I was beating his ass because he said he fucked my sister.

Crab killer looks at Chris laughing.

CRAB KILLER

Look at the crab.

Chris looks at him, and immediately swings around Teacher #4 hitting him in the mouth.

Teacher #4 holds Crab killer back as the Principal calls for security.

Security comes in grabbing Crab Killer.

CRAB KILLER (CONT'D)

Crab ass nigga!

CHRIS

(Laughs)

Slobs keep on slippin', cuz.

Security drags Crab Killer out. Chris stands laughing.

CUT TO:

INT. THE LIVING ROOM - LATER

Chris walks in the house, and there stands his mother with her arms folded across her chest.

CHRIS MOTHER

Do you care to explain?

CHRIS

This ain't the time, ma.

CHRIS MOTHER

This ain't the time? It is the fucking time! Explain yourself, boy!

CHRIS

The dude said he had sex with your daughter.

She calmly walks over to him and then slaps him across the face.

CHRIS MOTHER

You're fighting over a fucking rumor?! Are you stupid or what?!

CHRIS

The dude that said it is in a gang.

CHRIS MOTHER

She's not in a gang or having sex! Why are you ruining your life?!

CHRIS

If it takes for me to ruin my life, so be it.

CHRIS MOTHER

Boy, have you lost your mind?! What are you trying to prove?!

CHRIS

That I'll die for my sister before some bullshit kills her.

He makes his way upstairs to Tasha's door, opening it looking confused because she's not there.

He comes back downstairs looking at his mother confused.

CHRIS (CONT'D)

Where is Tasha?

CHRIS MOTHER

She's at the center doing her group project.

CHRIS

Goddamn it, ma!

He makes his way out the house.

CUT TO:

INT. YASMINE HOUSE - NIGHT

Clip is placing his six month old son Darius down in the crib.

He gives him a kiss on the forehead, and then walks over to the door looking back at him one more time before turning the light off.

Clip comes into the exquisite living room, where YASMINE, thirty-two, light brown skin tone, sits on the couch drinking tea.

Clip walks over to the couch taking a seat.

YASMINE

Have you decided?

CLIP

Decided on what?

YASMINE

This Crip shit or whatever you wanna call it.

CLIP

I told you, I'm a rida fa life. I can't change that.

YASMINE

So if you get killed, I'm supposed to tell your son your daddy was a rida for life and he couldn't change?! That's the dumbest shit I ever heard.

CLIP

Baby, you don't---

YASMINE

Don't you realize while you're claiming that shit your son is, too? You can be out there with him one day, and bullets don't have fuckin' names. I'll be damn if I lose my son because you can't grow the fuck up.

CLIP

Baby---

YASMINE

Don't give me that baby shit, either.
You have a beautiful son, and a woman
who'll ride for you, but you wanna be
on bullshit.

CLIP

What are you saying?

YASMINE

You need to make some serious changes
in your life.

He stands up making his way to the door stopping, turning
around looking at her.

CLIP

I'll come back tomorrow and we can sit
and talk about it.

YASMINE

Will you be alive to come back
tomorrow?

CLIP

Don't I always come back?

He walks out. She sits wiping a tear from her eye, taking a
sip from her tea.

CUT TO:

EXT. SCHAFFER STREET - CONTINUOUS

The Intrepid is sitting in front of the spot in the quiet
neighborhood.

Somebody is sitting in the driver seat smoking a blunt
listening to some music on low.

Tony and Crab Killer are standing on the porch smoking and
drinking.

Crab killer seems like he has an attitude taking a pull from
his blunt.

Tasha comes out of the house carrying a black duffel bag
making her way to the car.

Now we see why Crab killer has an attitude staring at her
getting in the back seat.

CRAB KILLER

Why is this lil bitch ridin' with us?
She ain't giving up the pussy.

TONY

She wanna prove her loyalty. Shit, she probably knows where her crab brother and his friends be Bickin' it at.

CRAB KILLER

That's some Brazy shit, blood. I wouldn't put my trust in this bitch.

Tony shrugs up his shoulders, smiling, taking a pull.

TONY

It's not about trust. It's about killing these hoe ass crabs.

CRAB KILLER

You think she'll give up where her brother Bick it at?

TONY

That bitch would give up her mama to get down with us. Let's roll, blood.

The two laugh walking down from the porch heading to the car.

CUT TO:

EXT. CLIP MOTHER HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Chris is sitting on the porch smoking a cigarette. Clip walks up taking a seat next to him.

CHRIS

Where were you at?

CLIP

(Sighs)

Over Yasmine house hearing her shit.

CHRIS

Same old shit with her, huh? Where is your ride at?

CLIP

Hell yeah. The ride in the shop, I thought I told you. Anyway, what's up with you?

CHRIS
(Flicks cigarette, sighs)
I need to kill ole boy.

CLIP
What happened?

CHRIS
Nothing happened. But the only way I
can get her ass back together is if I
kill him.

CLIP
(Sighs)
I was just arguing with her ass about
this same shit.

CHRIS
Man, are you helping me or what? If
not, I can do the shit myself.

CLIP
Hold tight.

Clip gets up going in the house. Chris pulls out another
cigarette, placing it in his mouth, lighting it.

Clip comes back out taking a seat, handing Chris a nine
millimeter with a blue bandanna wrapped around it.

CLIP (CONT'D)
Let's roll.

CHRIS
What about you? Where's your heat?

Clip lifts his shirt revealing two Glock 40's.

CLIP
I'm always strapped, cuz.

They get up from the porch making their way down the street.

INTERCUT WITH:

INT. THE INTREPID - CONTINUOUS

The Intrepid is slowly driving down the dark streets of the
Eastside and random gunfire can be heard. The car is smoked
out.

We hear "Time is gone" playing. Crab Killer is sitting in the passenger seat with a blunt hanging from his mouth, and a Tech nine on his lap. Tony and Tasha are sitting in the back.

Tony has a blunt hanging from his mouth loading up a Uzi. Tasha is dozing in and out, holding two nine-millimeters.

TONY

(Exhales)

Shoot anything wearing Flu. Fuck these crabs, blood.

CRAB KILLER

That's what the fuck I'm talking bout, blood.

INTERCUT WITH:

EXT. THE EASTSIDE - CONTINUOUS

Clip and Chris are walking down the street with their bandannas around their heads.

CHRIS

What was the convo with the baby mama about?

CLIP

Droppin' my flag.

CHRIS

I'll be amazed if you do.

CLIP

(Sighs)

I don't know. I love the set to the fullest. Yet, my little man means the world to me.

CHRIS

Well?

CLIP

I can't call it, cuz. I told her we can talk tomorrow.

They cross the street. The majority of the houses are abandoned and the streetlights are dimming in and out.

CHRIS

You better get out before some fucked

up shit happens.

CLIP

(Laughs)

Ain't that a bitch? We're getting ready to kill some slobs and you say some shit like that.

CHRIS

(Laughs)

You could've said no, nigga.

CLIP

I would Ce fake as hell if I did.

Clip stops walking, which makes Chris stop.

CLIP (CONT'D)

Cuz, on some real shit. If something did happen to me, I would want you to have all my stuff.

CHRIS

I thought Crips don't die, they multiply?

CLIP

They don't. I'm just saying in general.

CHRIS

I can respect that.

They continue walking.

INTERCUT WITH:

INT. THE INTREPID - CONTINUOUS

As they drive down the street, Crab Killer sees Clip and Chris, but doesn't know it's them.

CRAB KILLER

Peep them crabs Blippin' back there, blood.

TONY

Turn the lights off, and turn around.

INTERCUT WITH:

EXT. THE EASTSIDE - CONTINUOUS

Chris and Clip see the car speed by, but don't pay it attention as they continue walking and laughing.

The laughter comes to a stop when they hear the car turning around.

They turn around looking at the car sitting on the corner.

CHRIS

Is that what niggas do around here?

CLIP

Hell no. Unless---

CRAB KILLER

Crab, bitches!

CLIP

Ce out, nigga! Ce out!

They take off running making their way to an abandoned house. The car is right on their ass. Crab killer starts shooting.

The car pulls up in front of the house. We can hear a police siren wailing faintly in search of where the gunshots are coming from.

Chris lets off a few shots from a window. Clip is standing in the door letting off shots.

Tony, Tasha and Crab Killer are sitting on the doors letting off shots.

Crab Killer catches one in the head, falling to the ground dead.

Clip is still in the door shooting as his body starts getting filled with holes, but he keeps firing until he catches one in the head, falling back on the floor. The car takes off down the street.

Chris is on the floor fanning the dust away.

CHRIS

Clip?! Clip, where you at nigga?!

He moves across the floor, and his vision clears up getting closer to Clip's dead body.

Clip is lying in blood with his brains leaking out. Guilt pulsates throughout his body, devastated he got his best friend killed, holding him in his arms.

CHRIS (CONT'D)

(Sobbing)

Not my nigga. Not like this.

The police siren we heard is drawing closer. Chris gets up grabbing his gun, taking his bandanna off, walking over to a hole in the floor dropping them.

Walking back over to Clip with tears pouring down his face, the red and blue lights from the squad car can be seen. The police officers get out guns drawn.

They look at Crab Killer lying in blood with his brains spilling out.

Chris comes walking out the house with no expression on his face.

POLICE OFFICER

Freeze!

Chris walks over to the squad car opening the back door getting in, closing the door behind him.

CUT TO:

INT. THE INTERROGATION ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Chris sits twiddling his thumbs looking at the different gang graffiti on the walls.

The OFFICER stands to the side smoking a cigarette.

OFFICER

(Exhales)

How are you, son?

CHRIS

I'm not your fuckin' son.

OFFICER

(Laughs)

What was that?

CHRIS

I said I'm not your fuckin' son.

OFFICER

(Laughs)

You know what? I'm not about to stoop to your level.

CHRIS

You couldn't understand my level.

The Officer blows smoke in his face, and then takes a seat on the chair beside him.

OFFICER

That's why all I want is answers.

CHRIS

Let's get it over with.

OFFICER

We ran your name through the system. It appears you don't have a record.

CHRIS

I could've told you that.

OFFICER

What were you doing hanging out with a gang member?

CHRIS

What?

OFFICER

You heard what the fuck I said! Don't try to play fucking stupid with me, kid!

CHRIS

I don't know about that gang shit. My fuckin' best friend is dead, so do something about that.

OFFICER

What's that shit you kid's say? "I guess he got caught slippin'."

Chris stands up with his fist balled, and the Officer pulls his gun out placing it in Chris face.

OFFICER (CONT'D)

Don't end up next to your friend. Sit ya ass down in that chair, and be

easy.

Chris sits down folding his arms over each other placing them on the table.

CUT TO:

EXT. CHRIS MOTHER HOUSE - LATER

Their mother opens the door, and her mouth drops when she sees Chris clothes stained with blood, and the Officer standing behind him.

CHRIS MOTHER
Chris baby, what happened?

She pulls him in, giving him a hug.

OFFICER
Ma'am, we had him down at the station tonight. He was a witness to a murder.

CHRIS MOTHER
What murder?

OFFICER
Some unknown assailants did a drive-by shooting on him and his friend.

CHRIS MOTHER
Chris, are you okay?

CHRIS
I'm going to my room.

He walks off.

OFFICER
Go easy on him, ma'am. He saw his best friend murdered tonight, so he's still in shock.

CHRIS MOTHER
Yes. Thank you, sir.

Chris walks into Tasha's room. Tasha sits up looking at him stunned.

TASHA
What happened to you?

He displays the blood on his clothes.

CHRIS

This is what happens when you're in a fuckin' gang. You end up with dead fuckin' homies.

TASHA

Who died?

CHRIS

Some slobs did a drive-by on me and Clip.

TASHA

Hold up. Don't come in here---

CHRIS

You dizzy slob, bitch. You're involved in something you have no idea about.

TASHA

You know what?

She gets out of the bed walking over to him.

CHRIS MOTHER (O.S.)

Chris, can you come here?

CHRIS

Despite we're enemies...I'm still protecting you because you're my sister.

TASHA

Bloods don't need help from crabs.

No emotion is in either of their eyes as he walks out the room.

He comes down the stairs into the living room where his mother sits smoking a cigarette.

CHRIS MOTHER

Are you okay?

CHRIS

My best friend died in my arms tonight. Would you be okay if you were me?

CHRIS MOTHER

Chris, I'm sorry about your friend,
but thank God you're alive.

CHRIS

Thank God? Why would I do that? Where
was he tonight?

CHRIS MOTHER

Chris, I don't know what to tell you.
Why would someone want you or your
friend dead?

CHRIS

I don't wanna talk about it.

CHRIS MOTHER

Chris---

CHRIS

Good night, ma. Today wasn't my day.

He walks off. She takes a pull from her cigarette, shaking
her head, crying.

EXT. CLIP MOTHER HOUSE - MORNING

Chris and his mother walk up to the porch, where CLIP MOTHER
sits wiping tears from her eyes.

CHRIS

I'm sorry, Ms. Williams.

CLIP MOTHER

(Sobbing)

My baby is in the arms of the Lord. I
know he's in a better place.

CHRIS

...I'll go get that stuff out the way.

CLIP MOTHER

Go right ahead.

CHRIS

Do you know when you'll have the
funeral ready?

CLIP MOTHER

It'll be ready for Sunday. I already
made the arrangements.

CHRIS

I'll be there. Ma, can you talk with her for a minute while I get the stuff?

CHRIS MOTHER

Not a problem.

Chris walks up the stairs going inside the house. Chris looks around shaking his head, taking a deep breath before going into Clip's room.

Clip's room is painted blue with various Crip graffiti on the walls.

There's clothes scattered all over the floor, along with papers, empty beer cans and bottles.

Chris picks up a box resting in the corner and starts filling it with papers filled with Crip lit, CD's etcetera.

He lifts the mattress, and there's bricks of marijuana, sacks of crack rocks, two blue plated nine-millimeters, and a sawed off shotgun with dried caked up blood around the barrel. Smirking, nodding his head, he lets the mattress down, and then walks over to the closet opening it.

Hanging on the door is a royal blue hood with the word EACTIDE on the front spelled in calligraphy letters and on the back it says Rip Rida.

A tear wants to fall from his eye staring at the hood remembering his best friend.

INTERCUT WITH:

EXT. CLIP MOTHER HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Chris comes out carrying boxes, making his way to the car. His mother and Clip's mother continue talking.

He places the boxes in the car, and then comes back to the porch.

CLIP MOTHER

I'll see you Sunday.

CHRIS

Yes, ma'am.

CHRIS MOTHER
Once again, my heart goes out to you.

CLIP MOTHER
I really appreciate that.

Chris and his mother walk to the car getting in. She starts the car, and then turns looking at him.

CHRIS MOTHER
What did he leave you?

CHRIS
Some clothes, CD's.

CHRIS MOTHER
Chris, you're my only son. Don't think about doing no stupid shit.

CHRIS
Ma, I'm not doing anything.

She pulls off.

CUT TO:

INT. CHRIS ROOM - NIGHT

The room is basic. A gangster song is playing.

Chris is posing in his boxers, staring at his reflection in the mirror.

He's holding the two blue plated nine-millimeters with a blue bandanna around his face.

CHRIS
What's up, cuz? You wanna fuck with me?

He walks over to the bed taking a seat. He places the guns down, picking up the shotgun, opening it, taking the blue shell cases out.

He stares at them in a trance for a few seconds before wiping them off and placing them back in.

Grabbing the blunt and lighter off the bed, he walks over to the window opening it.

He lights the blunt, takes a hard pull and exhales a thick

cloud, sucking it back in.

CHRIS (CONT'D)

Don't worry, cuz, I'll get them
niggas. That's on the "C."

EXT. THE RIVERWALK - NIGHT

The lights from Canada look beautiful reflecting off the
still waters.

Couples are holding hands by the rail, and we can hear faint
talking.

Chris and Crystal come walking up holding hands. Crystal
seems happy with her evening, but you can look at Chris and
tell the death of Clip is still bothering him. Chris is
wearing all-blue with the hat to match, and Crystal is
wearing a fitted black shirt and jeans.

CRYSTAL

They still got the best nachos in the
"D".

CHRIS

(Dry tone)

Yeah.

CRYSTAL

What's wrong with you?

CHRIS

It doesn't matter.

CRYSTAL

If I didn't love you, no it wouldn't.
But since I do, you need to talk to
me. It's about Wade, isn't it?

He lets her hand go and walks over to the rail looking down
into the water.

She comes behind him, placing her hands on his shoulders
rubbing him.

CHRIS

(Sighs)

He's dead because of me. Mike is in a
wheelchair because of me. This gang
shit is taking over my life causing me
pain in every way possible.

CRYSTAL

You have to stop beating yourself up.
These things happen---

Chris turns around upset.

CHRIS

All of this shit is happening because of me. How would you feel if you saw your sister out with a bunch of niggas and when you tried to take her home, your friend ends up paralyzed? How would you feel if you wanted to kill the nigga ya sister keeps fuckin' with and in the end, you get your best friend killed? Stop beating myself up?! You don't know shit about beating yourself up until you feel what I feel!

CRYSTAL

I'm trying to feel your fuckin' pain! I'm trying to fuckin' be there for you, but you won't let me! That's what love is all about! Through the good times and bad, we're supposed to---

CALVIN (O.S.)

Crystal?

She turns around and there stands CALVIN, dark brown skin tone.

He's smiling wearing an all-red outfit with the hat to match. Chris leans up against the rail with a look of hate.

CRYSTAL

Calvin? What are you doing down here?

CALVIN

I was down here chillin', and I saw you.

CRYSTAL

You think after all this time and what you did, you can just---

CHRIS

Excuse the fuck outta me. I swore we came down here together.

CRYSTAL
We did come down here together.

CALVIN
(Laughs)
Why are you still dealing with this
soft ass nigga?

Chris gets off the rail making his way towards them and
Crystal stands between them.

CRYSTAL
You need to respect my man.
(To Chris)
You keep your cool.

CALVIN
Respect the nigga for what? He's still
the same bitch ass nigga he was back
then.

Chris swings around Crystal just barely missing because
Calvin steps back.

CHRIS
What's up, cuz?

CRYSTAL
(To Chris)
Calm down!
(To Calvin)
I need you to leave.

CALVIN
(Scoffs)
Dumb bitch. I'm glad I fucked you over
because you're truly---

Chris moves Crystal to the side hitting Calvin in the mouth
making him step back, but he keeps hitting him until he falls
to the ground.

Once he's on the ground, Chris pulls one of the nine-
millimeters out and starts pistol-whipping him. Crystal tries
pulling Chris off, but he elbows her good enough to make her
stumble back, tripping over her feet. Chris continues pistol-
whipping him.

CHRIS
You fucked her friend and then tried
to fuck her, but she's a dumb bitch?!

Chris aims the gun at his face ready to pull the trigger. Crystal grabs his arm just as he squeezes the trigger, just barely missing Calvin's head.

The few people out there take off running. Chris gets up shoving her.

CHRIS (CONT'D)

What the fuck is wrong with you?! The nigga just called you a dumb bitch!

He kicks Calvin across the face. Calvin releases a deep moan, rolling around on the ground with blood covering his face.

CRYSTAL

What the fuck has gotten into you?! Who do you think you are?!

CHRIS

I'm not a bitch ass nigga that's about to date a girl protecting a nigga who disrespected her!

CRYSTAL

I'm not protecting anybody, Chris. I'm just---

CHRIS

I'm just not fuckin' with you no more! Fuck you, and this bitch ass nigga! You two Ce fuckin' happy together!

Chris starts walking off.

CRYSTAL

Chris, it ain't like that!

CHRIS

Fuck you!

CRYSTAL

Fuck yo baby I'm carrying, too?!

CHRIS

If it's really mine! It might Ce that bitch ass nigga Cack there! Have a nice fuckin' life!

Chris continues walking. Crystal stands crying.

CUT TO:

INT. THE ABANDONED HOUSE - LATER

Chris is standing in the spot where Clip died holding a paper bag with a beer and a pint of Remy inside.

He takes a seat taking the Remy out, pouring it all out off to the side.

CHRIS

There you go my nigga.

He takes the beer from the bag opening it, guzzling down as much as he can.

Pulling a blunt from his pocket, he places it in his mouth, lighting it, taking a hard hit.

CHRIS (CONT'D)

Shit ain't right without you here,
cuz. It's cool, doe. I'll get them
niggas for you.

He takes a few more pulls, and then puts the blunt out, placing it back in his pocket.

He picks the beer up, guzzling some more.

CHRIS (CONT'D)

I gotta go. Just know you're always
here with me. I'll holla Cack my
nigga.

He gets up dusting off, taking sips walking out the house.

INT. MIKE ROOM - NIGHT

Blue bandannas are on the dressers and the headboard of the bed. Some rap music is playing.

Mike is in a wheelchair sitting at the table. Chris is sitting on the other side of the table smoking a blunt.

On the table, there's a half bottle of Seagram's gin, some rolled blunts, a cup in front of Chris and Mike, and an ashtray resting beside the hat Chris was wearing. Chris passes the blunt.

CHRIS

That's fucked up what happened to
Clip.

MIKE

I know cuz. I can't Celieve the shit myself. One minute we were drinking and smoking...now he's gone.

CHRIS

(Sighs)

...It's my fault.

MIKE

What makes you say that?

CHRIS

If I didn't wanna kill that slob he would still Ce alive.

MIKE

Shit happens for a reason, cuz. Maybe it was his time to go.

CHRIS

Fuck that. It should've Ceen me.

MIKE

Don't say that. He wouldn't look at it that way.

CHRIS

Check this out.

He stands up pulling the nine-millimeters from under his shirt, placing them on the table.

Mike looks at him confused, taking a hit from the blunt.

MIKE

Why do you have his shit?

CHRIS

He left me all his shit.

MIKE

Chris...you do know you're not a Crip?

CHRIS

I might as well Ce one. That shit can't ride, cuz.

MIKE

Do you know what you're saying right now? I do this shit for real, and look

where I'm at.

CHRIS
Fuck that! Retaliation is a must, cuz!

MIKE
I know that shit, cuz. You on some---

CHRIS
Mike, you ain't feeling me. If you were, we wouldn't be having this conversation.

Chris downs the rest of his cup, and then places the guns back under his shirt.

He picks his hat up and places it on.

CHRIS (CONT'D)
You'll be at the funeral, right?

MIKE
Yeah, I'll be there.

CHRIS
I'm out, Cuddin'. I'll holla at you Sunday.

Chris walks out the room. Mike looks on, shaking his head, taking a sip from his cup.

CUT TO:

EXT. EAST LAFAYETTE - LATER

The bus is pulling off. As Chris gets closer to his block, he slows his pace seeing YOUNG BLOOD #1 AND YOUNG BLOOD #2, ages sixteen in all-red with red bandannas around their heads.

They're standing in front of the closed laundromat, drinking and smoking, talking loud. Chris feels it'll be trouble.

Young Blood #1 notices Chris, and then taps Young Blood #2 on the shoulder.

Young Blood #2 turns looking at him.

YOUNG BLOOD #2
You're in the wrong hood wearing that flu shit, blood!

CHRIS
Just get the fuck outta my way and Ce
easy.

YOUNG BLOOD #2
Fuck you, crab ass nigga!

Chris calmly places his hands under his shirt, placing his fingers on the handles of the guns.

The two run at Chris, and Chris pulls the guns out. They pause, turning around running the other way, and Chris opens fire.

Young Blood #2 catches a couple in the back, and he hits the ground dead.

Young Blood #1 catches one in the back falling to the ground. Young Blood #1 is trying to crawl away.

Chris runs up kicking him over aiming the guns at him.

YOUNG BLOOD #1
(Begging)
Come on dog, don't do this shit!

CHRIS
Bitch ass nigga, talk shit now!

YOUNG BLOOD #1
Dog, please! I'm not really a Blood! I
was just out here with my nigga!

Anger surges through Chris having a flashback of the drive-by.

FLASH CUT:

INT. THE ABANDONED HOUSE - NIGHT

Chris is holding Clip in his arms.

COME BACK TO:

EXT. EAST LAFAYETTE - NIGHT

CHRIS
Fuck that! Y'all ain't show mercy on
me and my nigga!

YOUNG BLOOD #1

Man---

Chris shoots him four times in the face. Some lights start coming on in houses.

Chris takes off running down the street till he gets to the alley, taking that all the way home.

When he gets to his house, he hops the gate, and then goes into the garage.

He turns the lights on and walks over to a pile of wood resting in the corner.

He moves some of the wood out the way, placing the guns on top, and then he places the wood back on top of the guns before walking to the switch turning the lights off.

Coming to the front of the house trying to catch his breath, he notices the Intrepid used in the drive-by resting in front of the house.

He scratches his head confused, making his way to the side door quietly opening it.

The basement is furnished like a living room. There's a shelf filled with pictures of Chris and Tasha, along with their trophies.

Some R & B music is playing fairly loud. Tony is on top of Tasha in nothing but his boxers kissing on her, while she moans in pleasure.

Chris creeps down the stairs pausing, staring at the two confused.

CHRIS

What the fuck?!

They both look up stunned. Tony tries getting up, but Chris is already on him, hitting him upside the head, making him fall down on Tasha.

Chris grabs him by the shoulders, slinging him to the floor. He kicks him a few times in the face before getting down on his knees choking him.

Tasha gets up in her red bra and panties trying to pull Chris off, but he elbows her making her step back.

CHRIS (CONT'D)

You nasty bitch!

Tony is gasping for air as the veins bulge in his head. Tasha grabs one of the trophies with a marble base and hits Chris over the head.

He falls over unconscious. Tony gets up grabbing at his throat, hacking and coughing. Tasha stands holding the trophy with a lost expression. Tony kicks Chris across the face.

TONY

Bitch ass nigga.

CHRIS MOTHER (O.S.)

What the fuck is going on down there?!

TASHA

Oh, shit. Baby, you gotta go.

Tony quickly gathers his stuff running up the stairs making his way out the side door.

Tasha puts the trophy down and puts her robe on. Their mother comes downstairs wearing her nightgown, half woke looking around.

CHRIS MOTHER

What the...

She covers her mouth looking at Chris on the floor.

TASHA

Ma, I can---

She slaps Tasha hard across the face.

CHRIS MOTHER

Get the fuck outta my face and call an ambulance! Go, now!

Tasha takes off running. His mother gets down on her knees holding him.

CUT TO:

INT. CHRIS HOSPITAL ROOM - LATER

Chris is lying on the bed with his head bandaged. Tasha is sitting by his bedside.

He opens his eyes seeing Tasha, and he gets upset.

CHRIS

What are you doing here?

TASHA

I can't check on my brother?

CHRIS

Since when am I your brother?

TASHA

On real shit. I've been looking at everything that went down. All the people who died or got fucked up, and I realized this shit has to stop.

CHRIS

I'm supposed to believe that? It's because of you I'm here.

TASHA

I know. I fucked up and there's nothing I can do about that. Right now...I just want my brother.

CHRIS

Are you serious?

She leans over giving him a kiss on the forehead before laying her head on his chest, wrapping her arm around him.

TASHA

I love you, Chris. From here on out, that gang shit is done.

Tears begin rolling down his face wrapping his arms around her.

CHRIS

I love you, too.

INT. CHRIS ROOM - MORNING

Chris is posing in the mirror wearing an all-white suit, with a white bandanna around his head.

He walks over to the bed where his black trench coat is resting, and on top of it is the sawed off shotgun.

He picks the gun up and places it in the sleeve of the coat.

CHRIS (V.O.)

I did a lot of thinking the past few days. I finally got through to my sister, and all that gang bullshit is over. The only thing left to do is see my nigga.

He places the coat over his arm making sure he's holding on tight to the sleeve with the gun before making his way downstairs.

He walks past his mother sitting on the couch watching him walk out the door.

He walks over to Crystal's black Taurus in the driveway and gets in.

Crystal is wearing something casual.

CRYSTAL

How are you?

CHRIS

I'm okay.

CRYSTAL

Can we talk about the Riverwalk?

CHRIS

That's the last thing on my mind. I just wanna get this shit out the way. Whatever happened on that day can't be changed.

She sighs, pulling out the driveway. Chris pulls a CD from his coat placing it in the radio. "Everything gonna be alright" plays.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. THE CHURCH PARKING LOT - MOMENTS LATER

They pull into the parking lot. They get out making their way into the church, along with other people walking in.

The choir is singing while the music plays. Everybody is crying trying to comfort the person next to them.

Clip's mother is sitting in the front row bawling. All the gang affiliates have a section to themselves. The colors range from blue, black, white, purple and some brown.

Clip's casket is covered with white and blue roses, and pictures of him from when he was a baby up to the present. Yasmine is sitting in the back holding Darius.

Chris walks over to her, taking a seat, giving her a kiss on the cheek.

Crystal keeps walking to the front taking a seat.

CHRIS

How are you?

YASMINE

(Sobbing)

I'll be okay. I asked him if he would be alive, and his last words were "Don't I always come back?" Look where I'm at now.

CHRIS

...Yeah.

YASMINE

What can you do? Thanks for talking to me, Chris. I needed that.

CHRIS

No problem.

He gets up making his way to the casket. Inside the casket, Clip is wearing a blue suit, with a blue bandanna wrapped around his head.

Clip looks like he's finally at peace with tons of other bandannas laid across his body.

Chris stands there for a few minutes before walking over to Mike sitting in his wheelchair outside the pew. Chris takes a seat placing the coat down gently.

CHRIS (CONT'D)

What up, cuz? I see you made it.

MIKE

(Sobbing)

I made it, cuz. I can't Believe that's my nigga up there.

CHRIS

I got something to give you when we leave.

MIKE

What's that?

CHRIS

I'll show you when we leave.

The choir and music comes to a stop as the PREACHER comes to the pulpit.

PREACHER

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. We're here today in mourning because these cruel streets said this young man had to die. Why are you young people killing each other over things that mean nothing in the eyes of the Lord? Why does a parent have to mourn because their child couldn't dress in what made them feel comfortable? Young people, we need to put an end to this foolishness! The Lord protects fools and babies, and as I look around the room I see both because you're killing each other over colors! You're all the same in the Lord's eyes! The only difference is appearance, and that holds no value because in the end, the Lord doesn't look at your appearance! He looks at your inner soul, young people!

THE ROOM

AMEN!!!

The choir hits a quick note.

PREACHER

You young people out here think because you got a gun in your hand you can't be touched. That gun is nothing more than an extension of how much of a coward you really are! You wanna prove to somebody you're big and bad? Pick up a book and learn something, so you can be somebody in life. Or pick up a bible and learn something about your maker before it's too late, and you have to face him not knowing what's going on. That makes you big and bad! When you can say I have the Lord on my side, and he's watching

over me with his strong arm of protection!

The doors come open, and everyone turns. Tony tosses a blue bandanna on fire into the aisle.

TONY
Fuck that crab, and every other crab in here!

He runs out and half the church gets up chasing after him. Chris grabs his coat making his way outside. The church is in shambles.

INTERCUT WITH:

EXT. THE CHURCH PARKING LOT - CONTINUOUS

It's a carnage bowl of madness similar to the fight on THE STRIP, but worse.

Tony is hiding behind one of the cars, pulling out a nine-millimeter.

Chris comes out and sees him. He takes the sawed-off from his sleeve making his way over to him.

Just as Tony gets ready to stand up, Chris puts the barrel to the back of his head.

CHRIS
What's up, cuz?!

Tony turns his head looking into the barrel, which is the last thing he sees before the gun goes off blowing his head off.

More gunshots start going off, and people are catching bullets falling to the ground. Police sirens are heard drawing near.

Chris runs and jumps into one of the Crips cars getting ready to pull off.

He looks back one last time, and he sees Tasha staring dead at him.

The car takes off. The gunshots are still heard as police cars pull up.

CUT TO:

INT. CRIP BATHROOM - LATER

Chris is looking in the mirror wearing a royal blue wife beater and jeans.

Some music can be heard playing in the background.

CRIP (O.S.)

Come outta there and get fucked up,
cuz!

CHRIS

Here I come!

He smiles nodding his head yes before walking out the bathroom.

CUT TO:

INT. CHRIS ROOM - NIGHT

Tasha is sitting on the bed holding the same bear Chris was holding.

Chris comes into the room carrying a garbage bag with his clothes in it.

CHRIS

What do you want?

TASHA

I guess it's finally over.

CHRIS

I guess so. What do you want?

TASHA

Nothing. I'm actually happy.

CHRIS

What's the catch?

She holds up the bear smiling. She places the bear on his pillow, and then stands up walking over to him.

TASHA

Just like the bear...you're always
there for me.

CHRIS

I'm amazed.

TASHA

Well people change, and I'm glad you did it.

He places the bag down, and they give each other a hug. She gives him a kiss on the cheek.

TASHA (CONT'D)

Good night. I love you and we'll talk tomorrow.

She walks out the room. Chris walks over to the bed taking a seat smiling.

CHRIS

...It all worked out in the end.

He lies down on the bed and grabs the bear before closing his eyes.

INT. CHRIS MOTHER ROOM - AFTERNOON

Chris is standing over his sleeping mother wearing the hood he took from Clip's house.

After killing Tony and his best friend getting laid to rest, Chris knows his life will no longer be the same.

He gives her a kiss on the cheek before walking out the room, walking downstairs heading to the basement door, walking out the side door.

He walks to the garage and opens it. He walks over to the wood pile getting the guns, sliding the old clips out, placing new ones in.

After covering the old clips under the wood, he places the guns under his hood and makes his way out the garage.

CUT TO:

INT. THE HALLWAY - LATER

Chris comes in through the back door just as the bell rings. The hallway begins filling with loud students as he makes his way through the crowd heading towards the library. There's a bunch of students in line to see if they're graduating.

Some walk away excited, while others walk away in shame. Chris gets to the paper smiling seeing he's graduating with flying colors and honors.

Walking out the library, he bumps into Tasha wearing a red wife beater and a red bandanna skirt.

He gives her a tight hug and kiss on the cheek before letting her go.

CHRIS
I'm graduating!

TASHA
That's nice.

CHRIS
Hell yeah! I can't wait to wear my cap and gown.

TASHA
You should be worrying about something else right now.

CHRIS
What are you talking about?

TASHA
I'm talking about when I was bangin'.

CHRIS
(Sighs)
Tasha, I swore we said that shit was said and done?

TASHA
It's done. I just wanna tell you how I got in.

CHRIS
How?

TASHA
On the night your friend died.

CHRIS
...Yeah.

TASHA
I was one of the people blastin' at you crab ass niggas. And yo bitch ass next, blood!

She spits on him, and then takes off running. He stands confused for a split second before pulling the guns from

under his hood.

The students drop to the floor screaming as he chases after her.

He runs past Crystal and she looks at him confused before chasing after him.

INTERCUT WITH:

EXT. THE SCHOOLYARD - CONTINUOUS

The schoolyard is filled with students. Throughout all of them, there are FOUR guys including BLOOD 1 wearing all black with red bandanas around their faces and their hands under their shirts.

Tasha comes running out the school, and Chris is not far behind taking aim.

They pull various guns from under their shirts and the students drop to the ground screaming.

CHRIS
You slob bitch!

BLOOD #1
Blast that muthafuckin' crab, blood!
Chris and the guys open fire.

Students are getting hit as the screams and bullets ring out in the air.

FADE OUT:

EXT. THE SCHOOLYARD - MOMENTS LATER

Tasha is lying face down in blood, along with one of the guys shooting and a couple of students.

Chris is lying on his back with the guns still in his hands. Bullet holes are in his stomach and chest as he lies spitting up blood.

His vision is blurry, staring at the students surrounding him.

CHRIS (V.O.)
As I said...the story is about family,
but you can relate from a gang point
of view. Man, mama is gonna be pissed.

Her little girl is dead, and her son is the one who killed her. Why is everybody looking sad? I'm not leaving. I'll be at the graduation because I know it'll be off the hook. ...bloods, crips...there will never be peace between the two.

His vision slowly fades.

CHRIS (V.O.) (CONT'D)

It's fucked up because throughout all this, all I wanted to do was protect my sister. I guess I did in a way, but I didn't. Close my eyes. ...It's time to say goodbye.

FADE OUT:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GANGS

"Gangs are more than what society claims, although there are gangs proving society right. The colors represent a family, but in the same breath, you have people wearing colors thriving for a rush, and nine times out of ten they're not gang affiliated. The sad part about gangs you can say is True. Gangs can be the most powerful force on the planet, but as long as they see each other as colors there will never be peace. If you plan on picking up a flag to represent, you better be prepared to live by the set, and die by the set. Think about it. You never know when you'll have to kill or get killed by someone that's actually family." ~Bernard Mersier~

This is dedicated to every set. War or peace?

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